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

Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

Our Basilian life of “Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge” is found in this edition of the *Basilian Annals 2017*. In my Advent message, I said that I would describe my outlook for the Congregation as “hopeful realism.” By that I mean that we search for all that is hopeful in the midst of the difficulties that we are facing. In the pages that follow, we see Basilians giving witness to this hope. I thank all who contributed to this *Basilian Annals*; I thank Father Jack Hanna CSB who prepared this edition. I thank God for calling us to this particular religious family and entrusting us with the 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 are the names of our Ten Founders whose lives Kevin Kirley CSB has outlined for us in his fine study of these men. They saw a need and a work and they started to do it. We are blessed to have ten founders who are so diverse; you will find that that same wonderful diversity is present in the articles that follow. I hope that you enjoy looking through this 2017 edition of the *Basilian Annals*. J'espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales des Prêtres de Saint Basile* de 2017. Espero que Uds. disfruten la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2017.

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.



Ordination to the Presbyterate

Kevin Mannara CSB

I professed my final vows on April 21, 2017 at the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre. The following day I was ordained to the diaconate by the Most Rev. Robert Kasun CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto.

Ordination to the priesthood took place on August 5, 2017 in Saint Mary's Church, Rochester NY, by the Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro CSB. Concelebrants included the Most Rev. Matthew Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester and the Very Rev. George Smith CSB, our Superior General, along with 50 Basilian and diocesan priests (as well as a Dominican and a Vincentian). I was vested by my mother,

along with Father Joe Trovato CSB and Father Bill Donnelly, with whom I had served at Saint Mary's. Father Dennis Noelke CSB served as Master of Ceremonies. A reception followed at the home of the president of St. John Fisher College, Dr. Gerard Rooney and his wife Susan. The previous evening the Basilian Lay Associates of Rochester hosted a BBQ at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish.

In his ordination homily, Bishop Fabbro said: *During the beautiful Ordination ritual, Kevin's hands will be anointed with sacred chrism... the Oil of Gladness... the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gladness that can come only from God. The Oil of Gladness fills the priest to the brim and overflows in abundance."*

On Sunday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration, I celebrated my First Mass of Thanksgiving, also at St. Mary's. Father Tom Rosica CSB, was the homilist, Father Chris Valka CSB, served as Master of Ceremonies and Father Timothy Scott CSB sang the Ave Maria. Father Rosica reminded me in his homily: *Kevin, we are priests because we are first servants who have been seduced and transfigured by the Lord. We have heard that voice from the mountain announce to us Good News. We have responded to this mysterious call, receiving from the Lord a summons, a mission and an authority to go forward.*



Friends, family and confreres who have shared my journey came to celebrate. I pray these days will echo all through the rest of my life.



Presbyteral Ordination Kevin Mannara CSB Rochester NY August 5, 2017

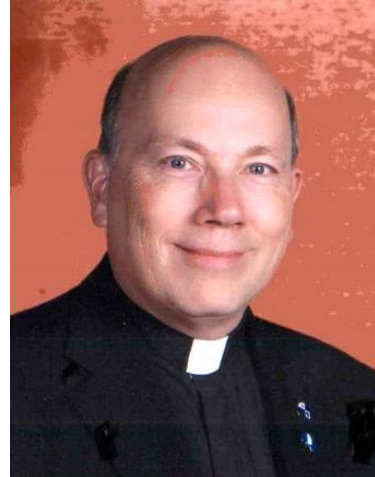


Kevin Mannara's first priestly ministry is to serve as Campus Minister at St. John Fisher College in Rochester NY. Dr. Gerry Rooney, president of John Fisher, and his family are pictured above with Kevin.

John Brian Huber CSB

25 years ordained

Looking back on my formation, I recognize its diversity, and praise God for the variety of experiences which formed me. I lived in such diverse houses as Aquinas, Annonay, Sugar Land and St. Thomas HS before arriving at the Toronto scholasticate. I also stayed with the Redemptorists at Sainte Anne de Beaupré and in Paris. All of these experiences of formation helped me become the Basilian I am today. I encountered various points of view within the Church: traditional, hierarchical, progressive, suspicious, frustrated, proud, suffering, but above all, blessed. Once I was ordained in Rochester by Bishop Matthew Clark in 1992, I had already been exposed to so much variety. I am grateful.



To this day I believe the most noble of the many essential ministries of the Basilian Congregation is that of teacher. It keeps us grounded, as we develop skills while spending five days a week with young people. Over the years parishioners have told me they believe the Basilians are excellent preachers in part because of their experiences of teaching. We are blessed to be able to work with so many wonderfully dedicated lay people in all of our ministries. Such collaboration is an important part of our charism and thus of our history. A day does not go by where I ache to return to the classroom. For young people to spend a part of their day in such close proximity to a dedicated Basilian priest is an immeasurable value which, unfortunately, has become much too rare. As Basilians we recognize that for as much as students learn from us, we also learn from them, thus being an important part of our continued formation. The same of course goes for parishioners, those suffering difficulties, and everyone else with whom and for whom we have worked, prayed and worshipped.

More recently in my Basilian life, I have come face to face with tragic suffering. Accompanying a family whose eldest son murdered his father and severely injured his mother and brother was a painful yet truly blessed experience. Having the privilege of sharing the sorrow of the families of students who have died has offered me a kind of God's intimate grace I would have never imagined. Being able to work at traditional Basilian high schools while being connected with Detroit Cristo Rey has taught me about the injustices of society while recognizing that students and families from both backgrounds have good will and the desire to make the world a more just place.

Our congregation is more diverse than ever at this point in our history, and I am grateful to God to have spent time with our confreres in France, Colombia and Mexico on behalf of the General Council. In many ways it complements the diversity of experiences I was exposed to in formation. At times it seems we are worried, frustrated or even paranoid about the survival of our community. Perhaps this is normal: we are, after all, human beings. Yet I believe to be at this point in our history is by no means a sign of failure. Fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to the Mission of the Church, which continues to evolve as a means of meeting the needs of the faithful, is so much more of a blessing than anxiously counting numbers of confreres and ministries. God has richly blessed us, and to be a part of Basilian ministry after twenty-five years of priesthood is a tremendous source of happiness. I look forward to continued service for as many years as God in His goodness offers me.

Kevin Jude Storey CSB

25 years ordained

I studied at St. Michael's College from September 1988 – June 1990. Beginning in July 1990 I did a practicum as campus minister at St. John Fisher College, with Mitch Dowalgo as my supervisor. At the same time I took Theology classes at Colgate Divinity School in Rochester, NY, and also took private voice lessons at the Eastman School of Music. My skills as a minister developed greatly through my practicum in campus ministry and the Theology classes, however, my voice lessons proved less fruitful. I returned to Toronto for my final year of Theology and was ordained a deacon in Rochester with John Huber in May 1992, and then ordained a priest at St. Basil's Church in Toronto a month later by Bishop Clune.



At St. John the Baptist in Amherstburg, ON (1992-1996) I learned to be comfortable with being myself as a priest, and not trying to be someone else. As a Vocation Director, living with the Scholastics at Close Ave., Toronto (1996-2000) I discovered that you can't expect others to go where you are not willing to go first. In my sabbatical, where I completed two 90-day silent retreats in Guelph, ON I learned that God's love for me is all encompassing. At Ecce Home Parish in Medellin, Colombia (January 2001 – January 2004) I realized that I could be fearless because God always would take care of me and at St. Thomas High School (January 2004 to present) I realized that people would follow me in spite of my limitations.

Being elected to the General Council in 2010 and then again in 2014 were humbling moments in my life, as well as being appointed President of St. Thomas High School in 2012. I am grateful that I have enjoyed good health, completed 2 Half Ironmans, travelled to South America, Israel and Italy and helped to raise \$60 million to purchase adjoining property for St. Thomas.

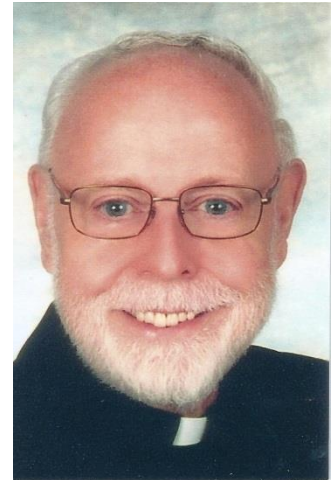
I am honored to be a Basilian priest. I used to be concerned about the dwindling number of Basilians and that does not concern me anymore. I feel that my call is to be a faithful, joyful witness to the Gospel, and that God is responsible for everything else. I enjoy preaching and celebrating mass, but probably my favorite sacrament is Reconciliation. I look to the next 25 years of priesthood with both curiosity and excitement, not knowing where God will call me, but trusting that if it's as good as the first 25, I'll be quite delighted!

Michael John Anthony Fallona CSB

50 years ordained

A small card with a tiny blue bow reads: Announcing the arrival of Michael John Anthony Fallona, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fallona. Date, June 13, 1938. (I have it now!).

Philip John Fallona and Lillian Catherine Duggan were teachers at a large public high school in London, Ontario. My older brother, James, and two younger sisters, Mary Catherine and Sheila, completed our Irish-Scottish Catholic family. I was baptized on July 3, 1938, in St Michael's Church, London, and ordained on July 3, 1967, in St Michael's Church. A Guinness Record?



My B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy (Western, 1958) led me to three years of Theology at St. Peter's Seminary, London. I arrived at St Basil's Seminary in September, 1961, as a Basilian "Associate". With the Ordination Class of 1966-67, I completed IV Theology, and received an M.A. in Theology (University of St. Michael's College in The University of Toronto). Despite illness and three serious surgeries, I finished a Ph.D. in Theology at St. Michael's in 1976. I was the first, and am one of only two Basilians to hold this degree.

Next, Divine Providence was calling me to a new and totally unexpected ministry: pastoral work with separated and divorced Catholics. While recuperating in Windsor, Ontario, several individuals, devastated by an irrevocably broken marriage, approached me. Each was seeking consolation, understanding, and acceptance. Forty years ago, on November 19, 1977, a meeting launched the Windsor Group of Separated and Divorced Catholics. Appointed as Chaplain to "be with them", this was my pioneering ministry for fifteen grace-filled years. I accompanied (a Pope Francis' word) scores of wonderful men and women. They looked to me, and also to one another, for friendship, affirmation, and healing.

In 1982 I was asked to be a Collegial Judge of the Toronto Regional Marriage Tribunal (for nullity cases). I accepted, although I am not a Canon Lawyer. These were challenging times of *Familiaris Consortio* and the new Code.

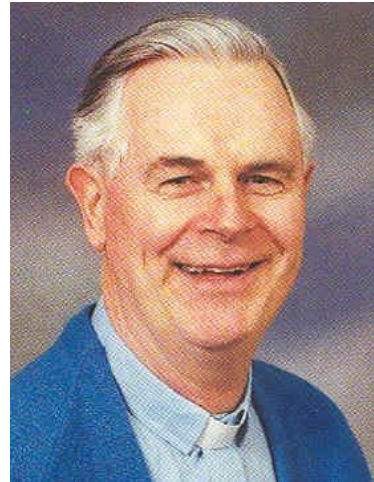
Today, I thank God above all, along with my confreres, family and friends, for sustaining me in these 50 years of priestly ministry with all its academic and pastoral dimensions. Please pray for me.

Joseph Edward (Ted) Johnson

50 years ordained

I grew up on a family farm with seven siblings near Parkhill, ON. We were regular church-goers; my mother was from a strict Scottish family and my father was from a more relaxed ecumenical family. When fire and brimstone preachers filled me with fear, I envied my dad who would be fast asleep.

My education was in public schools until I went to Assumption University in Windsor. During my third year, I was a Biology lab instructor for Father Alex Grant CSB. I enjoyed the teacher and the students. During the summer, I decided that I could possibly be a priest-teacher so I went to see Father Grant who sponsored me. A month later, I went to the novitiate.



I spent two years teaching at Assumption High School for two years with a fine group of scholastics; that was a very good experience of community life. When I went to the seminary to study Theology, I was also a lab instructor in the Western program at the University of St. Michael's college. Once again, I enjoyed the teaching and the students. Working for three years at Columbus Boys' Camp was a great experience of Basilian life and there was a responsible fellowship among the Basilian staff members.

After ordination, I was appointed to St. Basil's parish for one year. This was a learning experience for me since I was chaplain at Women's College Hospital when *Humanae Vitae* was promulgated. Two women physicians were very helpful to me as were several Basilians at USMC.

I returned to teaching at Michael Power High School. My participation in Marriage Encounter and COR added a pastoral dimension. I enjoyed the teaching but I suffered from increasing problematic depression; that was when I went to Southdown. With the help of medication, I thoroughly enjoyed the next ten years of teaching and part-time chaplaincy. The next appointment was to St. John the Baptist in Amherstburg where I especially enjoyed chaplaincy at House of Shalom Youth Centre. Then it was on to St. Mary's and the Missions with lots of travel as chaplain to the regional hospitals. Chaplaincy at Western Ontario came next.

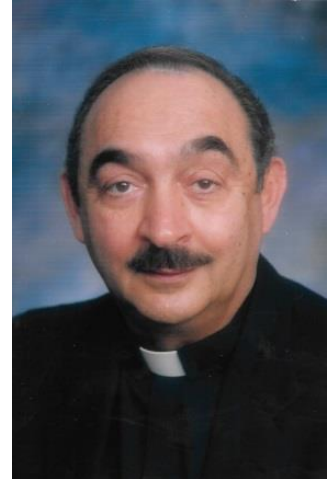
Due to increased stress and depression I was granted retirement at our family farm where I now live with an older sister. Physical work and occasional ministry in nearby parishes allowed me to be more relaxed. Nevertheless, the manic side of bipolar depression was increasing in my behavior. However with hospitalization and proper meds, I recovered gradually. Daily walks, exercise, good friends, spiritual guidance and good cooking are helping me to be thankful for all God's blessings to me during these 50 years of being a Basilian priest.

Franklin Joseph Mizzi CSB

50 Years ordained

This 50th anniversary article for the Basilian Annals loosely corresponds with Eric Erickson's Stages of Development. The theology courses were a platform on which the 50 years of ordination were structured. Each of these stages was like pieces of a puzzle, with each piece blending with all the other pieces that resulted in a satisfying picture. Through all the years of teaching, administration, chaplaincy, and counselling, I was able to develop and maintain personal relationships that would be the envy of a lot of people. God has truly been generous to me.

As I reach 80 years of age I have no idea what is in store for me, but I do know that as long as I have my "marbles" I will continue doing what I am doing now. Our community life in Windsor is one of support, friendship, concern and spiritual enhancement. For that I am grateful! As we all share in the One Priesthood of Jesus the Christ, I pray that all who read this article will have the same thankfulness that I have.



John McDermott Wilson CSB

70 years of priestly ministry

Jack was born on January 22, 1919 in Rochester MN. By the time he was ready for school his family had moved to the railroad town of Scotsguard SK (now a ghost town) and later to Medicine Hat AB (still going strong). His university degree is from University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto where he contacted Father Henry Carr about joining the Basilians. Jack is the senior Basilian. He was ordained on June 29, 1947

Richard Joseph Elmer CSB

John Joseph Fiore CSB

Mark Owen Lee CSB

Robert Joseph Matzinger CSB

60 years of priestly ministry*

*See the photo of Richard Elmer, John Fiore and Owen Lee in the Anglin House article, page 27.

Bernard Charles (Jess) Owens CSB

50 years ordained

Formal theological studies in preparation for ordination began in the fall of 1964 at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto. Our class was ordained in December 1967. In the following January, the recently ordained returned to Toronto for the completion of their theological studies. I also had a year of renewal in the fall and spring of 1989 – 1990.

If I were asked as to what I considered a most significant moment in my priesthood, I would have to answer that it was my first priestly appointment. I was appointed to Rosenberg, Texas, in the then so-called the Mexican Missions of Texas. I did not request this appointment but apparently this was where the good Lord wished me to be. At that particular time I knew about a dozen words in Spanish. And since this first appointment my priestly life for the most part has been spent serving the Spanish-speaking in Texas (*Rosenberg, Richmond and Angleton*) and in Mexico (*Mexico City, Tehuacán and Caltepec*).



In early 1973, I had the opportunity to go to Mexico to spend several months improving my command of Spanish. These few several months somehow became some forty plus years in Mexico. I consider myself fortunate for having this opportunity to minister to the Spanish-speaking in Texas and Mexico. To me it was a gratifying experience to find myself living and working in a culture different from the one in which I was raised. My priestly ministry in Texas and Mexico has allowed me to witness in our people a profound faith and a sincere devotion to la Virgen de Guadalupe, two aspects of our Catholicism which never cease to inspire.

On completing 50 years of active priestly ministry, I have to say that I feel a deep sense of gratitude. I thank the good Lord for my priestly vocation and of all those many graces, which have come my way from His most generous hands. I continue to thank those many Basilian confreres who have accompanied me on my pastoral journey and most graciously continue to do so. My thanks also go out to my family and friends who have been faithful in their prayers for me. I have been fortunate for the good health the good Lord has given me. My wish, the good Lord willing, is to continue in my present pastoral endeavors with the Congregation of St. Basil.

Unas palabras en español

En marzo de 1973 tuve la oportunidad de ir a México por unos meses para mejorar mi dominio del español. Esos meses se convirtieron en más que 40 años. Me siento muy afortunado por poder servir a los Hispanos en Texas y en México. Por mi servicio sacerdotal en estas zonas yo descubrí un sector de la Santa Iglesia que antes no conocía. Mi ministerio en Texas y México me permitió ver la fe de un pueblo rico en la vida espiritual. Su gran amor y devoción para la Virgen de Guadalupe no deja de inspirar.

Al cumplir 50 años de la vida sacerdotal me siento muy agradecido por todas las gracias que he recibido de las manos generosas del Señor. Son las oraciones de todos, especialmente las de mi familia y mis amistades, que me acompañan en mi camino sacerdotal. Mi agradecimiento está dirigido en una manera especial a todos los Basilianos, en particular los que habían compartido la misión pastoral conmigo y todavía me acompañan. El Señor ha sido muy bueno conmigo. Si Dios quiere, mi deseo es seguir en mis actividades pastorales en México con los Padres Basilianos.

Roberto (Beto) Rojas Peña CSB

25 años profeso

Llegué a los quince años de edad a vivir en el territorio de la parroquia de San Juan Crisóstomo ubicada en una colonia popular de la ciudad de México atendida por los Padres Basilianos. Lo primero que me impactó de ellos era su manera de convivir con la gente. Recuerdo unas predicaciones formidables del padre Tomás Sepúlveda ante más de 500 jóvenes durante toda una semana en tiempo de cuaresma. Recuerdo la austeridad, seriedad y sentido de humor fino que poseía el Padre Francisco Launtrie; la sencillez y vitalidad del Padre Tomasito Dugan. Aún sin saber lo que era ser un religioso o lo que implicaba ser ordenado sacerdote, mi primer llamado vocacional fue: “yo quiero ser como ellos” Me encantaba su forma de celebrar la eucaristía, su manera de convivir con la gente y el modo en que ellos mismos se trataban entre sí.



Los Basilianos me encontraron herido, desorientado y con mucha energía desbocada. Al compartir con ellos la vida comunitaria me abrieron un horizonte nuevo y me ayudaron a tomar dirección en mi vida. Me encanta vivir con mis hermanos Basilianos, con ellos peleo, rio, sueño, vivo; he aprendido que la diversidad de edades, talentos, temperamentos y nacionalidades es una riqueza invaluable. Dentro de la vida comunitaria y religiosa Basiliana me he encontrado con Cristo a través de los hermanos, en la profundidad de la oración y realizando un humilde apostolado; alegre y comprometido.

Al recordar que llevo 25 años como Basiliano en un tiempo donde nuestra comunidad se pregunta sobre su futuro, viene a mi memoria una frase que mi padre solía decirme cuando las cosas se ponían difíciles: “Hay que permanecer al pie del cañón” cuando él decía eso, yo me imaginaba pelando en un campo de batalla, con todos mis compañeros heridos o muertos alrededor mientras yo permanecía “al pie del cañón” soltando bombas. Así he vivido la vida religiosa Basiliana ... en medio de experiencias entrañables; maravillosas y difíciles. Alrededor de hermanos extraordinarios que se han marchado, que van heridos, que han fallecido, que van llegando... Me mantengo “al pie del cañón” simplemente viviendo lo que soy y haciendo mi labor cotidiana con alegría y sencillez. Estoy profundamente agradecido con mi Padre Dios por ser y estar, aquí y ahora en esta hermosa comunidad.
Paz, fuerza y gozo.

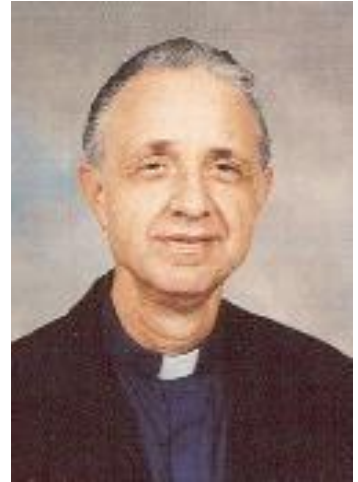
Resumé in English: I came to know the Basilian Fathers at San Juan Crisóstomo in Mexico City. The first thing that I noticed was their way of living with and dealing with the people. I remember well Father Tom Sepúlveda, Father Frank Launtrie, and Father Tom Dugan. Even before knowing what it meant to be a religious or a priest, I thought “I want to be like them.” I came to the Basilians wounded, disoriented and with a lot of undirected energy. Entering into community life with them I found a direction in my life. I learned that the diversity of ages, talents, temperaments, and nationalities is an invaluable richness. I found God through my brother Basilians in the depth of prayer and apostolate.

I am celebrating my 25 of profession in a time when our community is asking itself about the future. It makes me think of a phrase that my father told me when things got difficult: “You have to stay standing by the cannon.” I imagined myself fighting on a battlefield with my companions being wounded or dying and I stayed by the cannon firing away. This is the way I have lived the Basilian life in the midst of experiences that were unforgettable, marvelous and difficult. I have lived among extraordinary brothers. I keep on doing my daily work with happiness and simplicity. I am profoundly grateful to God my Father to be in this marvelous Community. *Peace, strength and joy.*

Jamie Mitchell Abercrombie CSB

50 years professed

After discerning my vocation to the priesthood while working in the oilfields of Midland, TX, I returned to Houston and informed Father Frank Monaghan at St. Anne's that I wanted to be a Basilian. I was accepted and was blessed to make my novitiate at Erindale with Father Tony Lococo as Novice Master in 1966. On September 8, 1967, I made my first profession. It was a blessing to be at Erindale that year with John Malo, Sam Bianco and Father Rudy Deimer as Spiritual Director.



Theological studies in Toronto put me in touch with so many impressive Basilians and gave me a good appreciation of the spirituality and the intelligence of so many confreres.

On June 9, 1973, I was ordained as a priest at St. Anne's church in Houston by Bishop John Morkovsky with my family and friends in attendance. Having studied Spanish in Mexico, I was assigned to Rosenberg, TX with Father Enrique Bravo CSB. The loving parishioners helped to raise me as a young priest, opening my mind and heart to the rich culture and inspiring virtues of the Mexican American people. It was a great experience to serve at Our Lady of Guadalupe for 17 years and to live with confreres like Enrique Bravo CSB, Jaime Blocher CSB and Charlie Lynch CSB.

On the 40th anniversary of my ordination in 2013, there was a memorable celebration for me at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. Another meaningful experience for me was at a Confirmation ceremony at Most Holy Trinity in Angleton TX with Bishop José Vásquez. After the ceremony, I was greeting people outside the church and Bishop Vásquez came over to me and said: "Padre, tienes un corazón hispano." ("Father you have a Hispanic heart.")

I will always be grateful for the fraternal love and support of my Basilian brothers, my family and the parishioners of the communities where I have been able to serve as a Basilian priest.

Being a Basilian professed for 50 years has certainly been uplifting, inspiring and informative. I will continue to serve God's people, striving to walk in the footsteps of Christ, during this later stage of my life. Thanks be to God.

John Bernard Malo CSB

50 years professed

I was first drawn to the Basilian Fathers as a high school student at St. Michael's College School. Back then, we were mostly taught by priests and I noticed two things in particular: they loved what they were doing and they really seemed to enjoy each other's company. Since I had always wanted to be a priest and also a teacher, the Basilian community seemed a *donum dei* ... a true gift from God.

While the Novitiate and years as a Scholastic had both highs and lows, my first experience of how a great religious community could accomplish miracles working and praying together was the many years I spent at Columbus Boys' Camp from the late 60s right up to ordination. It was at the Camp that my vocation was confirmed and strengthened. Since then, it was never a sense of what I could accomplish on my own, but what we could accomplish working as a community and living the vowed life together. It was the overwhelming sense of support and encouragement in this community setting that set me on my course. It is not surprising, then, that I took my Final Vows at the Boys' Camp, surrounded by my Basilian community, my family and dozens of high school and university volunteer counsellors.

Now that I am 70 years old I find my focus shifting from teaching and full-time ministry to the important task of integrating all my experiences, good and bad, into my life, with more emphasis on community and prayer than ever. I am trusting that my community will help me in this challenge of integration and reflection as I meditate on life lived as a Basilian priest and confrere.



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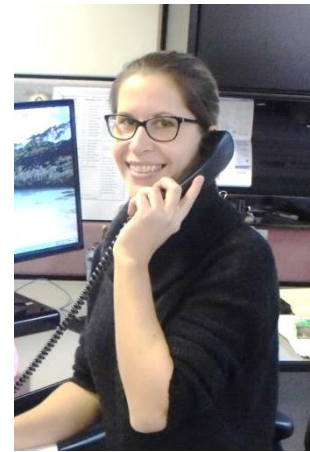
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Carolina Klapp was born in Santiago, Chile and serves as the Congregational Financial Officer. She has been employed by the Basilians for 9 years. She works closely with the Treasurer General to manage the general finances of the Congregation. Together 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 6 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.

Rebecca Campbell is from Georgetown, PEI (Prince Edward Island); she has worked in the Flahiff Centre for 5 years. She is Administrative Assistant and her duties are varied; she answers the phone and greets visiting Basilians and guests, she oversees Basilian mailings, she reconciles the portfolio report and does many and varied Curial Office tasks. Rebecca also has extensive culinary training and is an extraordinary pastry chef and confectioner of gourmet sweets.



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 and the *Basilian Annals*. She is the coordinator of the Christmas toy drive for needy children.

Ms. Cynthia Watson

Basilian Office for Social Justice

Bob Holmes CSB, Director

In 2017 our Global Peacemaking team facilitated retreats, workshops and faith days in several high schools with both students and teachers and with young adults in collaboration with Faith Connections, a ministry of the St. Joseph Sisters of Toronto. Over twenty presentations on Peacemaking in the Holy Land and/or with Canada's First Nations were made in high schools, colleges, various groups including Anglin House. Maurice Restivo and I co-led a Basilian Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in July and I co-led a Christian Peacemaker Delegation to Palestine in November. Camp Micah, encouraging leadership for peace and justice, ran successfully in August and many of the participants took part in the Toronto Blue Scarf Peace Walk in September. I was invited to visit the Afghan Peace Volunteers, originators of the Blue Scarf youth movement, in Kabul in December which I am pleased to introduce to you below.

Kabul is the capital of Afghanistan with an estimated population of 3.1 million – expanding daily with refugees from the war in the provinces. There is no actual military combat in Kabul but suicide bomber attacks are frequent – one while I was there. The Afghan Peace Volunteers, about 100 strong, include young women and men from the four Afghan tribal groups, two language groups and both Sunni and Shia branches of Islam – “Equality” is an important element of their vision. As is “Nonviolence” – they are working for a “World without War.”

*Enough wars!
Enough inequality!
Enough global warming!*

They have many activities – seventeen teams in fact – including a Street Kids' School on Fridays encouraging education and nonviolence. On the Friday I was there 100 street kids led by the peace volunteers, all wearing blue scarves, did a clean-up of the local environment, both streets and parks. They have a major



concern for the poor and refugees in the city and run a food bank and a distribution of winter duvets to families in need. There are dance, soccer and cycling teams; media, education and networking teams; conflict resolution, psychology and future visioning teams. While I was there I was able to facilitate a session on dealing with the inner effects of trauma – an estimated 70% of Afghans are suffering from the trauma of four decades of war. I returned home with a gift of blue scarves for peacemakers in North America and a powerful inspiration from these intrepid youths in war-torn Afghanistan.

Office of Vocations and Office of Initial Formation

Canada and the United States

Jeff Thompson CSB and Norm Tanck CSB

Jeff Thompson CSB is the Director of Vocations and **Norm Tanck CSB** is the Director of Associates. There were five young men in the Basilian Associate program in 2017. **Ron Schwenzer CSB** serves as Moderator of Associates in residence in Keon House in Houston.

Sean Ajluni transferred from Franciscan University of Steubenville to the University of St. Thomas in Houston, residing in the formation community in Keon House. **Nick Zanko** and **Patrick O'Brien** were enrolled in the M.Div. program at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston and joined Sean in Keon House. Later, Nick Zanko decided to return to Toronto but remains an associate. Patrick O'Brien was formally incorporated as an associate during a Mass in Keon House on Saturday, October 21, 2017

Dan Ryan, who is associated with the Basilian Fathers of Novi, continues in his second year at the University of Pittsburgh. He was formally incorporated on December 18 at the Basilian Fathers of Novi chapel. After a full summer internship with a judge in New York City, **David Semivule**, who is associated with the community at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Rochester, is continuing in a pre-law program at St. John's University, Queens, New York.



The 2017 Summer Gathering took place in Rochester, August 1-5, prior to Kevin Mannara CSB's ordination to the priesthood. All the associates participated. It was the first time all the associates had met each other. The Sisters of Mercy offered hospitality at their Regional Center. Many of the sisters they met, including the sisters of Jack Whitley and Tom Rosica, praised the Basilians and encouraged the associates in their discernment.

Nick Zanko, Sean Ajluni, David Semivule, Dan Ryan, Patrick O'Brien at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester.

During their time together, the associates had daily Mass and prayed the Liturgy of the Hours. Presentations were made discussing the vows, community life, prayer and spiritual direction. On Wednesday afternoon Paul English gave a presentation on Basilian apostolates and ministries. After

dinner with the St. Kateri Basilians, prepared by Mike Buentello, Kevin Mannara talked about his vocational journey to the Basilians and the priesthood. Thursday was a day of reflection at Our Lady of the Genesee Trappist Monastery. Brother Anthony, an Aquinas alumnus, talked about the Liturgy of the Hours; the associates later joined the monks for Vespers and Compline.

Friday morning, the group toured Aquinas Institute and Dennis Noelke presided at Mass in the school chapel. While Nick Zanko and Sean Ajluni attended the rehearsal for Kevin's ordination, the other associates visited the Basilian graves at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Later in the afternoon there was a quick tour of St. John Fisher College and Kevin Mannara, Director of Campus Ministry, welcomed the associates to the new Chapel of St. Basil the Great.

***Please pray for our men in formation in Canada, the USA, Mexico and Colombia;
pray, too, for an increase of vocations to the Basilian Way of Life.***



In April of 2017, Associate Sean Ajluni visited the roots of the Congregation of St. Basil. Sean was studying in a semester program in Europe and he traveled to Annonay to see the foundation house of the Basilians.

Sean is shown here with John Huber CSB and Bernard Buisson CSB in the courtyard in front of Collège Sacré Coeur, overlooking the town of Annonay.

Communications Coordinator for the Basilian Fathers

Jillian Kaster Miller

The Communications Office continues to pursue opportunities to illustrate the Basilian Fathers' work in education and evangelization and this year, it explored how livestreaming, which broadcasts events live on the internet, can be used to build upon the fraternal bonds despite the distance between the Basilian communities. Those who couldn't attend Father Kevin Mannara, CSB's Ordination to the Priesthood in Rochester, New York were invited to watch Ordination Mass live on the Basilian YouTube page. During the broadcast, the Basilian men in formation in Colombia were able to send their well wishes to newly ordained Father Mannara. Livestreaming of Presentation Manor's Townhall in Scarborough allowed Cardinal Flahiff residents who were unable to travel to watch from home and still stay informed about this exciting project and their future home.

Video also brought the Superior General's Advent and Easter greetings to the Congregation to life. With help from Father Jack Hanna, CSB, Spanish subtitles were added to each video and enabled the entire Congregation to comprehend Father George T. Smith, CSB's words. These video messages allow the Congregation to come together in reflection at special times of year.

As the Congregation of St. Basil's online communities, including Facebook and Twitter, continue to grow, there is a need to standardize how the Congregation is represented across print and digital platforms. In response, the Communications Office developed a standard for Congregation's visual brand representation. The brand standards, along with web and graphic resources, are available for download from the Basilian Only section of the website. The Communications Office asks the members of the Congregation for their help in adhering to these protocols.

The Communications Office continues to look at new ways of integrating technology into future projects, including how to foster communication throughout the General Chapter in July 2018. Stay tuned!



General Archives of the Basilian Fathers

Jim Farge CSB – Director of the Archives

Michelle Sawyers - Archivist



There was a lot to keep me busy in the archives during 2017. In Canada it was the 150th anniversary of confederation. Locally, it was the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and in Windsor it was the 250th anniversary of Assumption Parish. There were lots of questions about how the Basilian Fathers have contributed over the years; this demonstrates how many lives have been touched by Basilians in many ways.

The archives welcomed researchers and provided information for several projects and queries. For example, a book was written about a local Augustinian shrine, Marylake, which was a farm school and land resettlement project under the direction of Father Michael Oliver in the 1930s. A St. Joseph's College, Edmonton professor spent a few days with Father David Bauer's records with plans of writing about his approach to sportsmanship. I contributed photos to Salt + Light for a video featuring Father Jim Carruthers about Basilian education in Canada. Father Maurice Restivo selected some photos for the Assumption's 250th. Helping people find the information they need is the best part of my job.

Last year I wrote that about the development of the revamped Basilian Data System. This year was spent ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the information it contains about current Basilians. I was lucky enough to have help from Rebecca Campbell. This important tool allows us to know where Basilians have worked during their careers, but it also allows us to know which Basilians have been appointed to a particular institution or parish, which is a question that is regularly asked.

During the winter semester I completed a course on the management of active records. The goals of records management are to ensure that information is able to be quickly located when needed and that it is disposed of at the right time. This year I was on the planning committee for the Catholic Archivist Group conference, which was hosted at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. At our



closing banquet we were joined by Bishop Kasun, and many of my fellow archivists expressed gratitude for his words of appreciation for our work. All of the anniversaries this year have reminded me that in just a few years it will be 2022, so one of my goals for 2018 is to start the conversation about how the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of St. Basil will be commemorated.

St. Michael's Baseball Powerhouse

An archival photo of Eugene C. Lebel CSB, Robert E. Lowrey CSB, Gerry W. Todd CSB and Austin D. O'Brien CSB suited up and ready to play. (c. 1923)

Salt + Light Television Network

Father Tom Rosica CSB



Father Thomas Rosica is in his fifteenth year as founding Chief Executive Officer of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. December 2017 marked the first anniversary of Salt and Light's move to its new home in Midtown Toronto. Over the past year, many Basilians have visited the new Broadcast Center and have met the staff of Canada's first National Catholic Television Network. The formal dedication of the Salt and Light Broadcast Centre and Studios took place on May 25, 2017 and featured a host of dignitaries and special guests, including the Cardinal Archbishops of Toronto, Quebec City and Washington, DC. Representatives of major media outlets in Canada, the USA and Italy were also present for the gala evening. Salt and Light Television network is now available in nearly 3 million homes across Canada and to an even larger audience via extensive websites in English, French, Italian and Chinese, and livestreaming of major Papal events on ROKU. In March 2017, the Assembly of Ontario Bishops visited Salt and Light for a very memorable liturgy and evening with the entire staff.

One of the most significant programs ever hosted and produced by Salt and Light Television was a nationally televised, interactive "Town Hall Meeting" in preparation for the 2018 Synod of bishops on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment." Joining the studio audience in Toronto was **His Eminence Kevin Cardinal Farrell** (*photo below*), Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Pope Francis also took part in the 90-minute program *via* video link from the Vatican. You may view that 90-minute program the Salt and Light website: <http://seletlumieretv.org/jfdforum2017/>. The many



young women and men who participated in the televised consultation from coast-to-coast, (Vancouver, Calgary, Windsor, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City) realized how much Pope Francis wanted to hear directly from young people about their hopes and dreams for the Church. What makes Salt and Light unique in the constellation of Catholic broadcasting are the creative talents, faces and minds of young women and men who are chief actors, voices, producers, editors,

contributors, and competent witnesses of the Catholic, Christian faith. They have taken to heart the Basilian charism of Education in the Church's mission of Evangelization.

Tom also serves as Procurator General of the Basilian Fathers, assisting the Superior General and General Council with matters pertaining to the Holy See. He is associated with the Curial House and is a frequent visitor to Orsini and Anglin Houses in Toronto and Dillon House in Houston.

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 Collegium of the University of St.

Michael's College in Toronto. He also serves on the Communications Committees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC and the Salesians of Don Bosco in North America.

Since February 2013, Tom continues to send out the Vatican information bulletin each day to English speaking journalists and media outlets around the world. Over the past year, Tom has led Priests' and Seminary retreats, Study Days, Covocations and Parish Retreats for the Dioceses of Miami, Florida; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Seattle, Washington; Rochester, New York; Bridgeport, Connecticut, Anchorage, Alaska; San Antonio, Texas; and Calgary, Alberta. Tom works with several religious communities and congregations and led the North



American Provincial retreat for the Piarist Fathers; and the Carmelite Sisters in Toronto. He also led the Catholic University Student's Retreat for Ryerson University in Toronto in January 2017. He ended the year by leading the Christmas Novena for the Missionaries of Charity at their Motherhouse in Calcutta, India, having been invited by the current Superior General of the Congregation founded by Mother Teresa.

Over the past year, Tom delivered the keynote addresses at the international conventions of the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy (NOCERCC) in San Antonio, Texas; the Jesuit Schools Network Religious Educators Conference in Palo Alto, California; and the International Retrouvaille Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Tom also led one of the sessions at the SIGNIS International Media Convention in Quebec City and was invited by the Archdiocese of Chicago to re-launch the "Theology on Tap" program for the Archdiocese. He spoke at the 2017 Paluch Vocation Seminar in Chicago, Illinois. Tom was invited along with the film crew of Salt and Light Catholic Television Network to document the International **Child Dignity in the Digital World** Conference at the Gregorian University in Rome in early October 2017.

During 2017, Tom has worked closely with the Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario and the newly formed Boards of Directors of the Catholic Hospitals in Toronto and Kingston, Ontario in the areas of Theological and Mission Education and the Continuing Formation of new Board Members. During July 2017, Tom preached for the Basilian Missions in the USA. He was also invited by the Archdiocese of Detroit to serve as English language commentator for television networks carrying the Mass of Beatification for Father Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. in Detroit's Ford Field on November 18, 2017.

Publications of Father Thomas Rosica, CSB in 2017

The Seven Last Words of Christ (Novalis, January 2017); **Les sept dernières paroles du Christ** (Novalis, janvier 2017); **Le Sette Parole di Cristo sulla Croce** (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, gennaio 2017). Tom has also published numerous articles in various publications, newspapers, reviews, bulletins around the world.

Basilians on Graduate Studies 2017

Warren Schmidt CSB

As of September 2017, I began my third year of doctoral studies at l'Institut Catholique de Paris, continuing research and writing my dissertation on the development and, in particular, ecclesiological, juridical, and pneumatological dimensions behind this development in the rites of ordination to the priesthood since Vatican II. In addition, I hear confessions at St. Louis d'Antin Church. This church is a sanctuary of mercy where the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available all day long. Father Joe Hunt CSB is assigned to ministry there.

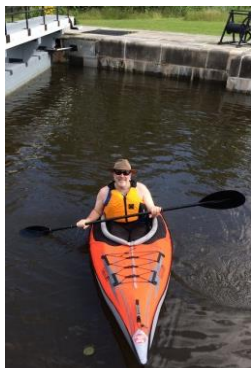
During the summer of 2017, I taught an online course at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton entitled "Dimensions of the Christian Faith," while assisting our confrères in ministry there and at St. Alphonsus and St. Clare parishes.



Mark Gazin CSB

Academically, this year in Canon Law studies at Saint Paul University in Ottawa was one of the most grueling I have ever attempted and completed. I prayed: "Lord, what have you gotten me into?"

In May, there was major flooding on the Ottawa River, so I volunteered to fill sandbags in Aylmer, Quebec (*photo at right*). As through the academic year, I spent most of the summer celebrating weekend and weekday Masses and hearing confessions at Saint Monica and Saint Andrew Parishes.



I began my research paper on the canonically fitting relationship between the university chaplain and the parish *parochus*. The autumn semester also proved to be intense. I am looking forward to completing this adventure in 2018.



One respite from all this work was an adventure of kayaking on the Rideau Canal (*photo at left*). Ottawa is a city with great academic institutions and some beautiful places for people to re-create themselves.

The Basilian Ministry at Maison Saint-Joseph

Annonay in the Ardèche



Depuis du décès du Père Michel Deglene, la Maison St-Joseph est devenue bien vide et la Communauté Basilienne Française bien minuscule avec seulement deux confrères. Père François Morfn, né en 1946, réside toujours à la Villa Sainte-Marthe à Aubenas, mais peut-être plus que pour quelques mois. En effet, le diocèse de Viviers a conclu une convention avec les Religieuses Trinitaires qui sont en

train de réhabiliter un bâtiment qu'elles possédaient dans leur propriété pour en faire une sorte de "foyer-logement." François a été très vite attiré par cette proposition et il devrait être un des premiers à intégrer cette nouvelle structure. Cela aurait l'avantage de rapprocher considérablement François. Un autre avantage serait que François serait moins dépaycé pour les nouvelles locales, qu'il aurait sans doute beaucoup plus de visites et que je pourrais aller le voir souvent. François a pris l'habitude de me téléphoner d'Aubenas presque chaque semaine. Mais ce serait tout de même mieux si on pouvait se voir en direct.

Since the death of Father Michel Deglene, Maison Saint-Joseph (*photo above*) has become empty and the French Basilian Community very tiny with only two confreres. Father François Morfin, born in 1946, still lives at Villa Sainte-Marthe in Aubenas, but that will continue for just a few more months. Recently the diocese of Viviers has concluded an agreement with the Trinitarian nuns who are remodeling a building they owned in their property to make an assisted living residence. François was very quickly attracted by this proposal and he should be one of the first to move into this new residence. This would have the advantage of bringing Francois considerably closer. Another advantage would be that François would be less out of touch with the local news and he would certainly have many more visitors and I could go see him more often. Francois got in the habit of calling me from AUBENAS almost every week. But it would be better if we could see each other face to face and in person.

Une autre étape se prépare aussi pour notre maison St-Joseph désormais bien vide, puisque je suis le seul à y résider dorénavant. Le projet d'y faire venir l'école primaire catholique de Montalivet semble se préciser et va sans doute avancer ce printemps. Ce serait l'occasion de fusionner l'école primaire et le collège Sacré-Coeur pour créer un ensemble scolaire à direction unique, sous la même tutelle. Une pré-étude conduite par Michaël Bouvier, directeur du collège, a montré que l'école avec ses 7 classes et tous les autres locaux nécessaires pouvait quasi prendre place intégralement dans les locaux actuels de St-Joseph. Il reste à finaliser le projet au cours de l'année 2018 du point de vue architectural, juridique, financier, pédagogique.

Our Maison St-Joseph will be entering also into a new phase. The plan to bring in the Montalivet Catholic Primary School seems to be taking shape and will likely take move forward this spring. It would be an opportunity to merge the primary school and Sacré-Coeur College to create a school with one

director, under just one management. A preliminary study conducted by Michaël Biuvier, director of the college, showed that the school with its 7 classes and all the other necessary facilities could take place almost entirely in the current premises of St-Joseph. It remains to finalize the project during the year 2018 from the architectural, legal, financial, educational point of view.



(Photo at left: Michel Bouvier, principal of Collège Sacré-Coeur and Bernard Buisson CSB)

Comme il faut être prévoyant, et qu'on n'est pas éternel, après en avoir discuté avec l'évêque de Viviers, Mgr Jean-Louis Balsa, avec Patrice JOUVE, le nouveau directeur diocésain de l'Enseignement Catholique d'Ardèche, avec le Père John Huber lors de sa dernière visite canonique et avec notre supérieur général à Toronto, nous venons d'officialiser une convention de co-tutelle congréganiste (basilienne, tant que je reste près en état) et diocésaine sur le collège Sacré-Coeur et peut-être bientôt sur l'ensemble collège Sacré-Coeur et école de Montalivet, qui prendra effet à la rentrée 2018.

One must be looking to the future and realize that one is not eternal. And so, after having discussed it with the Bishop of Viviers, Mgr. Jean-Louis Balsa, with Patrice Jouve, the new diocesan director of Catholic Education in Ardèche, with Father John Huber during his last canonical visit and with our Superior General at Toronto, we have just formalized a convention of co-guardianship congregational (Basilian,

as long as I remain able) and diocesan of the Collège Sacré-Coeur and perhaps soon of the whole Collège Sacré-Coeur and Montalivet school, which will take effect in the autumn of 2018.

Autre conséquence par ricochet. Je vais changer de résidence, à 69 ans, sans doute durant l'été 2018. En effet, à 150 mètres d'ici, au sud-est du collège Sacré-Coeur, se trouve ce qu'on appelle "l'ancienne maison des sœurs" (pendant longtemps, les sœurs de St-Joseph qui travaillaient au collège comme cuisinières, lingères, infirmières, sacristines, etc. J'y disposerai d'une chambre, d'un bureau, d'un salon, d'une mini-cuisine, d'une salle d'eau. Il y aura en plus une chambre pour accueillir un ou deux visiteurs Basiliens et une salle pour les archives basiliennes et quelques souvenirs plus ou moins historiques de la communauté.

All this has caused another consequence by ricochet effect. I'm going to change residence, at 69, probably during the summer of 2018. In fact, 150 meters from here, south-east of Sacré-Coeur College, is what we call "the old house of the sisters" (for a long time, the Sisters of St. Joseph worked in the college as cooks, laundry, nurses, sacristan, etc). I will have a room, an office, a living room, a mini-kitchen, a bathroom, there will be a room to welcome one or two Basilian visitors and a room for the Basilian archives and some more or less historical memories of the community

Je ne vous parle guère de mes ministères comme "curé basilien" des 23 clochers des 2 paroisses. Je suis tout de même avec 4 autres prêtres à y œuvrer. Ajoutons que en cette année 2017, j'ai assuré 85 baptêmes, 17 mariages, 75 célébrations de funérailles et que j'ai célébré quelques 246 messes dans l'une ou l'autre de ces 23 églises - sans compter celles que j'ai célébrées ici à la Maison St-Joseph, les jours "ordinaires". J'accompagne "l'éveil à la foi" (3 à 6 ans) et la catéchèse (6-7 ans). Je suis prêtre accompagnateur du Centre de Préparation au Mariage (depuis 37 ans!).

I am not going to tell you everything about my ministries as the Basilian in charge of 23 churches and chapels in two parishes. I work with four other priests. However, just in this year of 2017 I have celebrated 85 Baptisms, 17 marriages, 75 funerals, and, besides that, I have celebrated 246 Masses at one or the other of the 23 churches – and that is not even counting the Masses that I celebrated at the Maison St-Joseph on just ordinary days. I accompany a group “Awakening to the Faith” (children from 3 to 6 years of age) and a catechetical group (children of 6 to 7 years of age). I am also the spiritual advisor of the Marriage Preparation Center (and I have been for 37 years!).



Au Collège Sacré-Cœur, on a en cette année scolaire 2017-2018 quelques 715 élèves. Les résultats au Diplôme National du Brevet (fin 3ème) restent excellents: 2 échecs l'an dernier sur 169 candidats (près de 99% de réussite) et une multitude de mentions Très Bien (50), Bien (51) ou Assez Bien (44). Seulement 22 élèves ont obtenu leur brevet...sans mention!

(Photo at left: Bernard Buisson shows John Huber the renovated computer room at Collège Sacré-Cœur)

As for news of the Collège Sacré-Cœur, this academic year there are 715 students. The results of the National Diploma Certificate National (after the third level) were excellent: there were only two failures out of 169 candidates (this is a 99% success rate). There were lots of honors rankings: Very Good (50), Good (51), Fairly Good (44). Only 22 of the students received just the diploma without honors.

Ainsi va la vie à ANNONAY, au berceau de la Communauté Basilienne... ou ce qu'il en reste! J'ai déjà pris date pour la prochaine grande solennité, le 21 novembre 2022 pour les 200 ans de la fondation de la Société des Prêtres de St-Basile, devenue plus tard Congrégation des Pères Basiliens, par nos "dix fondateurs"... si d'ici-là il reste encore un confrère français "présentable"!

So goes life here in Annonay, the cradle of the Basilian Congregation ... or what's left of it! I have already made a date for the next great solemnity, November 21, 2022 when we celebrate 200 years since the founding of the Society of Priests of St. Basil by our ten Founders, later to become the Congregation of the Basilian Fathers ... if there is still a French confrère here able to celebrate.

Bernard Buisson CSB



Window of the Sacred Heart in the Chapel of the Collège Sacré Cœur

Anglin House

Toronto ON

Joseph Walsh is in his final year caring for Anglin House, with Daniel Callam as his assistant. Resident members are Claude Arnold, Leo Burns, Robert Crooker, Alphonse de Valk, Gerald Dillon, Martin Dimnik, Michael Fallona, Donald Finlay, John Hurley, Edwin Kline, Owen Lee, Thomas McReavy, Kenneth O'Keefe, P. Wallace Platt, Peter Swan, Clarence Watrin, and John Wilson. Gordon Walker, an associated member, is in residence in the Houses of Providence.



MEMBERS OF ANGLIN HOUSE COMMUNITY Standing L to R: Joe Walsh- Superior, Leo Burns, Tom McReavy, Wally Platt, Jack Wilson, Clarence Watrin, Gerry Dillon, Marty Dimnik, Mike Fallona. Seated L to R: Jack Hurley, Don Finlay, Alphonse de Valk, Ed Kline, Claude Arnold, Peter Swan, Owen Lee.

2017 saw the deaths of Dennis Rowan, Mario D'Souza and Cecil Zinger, all of whom had moved to Anglin House **to receive palliative care during** their last days.

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. Sisters of St. Joseph, Basilian Lay Associates, and other guests are often in attendance. Mike Fallona is the faithful sacristan and Kevin Kirley leads the singing.

Doctor Peter Barreca visits Anglin House every second Wednesday. Nursing is under the capable direction of Irina Kompaneets. There are twenty-five assistant staff members for nursing, housekeeping, meals, chiropody, plant maintenance, and security. Barbering is provided, as it has been for some thirty years, by Rafaele Schiavone. Physiotherapy sessions are offered three times weekly by Melissa Young.



On June 29, in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre, four Basilians celebrated landmark anniversaries. Owen Lee celebrated his sixtieth anniversary of ordination and John Wilson, the oldest living Basilian, celebrated his seventieth anniversary. These two Anglin residents were joined by two other confreres from the ordination class of 1957, Richard Elmer and John Fiore, both of whom celebrated sixty years of priestly ministry.

On First Friday retreat days there is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the smaller Anglin House chapel followed by an hour-long oral presentation in the larger chapel. The speakers in 2017 were Clarence Watrin on “Catholic Christian Outreach”, Bill Irwin on “The Psalms: One by One and One after Another”, Tim Scott on “Psalm 23”, and George Smith on “The Congregation in 2017”. There were two lectures with slides – Jack Hanna on “The Sacred in the History of Art” and Bob Holmes on “Journey to the Conflicted Holy Land”. Tom Rosica and members of his *Salt and Light* crew spoke on “Canada’s Catholic TV”, Kevin Kirley on “The Real Afterstory – About Our Ten Founders”, Owen Lee on “Four More Basilians”, and Joe Walsh on “God Acts”.

There were several updates during the year, from George Smith and others, on the progress being made our future location in Scarborough, Presentation Manor. In September the architects, from the firm of Montgomery Sisam, gave a “town hall” slide lecture for all those, Basilian and non-Basilian, who have signed on as future residents.

Donald Finlay, long time librarian at the Pontifical Institute, was honored on June 5, 2017 by the Institute for his years of dedicated service (1966 to 1992). The reading room was named in his honor. President Richard Alway of the Institute and members of the faculty were present along with Basilians, Don’s brother John and other family members, and many friends.

Basilian Superior General George Smith paid tribute to Don not only for his years of service as librarian but his dedicated pastoral ministry as a Basilian priest to students at PIMS and the University of St. Michael’s College.



A Remembrance Day ceremony in the main dining room of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre was graced by the choral harmonies of forty young men from St. Michael's Choir School, singing music by Healy Willan ("How They So Softly Rest"), Paul Manz ("E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come") and Choir School member Marc Andres De Leon ("In Flanders Fields"). John McCrae's poem was recited by members of the Anglin House staff, and "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Joseph Funk, a Choir School trumpeter. A video presentation assembled by Gillian Kaster-Miller and Michelle Sawyers saluted the Basilians who did service in the wars, and there were prayers by Dave Katulski and Joe Walsh.



Recreational events are planned weekly by Christian de la Fuente. They include lunches for St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Canada Day (see photo a left), Octoberfest, Hallowe'en, Christmas and sometimes just to allow the priest residents of Anglin House and Orsini house and our staff to interact socially. Among the movies screened by Christian in the downstairs refectory have been all nine of the nominees for the year's best picture Oscar, including the winner, *Moonlight*.

Dan Callam turned his remarks on contemporary film in *The Chesterton Review* into a book, *A Catholic Goes to the Movies*, published by Justin Press. Ed Kline regularly supplies the Happy Hours at Anglin House with chocolate squares, and Owen Lee daily serenades the early breakfasters with piano renditions of Brahms and Broadway.

Thanks to Owen Lee who prepared the Anglin House article.



Dios Padre, recordando el gran amor que nos tienes, al prepararnos para nuestro Capítulo General de 2018, te presentamos nuestro agradecimiento por las bendiciones del pasado. Te presentamos nuestros esfuerzos actuales para que estén llenos de entusiasmo por la alegría del Evangelio.

God, our loving Father, as we prepare for our General Chapter in 2018, we bring our gratitude for all the blessings of the past. We bring our present endeavors, that they may be filled with passion for the Gospel of joy.

O Dieu, notre Père aimable, en ce moment où nous préparons notre Chapitre Général de 2018, nous Te remercions de toutes les bénédictions du passé. Nous Te présentons nos efforts actuels, afin qu'ils soient remplis de passion pour l'Évangile de la Joie.

Orsini House

Toronto ON

There are fifteen confreres in Orsini House. Evening prayer and daily Mass constitute the religious exercises of the House. Guests are frequent and welcome as we continue a tradition of hospitality that characterized the first Christians and was a staple of monastic life: "All guests are to be welcomed as Christ" (*Rule of Saint Benedict*). Confreres in both Anglin and Orsini Houses frequently interact, at the daily Eucharist, for instance, as also on the First Fridays and major feasts. In the course of the year, several "town-halls" on Presentation Manor answered the questions and addressed the concerns raised about what will be a major alteration in the way of life for both Anglin and Orsini Houses. Confrères, recognizing the inevitability and well as the advantages of the move, have begun to look forward to the change as the beginning of a new stage in Basilian life.



On 26 May, Donald Cardinal Wuerl celebrated Mass in the Anglin House chapel.

Confrères in the photo are, from left to right: Wilfrid Janisse, Marvin LaBute, John Reddy and James Carruthers.

Denis April has been in poor health as a result of a bad fall earlier this year. Because of a problem with balance he will be moving to Anglin House in January.

Dan Callam moved to Orsini House on July 1, 2017. His appointment to Anglin House as Joe Walsh's assistant has continued. He is a board member of *Catholic Insight* (now reduced to a web site), *Society for Catholic Life and Culture* and *The Chesterton Institute*. For the last of these he functions as assistant editor and film critic in its publication, *The Chesterton Review*. In November of this year, he published his first—and last—book, *A Catholic Goes to the Movies* (Ottawa: Justin Press), a collection of reviews reprinted from *The Chesterton Review*. He does supply at Holy Rosary Church from time to time.

Jim Carruthers continues to serve at Saint Basil's Church, does some spiritual direction and the occasional pastoral conference to the RCIA and Religious Women's Communities. There have been some health issues, but OHIP and very good medical staffs took care of it all. He is "enjoying our final days in downtown Toronto."

Don Finlay moved to Anglin House after many years in Orsini House. He realised that with his deteriorating back he needed assistance. He showed not only honesty with the state of his health but also great common sense in requesting a move to the fourth floor. Don, one of the founding members of Orsini House, was its superior for a significant number of years. His attention to detail meant that the house was always well taken care of. It will take several men to accomplish the various services that Don gladly assumed.

The saddest good-bye was to Mario D'Souza who had moved over to Orsini House and then to Anglin house in his last illness. Mario wrote these lines a few weeks before his death: "Being born into faith and being nurtured by faith and religious belief change how one looks at the world. We are steeped in the death and resurrection of the Lord and we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross each day."

Bill Irwin moved to Orsini House in August after his holidays. He'd moved into Saint Basil's Seminary in 1951, the year it opened, and over to Saint Michael's in 1977. It wasn't a long goodbye either in 1977 or this year. The food and company are good, and the house welcoming. Bill continued to teach in the Faculty of Theology, Isaiah this fall, and for the first time served as Beadle and lead the faculty procession at the November theology convocation. Occasionally he says the Canadian daily Mass on TV. He's not a regular but fills in as needed. He's also called on from time to time to celebrate Sunday Mass in Italian at Saint Briget's. It surprised him to learn, the first time he was asked, that the chancery office had given them his name. Bill's First Friday talk on 3 February for the confreres of Anglin and Orsini Houses was *The Psalms: One by One and One After Another*.



Father Bill Irwin celebrates Mass for the Anglin House and Orsini House communities. The daily concelebration is a key moment in the day for both of these communities. Many of the members of Anglin and Orsini Houses celebrate the intentions that are provided through the St. Joseph Basilian Mission Center. The donations for the intentions remain at the Mission Center and are used for Basilian ministry in Mexico and Colombia.

Jack Gallagher gave a paper at the annual National Conference of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies, held in Edmonton, June 9 – 11, 2017. His paper was entitled, "Sophist or Ethicist: It Depends on Where You Start."

Gordon Kennedy assists the ministry of Saint Basil's Parish when he celebrates Mass at the Belmont Seniors Retirement Home; he performs some part-time service at Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation; and Gordon offers service to the Orsini House community by seeing that refreshments are available each night prior to supper.

Ray Jackson as he grows older—now ninety-one—sees the story of his life as the giving up of more and more of the world. At the same time, it is the sort of receiving much more of which will be fully understood when this life ends and life will be fully realised in our true and eternal home.

Wilfrid Janisse, as first counsellor, provides able assistance to our superior, John Reddy, in particular by acting as guest master for the house. He is generous and efficient in welcoming the frequent visitors to Toronto of confrères and others. He is devoted to his family and friends in Windsor, whom he visits from time to time.

Kevin Kirley published with the Basilian Press a twenty-four-page booklet: *The Ten Founders*. It gathered together two of his First-Friday talks, the first on October 2, 2015 entitled *A Few Reflections: . . . on Some of our Founders* and the second, on June 2, 2017, *The Rest of the Story . . . about our Ten Founders*. It is a readable and very informative publication.

Marvin LaBute remains positive in his outlook and is always good company at meals or in the community room. His sight is poor which makes reading difficult. He enjoys visiting with members of his family, either welcoming them in Toronto or in travelling down to Tecumseh and Windsor.



John Malo has just retired from teaching after thirty-five wonderful years of educational ministry. He seems to be adjusting to this new state of life (retirement) very well as he hikes all over the city, takes ongoing educational courses at University of Toronto, and travels when he can. He continues to help out at Holy Rosary Church on a part-time basis.

John Reddy is in a second term as superior of the community. He helps with Mass at Saint Basil's and at Providence Centre. He also serves on the board of the Gibbons-Daley Foundation. In May John preached a week-long retreat for the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Invermara. He has also done staff retreats at some Catholic schools in the city. In July thirteen members of John's family visited from Ireland. The kitchen staff at CFBC presented them with a splendid BBQ. With his two brothers in Toronto and their families there were forty people at the BBQ. The family will

be talking about this event for a long time to come. John is a member of the Transition Team for the big move. Preparation for the transition to Presentation Manor is underway. It has been a central topic of conversation. In the coming year we will have an annals entry from Orsini House and from the new community in Scarborough. God continues to bless us in Orsini House.

Leo Reilly's 2017 article, "Marshall McLuhan as a Realist Philosopher" is available online at <https://www.secondnaturejournal.com/marshall-mcluhan-realist-philosopher>. Leo is a big help to Bob Holmes in the publication and the distribution of the social justice newsletter, *Stirrings*.

Joe Walsh enjoyed good health in 2017, albeit with the strains and pains inevitable in a man now an octogenarian. Despite warm weather in January and February, Joe was able to ski weekly at Collingwood, on artificial snow produced by the Blue Mountain Ski Hill when temperatures sank below freezing. He is looking forward to the end of his term as superior of Anglin house when everyone at 95 St. Joseph Street moves to Presentation Manor in Scarborough sometime during the summer of 2018.

Jim McConica writes: The past year has been free of any headline event. I have continued in my role directing the *Collected Works of Erasmus* for University of Toronto Press, a role which I hope to resign in the coming year. I am waiting for the publication of my last book in that series, a book about Erasmus' books—not those he wrote, but those he used. This is a collaborative work with a Dutch scholar who is as keen to see it published as am I. It is out of our hands and with the Press. I had two very welcome visits. The first was from a graduate of Saint Michael's College, David Lametti, with the news that he had become Parliamentary Secretary to Christia Freeland, who had just been admitted to Justin Trudeau's cabinet. David, who came from Saint Catharines and is fluently bilingual, holds Paul Martin's former seat in Quebec. The second was from the widow and elder son of the English friend and Thomas More scholar whom I mentioned last year. They came to Toronto to join with me in marking the first anniversary of his death, a loss we all grieve. Like everyone else here, I am thinking of our move to Scarborough!



Père Joseph Hunt, associated with Orsini House, continues parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Paris, but in a different parish. Following 11 years in the Parish of Notre Dame de L'Immaculée Conception de Clignancourt from 2005 to 2016, he has been appointed to the parish of Saint Louis d'Antin. This church, located in central Paris not far from the Galeries Lafayette, is, in reality, a sanctuary of mercy. Here Mass is celebrated eight times a day. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available continually from 8:00 AM to 7:45 PM. This sacrament is celebrated in St. Louis d'Antin around 250 times each day.

Part of this sanctuary is a Catholic cultural center "Georges Bernanos" where daily conferences, theatre groups, musical recitals, etc., take place. There are also various parish groups having their meetings, and prayers within the weekly schedule of the Parish. Joe accompanies the groups Les Amis du St Louis d'Antin, Le groupe Mariale des Amis de St Louis d'Antin as their spiritual guide.

Thanks to Dan Callam who prepared this article.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Windsor ON

2017 saw a smaller local community at Assumption Parish, with Matthew Durham having departed in December of 2016 and with Kevin Mannara leaving in June. Matthew is discerning his future with the Basilians; we wish him well. Kevin is now the Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY, and is living with the confreres in Irondequoit. We hope they appreciate his talent and energy. The silver lining of these changes is that we now have three guest rooms with which to provide hospitality to our of town guests. Although mostly these are confreres with Windsor roots, we have also hosted confreres present for board meetings at Assumption University, and even the local bishops when they have needed to overnight in Windsor. More recently we were pleased to host Kate Hennessy, the grand-daughter of Dorothy Day, as she promoted her new book.

The newest member of the local community is Coco (photo at right). Coco is originally from Texas, and does not enjoy winter weather. Although not formally in vows he lives the vows of poverty, chastity and ... well, like many Basilians, he struggles with obedience. The main events in the life of the local house have revolved around the 250th anniversary of Assumption Parish. There were multiple celebrations throughout the year, a memorial book, and a short film created by the people at Salt & Light television. Many thanks to Tom Rosica for facilitating the film!



A perennial question is whether Assumption Church will be re-opened. There is no new information on this, but a study is being done of the alternatives for the parish, involving a realistic cost benefit analysis of the different options. We hope there will be more information at a later date. Also of interest is the “family of parishes” initiative by the Diocese of London, which would group Assumption Parish with St. Angela Merici and St. Alphonsus under one pastor and two associate pastors. The new General Council will have to decide whether the Basilians can provide three priests for this task. Stay tuned! Maurice Restivo has been building stronger bonds with the parish and with the diocese. He has completed the “Good Leaders, Good Shepherds” program recommended for all pastors (or would be pastors) in the diocese. He has also been accepted as a permanent resident in Canada, the last step in the immigration process before citizenship. Maurice led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the summer, but, because of the Assumption 250 celebrations, had to skip his annual service with a Christian Peacemaker Team in Palestine. He continues to be involved in the Recovery movement, as well as serving on the board of trustees with Detroit Christo Rey school.

Jim Stenberg’s role has not much changed over the past year. He continues as chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus, celebrating mass for them on the first Thursday of the month and attending their meetings. He works on a weekly basis with the coin counters, and was in charge of the Christmas basket program. Due largely to procrastination in obtaining volunteer shoppers, this year he bought gifts for sixteen families including 61 people. And of course there are the normal sacramental duties of celebrating masses, funerals, confessions and anointing the sick.

Two local Basilians have been closely connected with the ministry at Assumption Parish: Paul McGill and Q Johnson. Paul is the Chaplain for Assumption University and has been very generous with his time and energy when a presider was needed, in addition to celebrating the student masses in Rosary Chapel, and coordinating the local Basilian Lay Associates.

Q Johnson (*photo at right*) is a very dedicated and holy man who has been very willing to serve as a presider at parish masses as well as ministering to the residents at Amica and at Devonshire Place. Q. writes: "In one of his homilies, Pope Francis urged us to memorize our journey. *'We must memorize our past and be a memorial of our own lives and our own journey; we must look back and remember and do it often. In this way we arrive at a new encounter, an encounter of gratitude. As pope Francis says – only one word can sum all of this up in one word: gratitude.'*"



Tunney Hathaway and Ken McKernan both live at Sunrise Retirement Home. Mark Sikich, the Circle of Care coordinator, continues to ensure they receive excellent care.

Most of the former members of O'Connor House are nominally associated with Assumption Parish, but in practice there is little contact with most of them. Paul McGill is the chief exception. Joe Quinn continues to be the co-director of Marie Rose Place in Windsor, and is happy to say 2017 has been a busy and fulfilling year for him, and for his activities at Marie Rose Place. www.marieroseplace.com. He also continues to be a member of the Service Team for Contemplative Outreach of Southwestern Ontario. Fortunately, being a member of the Service Team does not require much travel. He has reached that stage of life where he prefers to be home as much as possible. He continues to celebrate Eucharist weekly at Devonshire Seniors' Residence. We trust that they are doing good work and God's will as they understand it, and pray that the dispute over the suppression of O'Connor House may find a just resolution.



The local Basilian Lay Associates are very active, meeting at the rectory every third Thursday. Their article is elsewhere. We offer our condolences to Andy Matos for the loss of his mother, Slavka. Back row: Marilyn Morrison, Jim Stenberg CSB, Maurice Restivo CSB, Jay Handsor, Anne Marie Handsor, Rick Portillo, Marie Anne Seguin, Rose Portillo; Front Row: Kevin Mannara, Andy Matos.

Curial Community

Toronto ON

George Smith continues 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 he 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 had another rewarding summer experience teaching for Newman Theological College at their Saskatoon campus in July. Since August of 2016 he has been helping out with Sunday ministry at St. Basil's Parish, and has found it to be a wonderfully fulfilling ministry.



David Katulski is in his seventh year of ministry as Vicar General. He serves as the rector of the Curial community and he continues his service as Chaplain of Magistral Grace 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 Eucharists, assists with staff professional days, and offers retreats for the staff twice a year. 2017 marks the 27th year of David's service to SJCS. He also continues his ministry to the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca, leading days of retreat for the sisters. On February 13 his mother, Josephine Katulski, passed away at the age of 96. May she rest in peace.



The Vicar General and the Secretary-Treasurer General have been working together for a long time! They both still enjoy cooking.

Joe Redican is associated with the Curial Community; he lives in New York City where he serves as volunteer chaplain at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School. David Semivule who became a Basilian Associate this year resides with him there. He also has a residence in Toronto where he is working for the General Council as the Director of the Transition from Orsini and Anglin House to Presentation Manor. In addition, he does weekend AA retreats in Toronto, Detroit and Chicago, is the administrator of the Basilian Fathers of East Rochester Retirement Fund and does occasional weekend ministry and preaching for the Basilian Fathers Missions.

Tom Rosica is also associated with the Curial House and continues his ministry at Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. (see page 20)

Frassati House

Toronto ON

The last days of 2017 broke previous records for the coldest temperatures on those dates in recent history. They reached down to -21C (-5.8F) in the Toronto area. But the four members of Frassati House, located on Sackville Street in Toronto, **Fathers Norm Tanck** (Rector), **Bob Holmes**, Jack **Hanna**, and **Doug Hilmer** along with **Father Neil Hibberd** who lives in The Avondale Retirement Residence, enjoy a comfortable, warm home and community on Sackville St.



The Basilians lead a regular common life gathering year-round on weekday mornings for Morning Prayer and the Eucharist and after dinner for Night Prayer. The Basilians take turns preparing the evening meal and dine out together occasionally, especially to celebrate birthdays. They also enjoy inviting guests to join them for the evening meal. Guests have included visiting Basilians and friends, members of the General Council and Basilian Bishop Robert Kasun.

Bob Holmes, Norm Tanck, Jack Hanna and Doug Hilmer at home.

The community is able and happy to extend hospitality to Basilians visiting Toronto or who are in town or Community meetings or funerals. Bishop Prosper Lyimo, auxiliary bishop of Arusha, Tanzania, stays with the community while making his annual mission appeal in Canada for his diocese in Africa. In January 2017, once again, the Basilians welcomed two seminarians from Toronto's St. Augustine Seminary's pre-theology program to live with them while they did apostolic work.

Norm Tanck continues as the rector of the house and serves the Congregation as the Director of Basilian Associates. This year he gathered the five young men who are in the first stage Initial Formation for five days of prayer, reflection and community building in Rochester prior to the ordination to the priesthood of our brother Kevin Mannara, CSB on August 5th. The following weekend Norm preached a mission appeal in Highland Mills, NY, 50 miles north of New York City. On his way down, he was able to spend a couple hours alone in the woods in Fonda, New York where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born and baptized.

In July of 2017 Norm was appointed the priest liaison to the Toronto area Basilian Lay Associates while at the same time assuming the duties of associate pastor of St. Basil Church. He had been helping with Masses there, the Good Shepherd Mission and with weekend Masses at Toronto's St. John's Church on Kingston Rd. He preached the annual University of St. Michael's College Alumni Lenten Twilight Retreat and was on the team for two weekend retreats sponsored by the Toronto St. Joseph Sisters at their

lakeside facility in Orillia, ON. Norm continues to offer spiritual direction to several individuals and helps with daily confessions at St. Basil's Church. As a pastoral associate Norm attended an Archdiocese of Toronto priests workshop dealing with the pastoral, sacramental and liturgical issues arising from the legalization medically assisted suicide. He also participated in the annual Priests' Study Days.

Norm continues as a member on the boards of Assumption University and St. Michael's College School and maintains membership in the National Religious Vocation Conference (USA) and the National Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (Canada).

Doug Hilmer takes his turn presiding at Frassati House's daily Mass and leading the community in Morning and Evening Prayer. He also presides and preaches regularly at Anglin House's 10:00 AM Eucharist. Doug is a good cook and helps with the household shopping and maintenance chores around the house and in the gardens. This year he planted a beautiful and colorful garden near the house's back parking lot featuring morning glories that covered the back fence, gigantic sunflowers and two new Rose of Sharon bushes that earned him compliments from the neighbors and from many of the street people who pass by and engage Doug in conversation. A migrating Monarch butterfly stopped in as well for a visit (*photo at right*). In the winter he is usually up and out early to shovel and salt the two sidewalks on Frassati House's corner lot property.



The community chose Doug to be their delegate to the 2018 General Chapter with Bob Holmes as the alternate. Before he was interviewed by the Chapter's steering committee he met individually with each member of the house to hear what they expected from Chapter and what were their hopes and fears about the Congregation's future. In April Doug joined Norm Tanck, Maurice Restivo and Kevin Mannara for a workshop in Chicago on Priesthood and Religious Life sponsored by the Catholic Theological Union, a graduate school of Theology owned and supported by over 20 religious communities. During 2017 Doug volunteered at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. He enjoys spending time with his family and following their careers and athletic achievements of his nephew and six nieces.

Jack Hanna continues his work at the Curial Office where he serves as Secretary / Treasurer General. He, along with Financial Officer Carolina Klapp and Accountant Elizabeth Contreras oversee the finances of the St. Joseph Center in Sugar Land. Jack has made four trips to Texas this year to do some work at the Mission Center in Sugar Land. Jack also serves on the Presentation Manor Transition Team

with Joe Redican, John Reddy, Don McLeod and Joe Walsh. This team will facilitate the move from Anglin House and Orsini House to Presentation Manor; this move should take place in the summer of 2018. Jack has accompanied George Smith to Colombia and to Mexico to serve as translator. These trips have been very enjoyable for Jack since he has gotten to meet all the Basilians in both Mexico and Colombia. Jack is also the Director of the Flahiff Center and he and Luis Hernandez work hard to keep the old building heated in the winter and cooled in the summer. There are 38 employees in the Flahiff Center: nurses, kitchen staff, housekeeping, maintenance and grounds, a coordinator of activities for the retired Basilians, Curial Office staff and front door reception.

At Frassati House, Jack helps to take care of the small front and back yard. He likes working on the grounds in the spring and summer, but he is not so enthused in the winter when we all must deal with snow. Jack did purchase a new snow blower last year and he insists that this is better than shovelling. This summer Jack studied Art History at the Courtauld Institute in London (NOT the London in Ontario!) which he enjoyed very much. He took a course titled: "The Splendors of Medieval Spain." Jack enjoys visiting museums and galleries and he always makes that a part of any trip that he takes. In May of 2017, Jack gave a slide presentation to the Basilians in Anglin House and Orsini House entitled: "The Sacred in Art." It was a survey of art styles from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century and ways in which artists portrayed religious themes in Art through the centuries.

Bob Holmes says that 2017 was another enjoyable year for him on Sackville Street, the welcoming community, shared prayer, rotation in cooking, varied ministries. He manages the local finances and always gets the bills paid on time and the Basilians monthly allowances to them on the first of the month. His role as Basilian Coordinator for Peace and Justice, publishing *Stirrings* combined with being an active member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams, keeps him busy. Time he spends in the mountains keeps him fit and his yearly retreat at the Weston Priory in Vermont nourishes his spirit. Bob is an avid reader and always shares what he has learned from his reading with the community. He enjoys going to movies and the theatre, especially in smaller theatrical venues.

Neil Hibberd CSB continues to flourish at Avondale Residence in Toronto's East end, Beaches area. He is learning more each day from the senior residents there, who are steeped in wisdom, especially from his dinner companions, who are 95 and 90 years of age. Walking the lakefront Boardwalk is a delightful pastime when the weather is clement. Occasional Summer golf is enjoyed with his brother, who is 88, and several alumni of SMCS. Neil enjoys dinner and conversation with the hospitable confreres of Frassati House, with which he is attached. Funerals and festal celebrations with Orsini and Anglin House confreres are life-giving sources of Basilian Community life. Ageing has brought parish ministry to an end. Neil says that, "Fulsome time for prayer is a rich gift".

Michaelmas Hall

The Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School, Toronto

This year of grace 2017 has been one of changes for the Basilian Fathers of Michaelmas Hall, some expected and joyful some unexpected and sorrowful.

Father Bill May, CSB returned from his sabbatical to continue in the classroom teaching ministry at St. Michael's College School. This year he has been blessed with the Grade 9s (Scripture) and 10s (Sacraments and Church History). He is also assisting with the St. Michael's student theatre productions of "Dracula" and "Beauty and the Beast" as well as providing character development workshops for the new "Musical Theatre Course" offered by Miss Alison O'Neil.

Eduardo Rivera finished his appointment to St. Michael's College School and returned to his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Eduardo's time at St. Michael's as the Coordinator of Liturgical and Spiritual Life was very successful and set a very high bar indeed of welcoming students into his office, assisting students academically, spiritually, and athletically. He is missed by the St. Michael's College School community and by us at Michaelmas Hall. He is a blessing for the Basilian Community.

Father Jefferson Thompson, CSB continues to meet and engage with all the students, parents, faculty, and staff at the school, a joyful challenge for him. Each cohort of new students presents new



possibilities which are never dull. He continues to be 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 continues to provide challenges

and joys of differing qualities. His engagement with other Basilian Schools is evidenced through the Basil Bowl tournaments (*photo above*) and BNENE, and he is continually in contact with other independent schools in the province.

The sudden deaths of **Father Mario D'Souza, CSB** and **Father Cecil Zinger, CSB** were difficult times for Michaelmas Hall. Our confreres had given their lives to the Basilian teaching charism each in his personal way and each in his particular way to St. Michael's College School. The out-pouring of sadness because of their deaths is tribute to their lives as Basilian Fathers. We pray daily for the Basilian Congregation always and especially now as we prepare for our General Chapter.

Basilian Fathers of the U. of St. Michael's College

Toronto ON

Significant changes marked 2017 for the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College. At the start of 2017, the community had six members: Rev. Daniel Callam CSB, Rev. James Farge, CSB, Rev. William Irwin, CSB, Rev. Michael Lehman, CSB, Rev. T. Allan Smith CSB, and Rev. Chris Valka CSB. Rev. Mario D'Souza CSB joined the community in the spring. In July 2017 the Sheptytsky Institute moved into Windle House, and the Basilians consolidated their residence in Phelan House. Father Irwin and Father Callam were appointed to Orsini House, while Father Lehman took up residence in the building immediately north of St. Basil's Church. Father Valka accepted a new appointment to the University of St. Thomas. Rev. Morgan Rice CSB joined the community in June. The diminished numbers meant a change in house governance, with Father Smith being appointed Rector.

In the late winter, we welcomed into our midst Mr. Nick Zanko, a Basilian Associate who entered the Associate Programme the previous year. He completed his university studies, and assisted in the community's various ministries, chiefly at St Basil's Parish and in the Institute Library. He left for Houston in August to join other Associates in the newly established Keon House. At the end of July, the sudden onset of cancer caused Father D'Souza to move first to Orsini House and then to Anglin House. His untimely death on 26 September took from us a much esteemed confrere and friend. Father Smith delivered the eulogy in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre and concelebrated at the funeral mass in St. Basil's Church. The community now has three members, plus four associated members: Frs. Michael Lehman, Doug Mosey, Timothy Scott and Walter Werbylo.



We have reconfigured Phelan House to make it a more comfortable and welcoming residence. Portraits of previous superiors and paintings of historical buildings on the campus of USMC, as well as other pieces of art, enliven the common spaces of the house. We celebrate Morning Prayer in our small house chapel, which is also used for Mass. The community continues to take its meals in the Faculty Dining Room of Brennan Hall. On 15 October, the Very Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, formally installed Father Rice as Pastor of St. Basil's Parish during the 4:30 PM Sunday mass. On 19 October, the third floor common room in Brennan Hall was designated the Basilian Fathers' Common Room, for use by faculty and staff of the University of St. Michael's College. Father Farge gave a historical tribute to Basilians instrumental in establishing the College, Father Rice blessed the room and Father Smith unveiled the plaque. A reception followed, attended by over fifty staff and faculty of USMC.

Jim Farge has been a Fellow of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies since 1988. He now serves as a volunteer as the Library's Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections. He is secretary of the Institute's Board of Governors, is on the Board's Finance and Audit Committee, and recently completed his twenty-fifth year as a member of the Committee that vets book manuscripts submitted for publication to the Institute's press. For the nineteenth time he helped staff the exhibition and sale of

PIMS publications at the International Conference of Medieval Studies held annually in May at the University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo – an event that he uses 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*. He is Director of the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers. This is largely a supervisory role, a part-time professional archivist being engaged to access and catalogue incoming materials and to assist anyone needing to use the Congregational archives. He is also working on a twenty-year supplement to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography*, publication of which is planned for 2022.



Jim presides on a monthly basis at the Sunday Eucharist celebrated for the confreres of Anglin House and Orsini House. He regularly assists with the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Basil's Parish, and serves as sacristan for the chapel in Elmsley Hall and for the Phelan House chapel. He is secretary of the Corporation of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St Michael's College. On 16 March, he delivered a lecture, "France in the Time of John Calvin" to the Calvinist Studies Society in a colloquium held at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He published a chapter entitled "François I^{er} : De la tolérance à la répression," in the book *François I^{er} imaginé : Actes du colloque de Paris organisé par l'association Renaissance-Humanisme-Réforme* (Geneva: Droz, 2017), pp. 291–301; a biographical article, "Noël Beda," published in the on-line Springer Encyclopedia; a review of Jean-François Gilmont, *Les éditions imprimées à Genève, Lausanne et Neuchâtel aux XVe et XVIe siècles* (Geneva: Droz, 2015), in *The Sixteenth Century Journal: The Journal of Early Modern Studies* 48/1 (Spring 2017): 215–16.

T. Allan Smith continues his teaching at the Faculty of Theology and occasionally in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Toronto. Between 30 August and 25 September, he served as an examiner on four doctoral defences. He is the director and/or member of the supervisory committee for an additional nine doctoral candidates. This year was his tenth as Registrar of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. There he is secretary of Academic Council, chair of Admissions and Awards, and director of the LMS programme. He travelled to Edmonton in December to serve on the Faculty Evaluation Committee of St. Joseph's College. He published "Iosif of Volokolamsk and Serapion of Novgorod in Conflict," *The Russian Review* 76 (April 2017): 207-223; "Sergii Bulgakov's 'Sofiologiia smerti'," *Scottish Journal of Theology*. Volume 70, Issue 4 (November 2017): 445-462, and a review of Nikolaos A. Chrissidis, *An Academy at the Court of the Tsars: Greek Scholars and Jesuit Education in Early Modern Russia*, in *The Russian Review* 76 (April 2017): 372-373.

Morgan V. Rice serves as pastor of St. Basil's Collegiate Church; his article follows below.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

Michael Lehman continues his ministry in Catholic Education with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as Chaplain and involvement in Adult Faith Development with all employees of the Catholic Board. Many of his days are spent in one or more of the 200+ schools of the system where he celebrates Eucharist, Memorial Services, Reconciliation Services, classroom discussions and presentations, and staff support. Michael's ministry takes him across the greater Toronto Area where other Catholic school boards often call on him for pastoral ministry. Mike has also been called upon to provide input and

professional development to the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association. He has contributed to the Religious Education Courses at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Mike is completing 17 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 see him in arenas from Buffalo to Kingston most weekends. With what time remains, Mike enjoys quiet evenings at home with a crossword puzzle and a Montreal Canadiens' hockey game.



Timothy Scott marked his third year as Executive Director of the Canadian Religious Conference. The position involves a considerable amount of travel around the country to remain in contact with major superiors of women and men in their service of leadership. Of particular importance has been his work on the *Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle*, a small group of bishops, major superiors, lay Catholics and Aboriginal leaders seeking a way forward based on the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In October, the CRC presidency made its biannual visit to the offices of the Holy See during which they were privileged to meet the Holy Father. The on-going work with the CCCB and its sister organizations in the United States, Latin America and France adds to a busy schedule. He continues to serve on the national dialogue with the Lutheran Church-Canada and is President of the *Société catholique de la bible*. Finally, he preached the scholastic community retreat in Houston early in the year. Talks given:

"Daughters of heaven and daughters of earth." *Vultum Dei Quaerere*. Canadian Canon Law Society. Sydney, NS.

"Ordained religious in North America: Insights from the Canadian experience." CTU, Chicago, IL.

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. Thirty-eight seminarians live in the seminary, either in years one through four of theology or in the initial spiritual year; eleven seminarians doing their year of internship in a parish come to the seminary every month for two days of discussion and input regarding their pastoral work.

Doug Mosey has completed his 21st year as the President-Rector of Holy Apostles College and Seminary. The College division has established itself as a premier provider of Catholic online education with over 500 students in the Bachelors or Master's degree programs. The seminary division serves seminarians, religious sisters and student priests from poor and communist countries who have no opportunities for advanced degrees in Philosophy or Theology in their countries. The students come from Vietnam, China, Haiti, Kenya, and Nigeria among other countries. One hundred and ten international students are currently in residence.

St. Basil's Collegiate Church at USMC

Toronto ON

Morgan V. Rice writes: This year bridged two assignments. My eight years at Saint Kateri Parish in Rochester, N.Y., where I had been sent as a deacon, ended in June when I moved to Toronto to begin my assignment as pastor at St. Basil's Church. After having helped me over the years to grow into my priesthood, the Saint Kateri community provided a wonderful send-off for me as part of the Pentecost celebration. Upon arriving in Toronto, I hit the ground running with a few days of overlap with outgoing pastor, Chris Valka. What helped tremendously was that I inherited a beautifully renovated church and basement without a debt!



Before Chris departed, he and I co-presided at the benediction of the newly refurbished Casavant Frères organ. Chris returned in November to bless and dedicate the new stained glass windows of SS. Anne, Joachim, Mary Magdalene, and John the Baptist. They were installed in the north wall of the sanctuary in place of the windows that had been plastered over many years ago. Robert McCausland Limited, which had made the stained glass windows of the church in the early 1900s, was responsible for the creation and installation of the new windows, which complement the other windows extremely well.

I have been impressed by the vibrant and diverse parish community of St. Basil's. The parishioners have been welcoming and patient with me as I learn how to be a pastor. Norm Tanck has served as the Associate Pastor since July. He along with Dan Donovan and several Basilians in the area have been most helpful hearing confessions and celebrating Mass at St. Basil's. Shortly after arriving, I accepted an appointment to the Archdiocesan Council of Priests. Along with my continued work on the Basilian General Council, I have lots to keep me busy. I look forward to what lies ahead!



St. Alphonsus and St. Clare

Edmonton AB

In 2017, there were three Basilians in the St. Alphonsus community: Andrew Leung, Jack Gallagher, and Glenn McDonald.

Andrew serves as pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish and St. Clare Parish. Both are located on 118th Avenue near the former “sports cathedral” of Edmonton, the Coliseum. The area is economically depressed, and this situation has been exacerbated by the departure of the Edmonton Oilers hockey team to the new downtown arena, Rogers Place, and the shutting down of the Coliseum without a revitalization plan.

Despite the economic hardships of the area, Andrew Leung has been building upon the outreach of former pastor Bob Kasun. Andrew has hired a part-time staff member to cultivate St. Alphonsus’ presence within the six Catholic schools located within the Parishes’ catchment area. One of these schools is Ben Calf Robe, which located directly behind St. Clare. Ben Calf Robe is Kindergarten to grade nine, and serves an almost entirely First Nations student community. With financial assistance from the General Council, Andrew made substantial donations to the Ben Calf Robe food program and St. Alphonsus School’s playground rebuilding fund. Andrew serves on the council of priests for the Archdiocese and enjoys fixing the computers and maintenance issues around the two churches under his care.



In November, Andrew welcomed +Bob Kasun CSB, now Auxiliary Bishop in Toronto, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the St. Clare Catholic Women’s League. Bishop Kasun celebrated Mass at St. Clare followed by a luncheon held in the parish hall. +Bob shared his experience of meeting Pope Francis during the Ontario bishops’ *Ad Limina* visit. The next day he celebrated Mass St. Alphonsus Church. The parishioners reminisced about his seven years as pastor of the two churches.

Jack Gallagher made the move from St. Alphonsus to Orsini House in August. His presence is greatly missed not only by his Edmonton confreres and the parishioners of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare, but also by the clergy of the Archdiocese. Jack is fondly remembered by the twin parishes of St. Anthony/St. Agnes, where he served as pastor in the early 2000's, and for the strategic moves he made to help build up Newman Theological College when he served there as President.

In addition to his pastoral work at St. Alphonsus and St. Clare, Jack found the time to speak at the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians Society's 2017 conference, held in Edmonton. Andrew's cousin and personal physician to many Toronto Basilians, Dr. Fok-Han Leung, also spoke at the conference. Rumors of St. Alphonsus starting its own medical centre are greatly exaggerated.

Glenn McDonald serves as Chaplain at St. Joseph's College. He enjoys connecting with students and other members of the University community who worship at the College Chapel.

December 2017 marks the end of the Syrian Refugee program that Glenn oversaw at St. Joseph's College. He is most grateful to all those who supported this project with their prayers and/or finances. 18 Syrians were assisted and because of the college's unique position at the University of Alberta, several of the St. Joe's Syrians were able to receive ESL training up to an academic level, one entered the U of A's School of Business program, and one started a PhD in Economics.

After working with the Syrians, Glenn's attention is drawn to the plight of First Nations in the Edmonton area. He is looking forward to working with the Edmonton Catholic Schools Braided Journeys program to help increase the number First Nations students who graduate from high school and university.

Glenn also assisted with the Archdiocese's 2017 pastoral letter on the Word of God as a member of the committee advising Archbishop Richard Smith.



Basilian Fathers of St. Joseph's College

Edmonton AB

In 2017, the local community of the Basilian Fathers of St. Joseph's College consisted of three members. **Terry Kersch** and **Don McLeod** continued to reside in the house on Whitemud Road, while **Brian Inglis** was senior priest in residence at St. Joseph's Seminary. In addition, we welcomed **Warren Schmidt** for the months of July and August while he taught a summer course at the College.

Brian Inglis is in his third year of quasi-retirement at the Seminary, where he serves as mentor to a number of seminarians, as well as regaling everyone on a regular basis with his excellent keyboard renditions of various hits, both classical and modern. In addition, he assists Andrew Leung by presiding at one of the Saturday Masses at St. Alphonsus/St. Clare, and also presides at Sunday Mass at the General Hospital.

Apart from his regular duties as President of St. Joseph's College, **Terry Kersch** has been busy on several fronts. He continues to be active in Retrouvaille as International Coordinator. Terry has also been active with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada (ACCUC), taking part in the annual fall meeting in Toronto as well as the launch in Ottawa of the document that outlines the actions of ACCUC members in responding to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In early November, he also attended a conference on "The Global Refugee and Migrant Crisis: Responsibilities and Responses of Catholic Universities", sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) in Rome.



On another front, in early July Terry was appointed to the Steering Committee for the 2018 General Chapter, and has participated in a number of meetings of this Committee. Also, as part of the College's initiative to develop programs in international service learning, he participated in and was principal leader of the Russell Lake pilgrimage of the Dog Rib (Tlicho) people in Behchoko, NWT in July. He will also be ministering at St. Michael's Parish in Behchoko over Christmas.

Don McLeod has also been keeping busy on several projects. Apart from teaching and assisting with institutional advancement at the College, Don continues to serve as the Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare for the Congregation. In this capacity, he serves as Chair of the Committee of the same name, participates in continuing education opportunities sponsored by the National Retirement Religious Office of the USCCB, maintains contact with confreres of retirement age who live outside local Basilian houses and oversees the development and updating of community policies and procedures relating to retirement and aging. He also serves on the Presentation Manor Transition Committee, chaired by Joe Redican, CSB, which is developing plans for the move of Anglin and Orsini Houses to the new facility in the late summer or early fall of 2018. Don also continues to serve as Chair of the Board of Governors of

Assumption University in Windsor, which is actively engaged in developing a new vision and future strategy for the University. He also continues as a member (and since September, Chair) of the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College. Among other things, the Collegium is presently engaged in an international search for a new President, following incumbent David Mulroney's decision not to seek a second term.

Don also continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Religious Self-Insured Retention Program (CRSIRP, less formally known as "Crisp"), which involves participation in regular meetings in Toronto four times a year.

In addition to these duties, along with Terry Kersch Don is also a member of BNENE; both took part in an extended meeting and seminar with staffs representing the three Basilian high schools at Catholic Central in Novi, MI in early July. The gathering reflected the strong commitment that all three Basilian schools in North America have to ensure that our charism of education in service of the new evangelization continues to inspire their efforts.



Finally, in late November and early December, Don participated in an international conference for Catholic fundraisers in Rome. The conference was excellent and Don and his colleagues got to see Pope Francis at the Sunday Angelus. Following a reflection on the readings for the First Sunday of Advent, Francis concluded with what we learned is a traditional Roman greeting for Sunday: "Buon pranzo!" "Have a good lunch" – which we promptly did. Later some colleagues from the conference toured around Rome and that too was a wonderful experience.

The photo at the left was taken at the Temple of Hercules Victor in the Forum Boarium of Rome (the ancient cattle market).

Basilian Father of Las Cruces NM

There are six Basilian Fathers living in the southwestern part of the United States and are considered the Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces: Dave Klein, Ed Heidt and Ricardo Ramiriz in Las Cruces; Sean Garrity in Albuquerque; Don Hyatt in Monticello; and David Sharp in Phoenix, Arizona. All are retired except Sean Garrity.

Dave works three mornings a week at Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces and has Sunday Mass at San Isidro parish.

Ed helps with the anointing of the sick on First Fridays at the Cathedral in Las Cruces and on Mondays at Saint Albert the Great Newman Center.

Sean Garrity is the parochial vicar at Pope St. John XXIII Catholic Community in Albuquerque, NM and is the caregiver of a friend who became disabled and unemployable. He has three beautiful yellow labs who have been trained well in the Basilian way of hospitality. Sean also became certified as an LGBTQ safe zone counselor and is a member of the New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus (NMGMC).

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez CSB continues to give retreats to priests, women religious and lay persons. He is called upon to give occasional talks on immigration, devotional Catholicism and the liturgy. His book, *Power from the Margins - The Emergence of the Latino in Church and in Society*, was given a second place award in the category of immigration by the Catholic Press Association.



Ricardo also received the "Cardinal Bernardin Catholic Initiative for Common Ground Award." The award ceremony was held at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and Cardinal Blaise Cupich presented him with the award. Father Kevin Mannara CSB and Father John Fiore CSB were present at the CTU for the award ceremony (*photo above*). Ricardo is currently working on a paper on Archbishop Patrick Flores. His paper will appear in a book to be published by the *Consejo Episcopal de Latinoamerica (CELAM)* in 2018 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Medellín Conference of the Latin American bishops.



David Sharp continues his life in the desert in Wickenburg, ministering informally to the people of Wickenburg. He celebrates Mass in the adobe chapel that he built 35 years ago. His days are relaxed and gentle as his aging matches his activity. He does some counselling. Ed Heidt visited Dave last year and asked him to include some photos (*above*) of his handiwork on his property.

Don Hyatt lives in Monticello, NM. It is a small village. The paved road ends there. Then dirt roads continue for a while. No bridges over the dry river. Rain results in the river and arroyos to flow. Then everyone is stuck on one or other side of the river. Most of the canyon is ranch land while some is used for organic farming. The only parish in Sierra County is in Truth or Consequences. There are seven missions. Don celebrates the sacraments in Truth or Consequences and in the missions, also weekly mass at the NM Veterans Home, plus monthly Masses in Hillsboro in the next county and in Monticello. He still conducts a Bible Study and is a member of the Monticello Water Association.



Ricardo Ramírez CSB, Ed Heidt CSB and David Otto Klein CSB (photo above) gather for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner together at Ricardo's home on Morning Light Place in Las Cruces.

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 of 2016, Dan Ryan, became a Basilian Associate in the spring (*See photo at left; Dennis Noelke CSB with Dan and his parents*). Dan is doing undergraduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Our other Associate, Sean Ajluni, transferred from the Franciscan University of Steubenville to the University of St. Thomas and lives with the scholastic community at Keon House. Both Dan and Sean visit the local Novi community when they are in the area.

Patrick Fulton teaches Junior and Senior Theology and organizes Vocation Evenings for students. At the house he enjoys tending to the gardens in the spring and summer. Patrick also serves as second councillor.

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. 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.

Rob Moslosky is webmaster at the school and is also part of the team that oversees the website and the school's database. Rob serves us well as the treasurer of the local community.

José del Toro continues his work at Detroit Cristo Rey High School; José dedicates a lot of this time and energy to this ministry where he is on the faculty of theology. (*Cristo Rey students in the photo at right*). On weekends he is oftentimes celebrating Mass at Ste. Anne's de Detroit. This summer, as he has done the past few years, Jose accompanies a mission trip to Ecuador sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

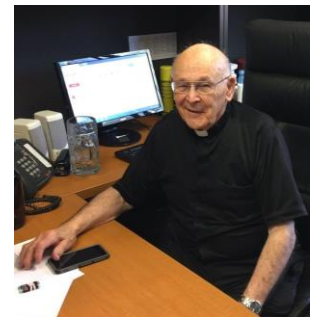




Dennis Noelke is Superior of the Local Community in addition to his responsibilities as Principal of Detroit Catholic Central. Dennis was chosen as Chair of the Chapter 2018 Steering Committee. Additionally, he continues to serve on the Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of St. Michael's College School, Toronto, and the Cristo Rey Corporate Work Study Board, Detroit. Dennis also continues to serve on the Consecrated Life Advisory Committee of the Archdiocese of Detroit. This year he was elected to serve on the Executive

Board of the Catholic High School League. 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.

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 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. Dick celebrated his 89th birthday in May and his 60th anniversary of ordination in June (*see the photo in the article for Anglin House in Toronto, page 27*).



Bill Riegel is a member of the counseling department. He also assists with the student day retreats and the weekend Kairos retreat. This year Bill is team teaching a course, "American Catholicism," which he helped to developed. On weekends, Bill provides assistance at St. Joseph Parish in South Lyon. He is first councillor to the local community.

John Huber serves 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 (*photo at right*). John provides weekend assistance at St. Fabian Parish in Farmington.



John Wheeler is the purveyor of snacks and beverages in the house; he also serves as infirmarian. At the school, he concelebrates at school masses and hears confessions; he is the director of Alumni Glee club and a big supporter of the three CC soccer teams. John helps with ministry in eight different parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit; he also visits to nursing homes and hospitals to bring the sacraments to the sick and infirm. John enjoys classical music and is a frequent usher at Orchestra Hall and at the Detroit Opera House. In the winter John schedules a six week stay at a parish a Key Largo in Florida. In the spring he makes a trip back to France to reconnect with friends and former colleagues.

Jim O'Neill is in his 13th year of teaching at Catholic Central High School specializing in Biology; he also supervises a 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 Directors. 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.

Ray Paramo serves as the editor of the *Aluminator*, the school magazine for alumni, donors, and friends. This year marked Ray's 50th year at Catholic Central.



Two Presidents of Catholic Central: Richard Ranalletti CSB and John Huber CSB

Dillon House

Houston TX

Paul O'Connor, the superior of Dillon House, has compiled a list and description of the contributions of each of the Basilians who live there. Paul takes many tasks on himself and makes sure that Dillon House is a comfortable place for the men who live there and a welcoming place for Basilians who visit.

Bob Klem is a generous shopper and cook and all around enricher of our environment and happiness. He decorates the house for special events (Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc.). He helps in pastoral ministry. **Carl Belisch** makes sure that we can always find peanuts, soda, adult beverages, chocolate, snacks, and clean dishes on Monday morning. He prepares a list of liturgical celebrants etc., etc., etc. He does a lot. He is generous in serving in pastoral ministry. **Phil Acquaro** oversees the yard, the patio planters, the rose bushes and the azaleas and they are all beautiful. Phil is working with **Andres Romero**, our handyman and they make a great team. We all have benefited from Phil's years of diligent care for Dillon House. Phil, along with others, serves in pastoral ministry outside the house.



Bill Sheehan has worked continually to produce the usefulness and variety that characterize our house library; Bill sets high standards after his time in the Vatican Library. **Wilf Canning** has long served as guest master and, while Bill Sheehan recovers, Wilf has maintained the library. **Bill Frankenberger** has for a long time seen to the sacristy and has tended to the mail. He is very helpful to his confreres at mealtimes. **Jim Blocher** helps with the Sunday evening meal. He arranges the massage sessions each week. He attends to internet messages for those without computers.

John Boscoe has gracefully moved into Dillon House and he assists in many ways. He has helped in the liturgical life of the house and attends to the sacristy. He enriched our lives by bringing Pearl, his sweet dog, into the house and taking care of her. John serves faithfully in pastoral ministry. **Bob Glass** has agreed to be guest master. He has offered to deal with the trash bins each week. He has enriched our liturgies with his musical talent. He also serves in outside pastoral ministry. **Jamie Abercrombie** has, without any fanfare, taken over much of the driving of confreres to medical appointments. He is helpful at meals in assisting others and getting the table cleared. Jamie has been willing to provide sacramental care in the wider Houston community, at St. Dominic's Retirement Center and several parishes.

Al Gaelens has, without much fuss, taken over the work of sorting the mail and has helped, along with many others, with pastoral work and ministry. Besides serving as superior, **Paul O'Connor**, does his share of pastoral ministry. The Basilians of Dillon House may be retired but they still project the Congregational charism of evangelization and education to the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston.

Basilian Fathers Scholasticate at Keon House

Houston TX

Members: David Bittner (*Director of Scholastics*), Oscar Carbajal, Steven Huber, Eduardo Rivera, Ron Schwenzer, Richard Wahl, Sean Ajluni (*associate*), and Patrick O'Brien (*associate*).

Community Life

During the first half of 2017, the Scholasticate community consisted of two priests (Dave Bittner and Richard Wahl) and two Scholastics (Oscar Carbajal and Steven Huber). Ron Schwenzer moved here from St. Thomas High School in late June. Eduardo Rivera returned here from St. Michael's College School in mid-July. Patrick O'Brien moved to the Scholasticate in July; Sean Ajluni and Nick Zanko arrived in August. Nick returned to Toronto in late October.



Standing (left to right): Eduardo Rivera, Dave Bittner, Kevin O'Brien, Ron Schwenzer, Richard Wahl. Seated (left to right): Steve Huber, Oscar Carbajal, Sean Ajluni.

Community life during 2017 involved both the life of our Scholasticate community in the north wing of Keon House and our shared life with the St. Thomas Basilians in the south wing. These shared activities included Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and dinner. During the first half of the year, we began to work out this common schedule and rhythm of life with the Basilian Fathers of UST and STHS. The doubling in size of the Scholasticate plus the merger of the Basilians of UST and the Basilians of St. Thomas High School (both of which took place over the summer) added a further degree of complexity to creating a common life between the two local communities. Decisions regarding our common schedule must now take into account the different ministry schedules of three institutions (the University of St. Thomas, St. Thomas High School, and the Archdiocesan Tribunal) and the student schedules at two campuses (St. Mary's School of Theology and the main campus of UST).

As in all local communities, the regular rhythm of our common life was punctuated by a number of special events. The common Keon House events of 2017 included a series of Open Houses — a formal "Open House" on February 20, followed by two other less formal Open Houses on September 25 and October 5. In addition, Keon House hosted the Residence Life staff for dinner on August 9, and we were one of the official sites during the "Walking the Mission" tours on Freshman Orientation on August 18. Finally, we hosted the two Boards of Directors for social and dinner, the St. Thomas High School Board on December 6 and the UST Board on December 12.

There were also a number of special events for the Scholasticate community during 2017. Our house retreat was held at the Cenacle Retreat center January 3–7. Tim Scott, CSB preached the retreat; his talks helped us to deepen our understanding and appreciation for the Psalms, and the central role they play in our common prayer. George Smith, CSB celebrated Mass in the house chapel on January 26 in order to install Oscar Carbajal in the Ministry of Lector. Dave, Oscar, Steven, and Eduardo participated in the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress at the Anaheim Convention Center February 24–26. Kevin Mannara, CSB was also at the Congress, and treated us to a guided tour of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and a short walking tour of Hollywood the day before the Congress began. We also were “treated” with an experience of the infamous Los Angeles rush hour traffic on our drives to and from downtown Los Angeles.



The Scholasticate community held a Lenten Day of Reflection on March 25. A month later, Dave, Oscar, and Steven flew to Toronto for Kevin Mannara’s Final Vows (April 21) and Diaconate Ordination (April 22). In March, the same three members of the house flew to Mexico to participate in the *Tercer Encuentro de Escolásticos* (Third Scholastic Encounter) at the Seminary in Tehuacán in June.

(Photo at left: Javier de la Rosa, Carlos Rodriguez, Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros, Oscar Carbajal)

While the conferences, prayers, and Masses were quite valuable, perhaps the most memorable event on the schedule involved holding our closing Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, especially since this required a 3:00 am departure from the Seminary.

In August, Dave, Richard, Oscar, Steven, and Eduardo headed to Rochester to participate in Kevin Mannara’s Ordination to the priesthood and First Mass. For Oscar, Steven, and Eduardo, serving at Kevin’s ordination meant that they have served at an ordination to each of the three Holy Orders within a 12-month period — the episcopal ordination of Bishop Bob Kasun, CSB in Edmonton on September 14, 2016; Kevin’s diaconate ordination in Toronto on April 22; and Kevin’s presbyteral ordination in August. The final event for the Scholasticate community took place on December 17, when we hosted the St. Thomas Basilians for our annual pre-Christmas social and dinner. Most of the St. Thomas Basilians were able to attend; Chris Valka, CSB kindly assisted us by taking our official house picture during the social in the Scholasticate community room.



During the summer, Oscar Carbajal and Steven Huber participated in the Basilian Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to the Holy Land July 11–25. Steven is in the back row, center and Oscar is standing at the right. Maurice Restivo is in the center with the red shirt and Bob Holmes is in the white shirt at the far left.

Of course, the biggest event we all lived through was Hurricane Harvey. Fortunately, the eye wall of the storm never came near Houston, so we did not have to deal with any extremely strong winds. However, the fact that Harvey stalled for a number of days and only slowly left southeast Texas meant that we endured a number of days of constant rain. The heaviest rains came in bands; between these bands it continued to rain, but at a much slower rate, which allowed the streets in our area to drain. Thus, there was very little flooding on the university campus. The major flooding in the city involved the bayous and the need to open up the floodgates on the various dams around Houston in order to prevent a total breach of those dams.

For the most part, the UST campus came through with only a few flood issues. Keon House itself came through the storm with no flood problems. Such was not the case for some of the Houston area Lay Associates and some faculty, staff, and students at both UST and St. Thomas High School. Most of those affected had extensive, but repairable water damage; however, some of these people lost everything in the floods.

Most of the students in the UST residences were able to return to their homes before the storm hit. A group of 89 residence students weathered the storm in Guinan Hall. The residence life staff provided meals and activities to keep those students safe and happy. Dr. Richard Ludwick, the new President of the University of St. Thomas refers to this period and the care given to the students as “Camp Harvey.” Three of the Basilians from Keon House — Dave Bittner, Chris Valka, and Kevin Storey — were able to

wade through the waters on Yoakum Blvd. and Graustark St. in order to celebrate Sunday Mass with those students on August 27. Once the rain ended, many of our men in formation joined with volunteer groups helping with various aspects of Hurricane relief, sorting clothing and donations at shelters or helping rip out water damaged flooring and sheet rock in individual houses. As of this writing, the hurricane relief efforts in the Houston area have for the most part moved away from those early, volunteer-centered efforts to the more professional, skill-intensive efforts involved in re-building houses and businesses.

Looking ahead to 2018: The Scholastic House Retreat will be January 11–14 at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, TX; Tom Rosica, CSB will be the preacher. (Note: We had to move this retreat to Victoria since the Cenacle Retreat House here in Houston was destroyed in the Hurricane Harvey flooding of Buffalo Bayou. The sisters at the Cenacle are all safe, but they lost everything. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.)

Steven Huber will profess Final Vows in the Chapel of St. Basil on January 20. The Houston area Vocation Retreat will take place at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX March 2–3. Dave, Steven, Oscar, Eduardo, and Sean will attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress at the Anaheim Convention Center March 16–18. Steven will be ordained to the Diaconate along with the other transitional deacon candidates at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on May 12. One event whose date still needs to be determined is the Installation of Oscar Carbajal and Eduardo Rivera in the Ministry of Acolyte in early 2018.

Individual Members

Dave Bittner, the Director of Scholastics, taught two sections of the first-year course, *Introduction to Sacred Scripture* during the Spring Term. In July, he began to serve as the Chaplain at the University of St. Thomas. He preached the Fall Campus Ministry Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, TX, November 3–5. In addition to his duties at UST, Dave serves on the Board of Directors at St. Thomas High School and is a member of that board's Finance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

Dave was able to make three scuba diving trips in 2014: his regular trip to Maui in February (during humpback whale season), a one-week liveaboard dive trip aboard the Cayman Aggressor IV in late-May/early June, and a ten-day liveaboard dive trip in the Solomon Islands aboard the MV Taka. (*photo above at right*)



The transition into the Chaplain position was quite the experience. Dave was away for most of the summer, due to the Scholastic *Encuentro* in June, the July Steering Committee meeting at Catholic Central in Novi, MI, the two liveaboard dive trips, and Kevin Mannara's Ordination and First Mass, all of which were planned before he was appointed as Chaplain. As a result, his first full day on the job was

August 8. He experienced the first week as a sort of tsunami of meetings, Freshman Orientation, getting up to speed on Chapel scheduling, etc. The first week of classes was especially eventful, beginning with a total eclipse of the sun on Monday, August 21 and the closing of the university due to Hurricane Harvey on Friday, August 25. Because of the hurricane, Dave's first formal action as Chaplain was to close the Chapel for 8 days; there were no Masses at all from Friday afternoon, August 25 until Saturday afternoon, September 2. After the re-opening of the university on Tuesday, September 5, Dave was involved in planning for the installation of Dr. Richard Ludwick as the ninth President of the University of St. Thomas. Dave hopes that future semesters will not be quite so action-packed.

Sean Ajluni was a sophomore at Franciscan University of Steubenville during the first half of 2017, participating in the Austria experience in Gaming, Austria. He arranged for his transfer to the University of St. Thomas during his time in Europe, and drove to Houston in August, following the Associate gathering in Rochester. He is now in his junior year, majoring in Philosophy. He has gotten involved in student life at UST, participating in various Campus Ministry events, especially the Hurricane Harvey Candlelight Vigil at Guinan Hall on September 6 and the Fall Campus Ministry Retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, TX, November 3–5.

Oscar Carbajal writes: "Hello Everybody! This year, I started my second year of theology. It was a great year. During the summer we had a wonderful scholastic gathering in Mexico. It was great to see our Mexican and Colombian confrères. In addition, I participated in the Basilian Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I was so blessed to go to the Holy Land and visit the Holy Sites,. The experiences there were great and wonderful. The knowledge of what happened at the holy sites and the prayerfulness experienced throughout the pilgrimage made it so sacred and special.

"I am so grateful to the Lord our God and joyfully give him thanks for being part of this marvellous community. I once again thank God for the gift of my vocation and the opportunity to share my faith in Christ and my love for our Basilian heritage. 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 fourth 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 several talks to the Confirmation Classes at St. Anne's this year, speaking to them about the Mass, the Saints, and the significance of the Rite of Confirmation.

This year, Steven journeyed to the Holy Land on the Peace and Justice Pilgrimage with Bob Holmes, CSB and Maurice Restivo, CSB. It was a very enlightening experience, both to visit the holy sites, and to encounter the people who live in the land where our Savior lived. It is an experience that he will not soon forget.

Patrick O'Brien moved in to Keon House in July and has been learning all about Basilian life. It has been a wonderful experience for him getting to know everyone. He really feels like he has been accepted as a member of the community. He spent the first half of his associate year studying at St Mary's Seminary and working part time at St Thomas High School. Both have been gratifying experiences, but in particular working at STH. He has long been interested in teaching, and getting to try his hand at it in all its aspects, the good, bad, and ugly as they say, has been very educational. He looks forward to the new year eager to continue growing in goodness, discipline, and knowledge with everyone.

Eduardo Rivera, in the course of 2017, began working as Coordinator of Spiritual Life at St. Michael's College School in Toronto. He coached varsity volleyball, U14 basketball, and JV badminton. He assisted Jeff Thompson in implementing the Kairos retreat into the spiritual life of St. Michael's College School. He wrote and led the school in the daily televised morning prayers, having an affinity for outlandish costumes and eccentric behavior introduced with the perennial greeting, "Howdy and good morning!" Eduardo participated in the BNENE Conference at Detroit Catholic Central in July 2017. Upon the completion of the 2016-2017 school year, Eduardo returned to Houston from Toronto to begin his second year of theology at St Mary's Seminary. He assists in campus ministry at the University of Saint Thomas, acting as a facilitator for the various needs of the community. Eduardo has enjoyed rock climbing in his free time, reading texts of substance, and mentoring the new Associates in the Basilian Scholasticate.



Ron Schwenzer moved to the Scholasticate from St. Thomas High School on June 20. He serves as the Moderator of Associates. In addition, he helps with the Scholasticate grocery shopping and gardening. His pastoral duties at the Chapel of St. Basil include Wednesday Confessions and Mass each week, as well as Sunday Masses about once a month. He continues to help out with weekday and Sunday Masses and weekday confessions at St. Anne's Church, as well as

Masses in the Chapel at St. Thomas High School when needed. In early December he underwent reconstructive surgery to repair (once again) the site where he had cancer surgery on his head in 2009. Ron's recovery has gone very well, and he prayerfully hopes that this will be the last time he has to undergo this surgical procedure.

Richard Wahl's health remains a blessing. He walks at least a mile and half each day. He finds the men in formation to be delightful guys. It is a gift to live, pray, converse and laugh together. Richard's weekday ministry at the Tribunal continues with an adjustment to three new canonists who are stricter about applying Church law. No big trip this year, but he was in Rochester in August for Kevin Mannara's ordination. He is now a great, great uncle with the birth of his great niece Breanna's son 'Finn'. He often helps at parishes throughout the Archdiocese on Sundays, and at four or five Engaged Encounter weekends each year. Weekdays, he celebrates the Eucharist in our chapel, the UST Chapel, Holy Cross Chapel downtown, and with the Incarnate Word Sisters on different days. Richard still teaches one course in the fall at the seminary, and last Spring he taught candidates for Permanent Diaconate on five Saturdays. He has season tickets to the Houston Grand Opera. Richard wanted to add that he continues to be in awe of the ministry of Pope Francis to the marginalized, to families, and for justice and peace.

Basilian Fathers of Keon House

Houston TX

The Basilian Fathers of Keon House are now at full strength since December, with a couple of problems here and there. We survived Hurricane Harvey with no appreciable damage, although over 300,000 homes were flooded and many of our faculty and staff are still in temporary housing. The High School and University were closed for several days. Recovery for the city will take a long time. Some of us, especially Chris Valka, devoted hours to the needs of refugees from flooded areas.



The Basilians invited student leaders over to Keon House for an open house and supper. It was a time of sharing and, most of all, letting the students know that the Basilian Scholastic and Priests communities were welcoming them to Keon House. There was a good turn out and it was a pleasant evening.

Mitch Dowalgo and Jim Murphy are now in residence. The residence at St. Thomas High School is empty now that Kevin Storey and the two others are with us here. Along with the previous three, the Associate Patrick O'Brien will continue to work at St. Thomas full time beginning in January. Because of the hurricane in August, STH was on a special schedule with no final exams for Fall 2017, but next semester should be back to normal.

Kevin Storey continues as President of St. Thomas; Aron Dominguez, a graduate of STHS, is currently serving as the 27th Principal. Both (*see the photo at right*) are committed to academic excellence. 72% of the faculty have advanced degrees and many of them also have experience in the business world. They model a love of learning, citizenship, and commitment to Christian service. The student-teacher ratio is 11:1, which makes every classroom a place where ideas are explored in depth.



The faculty's effectiveness is evidenced by the remarkable academic success of the students. In the class of 2016, 100% of graduates were accepted to university. Not to omit another facet of a St. Thomas education: 101 state championships in various sports have been won by STHS student-athletes in the school's 117 year history. Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge are key words for everyone at STHS

At Keon House, our common prayer life with the Scholasticate, morning and evening prayer, and Mass in our chapel, provide the scaffolding for the busy life at three schools (STHS, UST and St. Mary's Seminary), and we are all involved in ministry.

Unfortunately, Mitch's problem with his knee put him in hospital for four days in early December, but he is recovering. Some of the house duties: sacristan, Dick Wahl; guest-master, Oscar Carbajal; general kitchen food and supplies, Melissa and Ted; special events, Joe and Mitch; mail and maintenance, Chris; librarian, Janusz. The house maintenance is under the watchful care of Andrés Romero and our house manager, Tom Dooley. Our intrepid chef, Melissa Simpson has proven adaptable to our lifestyle; she prepares lunch and supper during the week. She also prepared the two grand dinners for the Board of Directors of the High School and then for the University, as well as various "Open House" events.

Other events at Keon House includes the change of superiors, the changes in Campus Ministry, the changes at Center for Faith and Culture, and the new President of UST. Taking them in order, Kevin Storey succeeded Mike Buentello in July. He, in turn, is to be replaced by Jim Murphy, the Dean of students at St. Thomas High School, after December 31. As President of STH, Kevin is on the go, raising funds for the school and serving on the General Council of the Basilians. The two local councillors, Chris Valka and Ted Baenziger, will continue to serve during the transition. David Bittner, director of Scholastics, is the Campus Minister, but he will retain the title of Chaplain, while Chris Valka, director of the Center for Faith and Culture takes over the administrative duties of Campus Ministry.

Lastly, Dr. Richard Ludwick began his first five-year term as President on July 1, succeeding Dr. Robert Ivany. He and his wife Melynda (*photo at right*) have been our guests many times already and truly believe that the Basilian presence on campus is a blessing and an opportunity for much growth at UST on many levels. He will be working with us, and we with him, in collaboration, with God's grace.



Joseph Pilsner continues teaching in the Philosophy department and, along with Janusz Ihnatowicz, provides spiritual and liturgical delight to the confreres and the campus, where we have Mass every day. Joe is working on theological and philosophical publications, and Janusz just got some new books to continue his research.



Ted Baenziger continues as pastor of the French-speaking parish (www.ustchappelle.org), where there are about 200 youngsters in catechism, twice a month. He enjoyed judging orchids this past year (18 times), plus a special visit to the World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador, where he was on the team that awarded the grand champion! His paper on the semiosis of orchids in Puebla, Mexico got him an invitation to Poland for July 2018. Ted officially named a beautiful new hybrid orchid for his sister: *Dendrobium Susan Davis*. Ted also serves as spiritual director for the Chapel Guild and the Newman Circle.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

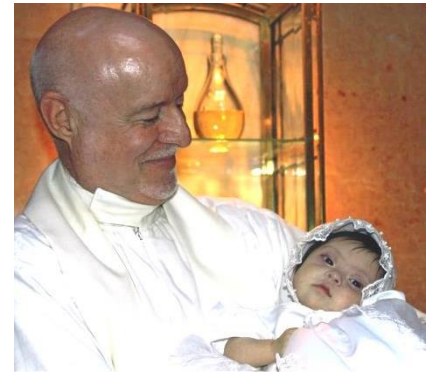
Thanks to Ted Baenziger for preparing this article.

St. Anne Parish

Houston TX

St. Anne Catholic Community serves the people of God inspired by the Basilian Fathers: Father Al Sinasac CSB, *(photo at right)* Father Jay Walsh CSB, and Father David Zapalac CSB

Al, as the Pastor with a busy schedule, has dedicated much of his time with advisors developing a Master Plan for our ever growing parish. The plan includes a new Commons Building that will house an athletic gym, a cafeteria, and a learning center. It also encompasses a multi-level parking facility, renovation of the athletic fields, and the expansion of the church choir loft. The Capital Campaign initiated to finance the needs of our rapidly growing parish and school is thoughtfully named, *Generations of Faith*. This plan will begin to grow our church and school campus to serve the generations to come.



Houston was devastated by hurricane Harvey. The St. Anne Community came together to help those in most need. We reconfigured our Parish Center to become a major collection and distribution site of food, water and supplies for those who lost everything, included were some of our own parish family. Much needed supplies were distributed to Catholic Charities, Christian Community Service (CCSC), Casa Juan Diego, a number of other churches and civil organizations and to those in most need, as far away as Beaumont. We conducted a survey of the needs of our parishioners affected by this disaster so that we might continue to support and help them through the holidays and their complete recovery. David serves the parish community in English and Spanish with liturgical and devotional celebrations. He serves as the ordained leader for the Lay Associates and is a regular speaker for the RCIA program.

Jay keeps busy organizing the Vocation Committee and a *Lectio Divina* group. He also is a regular presenter for the RCIA program. The school children look forward to his visits to their classrooms. He always offers a high energy and faith filled presentation.

Our full mass schedule and numerous Sacrament celebrations keep all very much occupied. Al Sinasac, and the whole parish community, are very grateful to the retired Basilians of Dillon House who regularly assist with weekday masses, Confessions, and Sunday celebrations.

We thank God for the blessings of 2017. We all look to the New Year as a time to serve our community and support each other in our ministries. May God bless all we do.

St. Anne, pray for us.

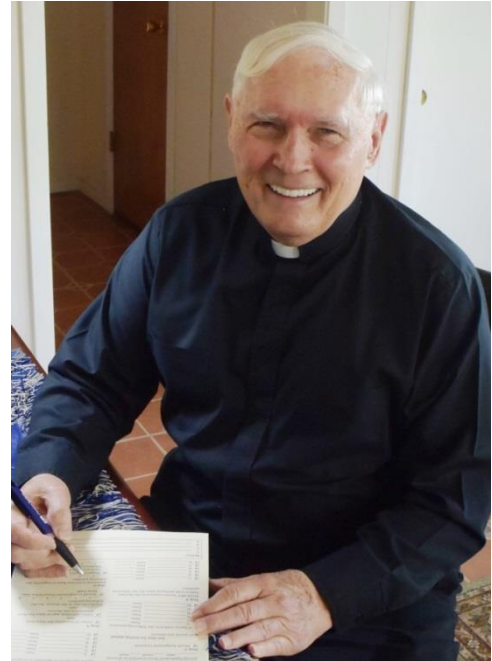


St. Joseph Mission Center

Sugar Land TX

Father Vincent Dulock CSB is the Director of the Mission Center / Mission Procurator. Vince began this ministry in March of 2017. This year has been a year of reorganization and regrowth at the Mission Center. It was discovered late in 2016 that St. Joseph Center had been the object of fraud by a secretary. She is now in jail and confessed to one count of fraud.

This situation has brought about a series of changes here at the Mission Center. There are now in place several safeguards to see that such an event does not happen again. There is a strict oversight of the transfer of funds that is managed by the Treasurer General, Jack Hanna, and the accountants at the Curial Office. No transfers can be made without the signature of two authorized persons; Vince Dulock personally signs all checks that are issued from the Mission Center. The financial advisors carefully monitor the investment portfolio and it is slowly but steadily recovering from the theft. Contributions from our donors have not dwindled and the ministry in Mexico and Colombia continues. Contributions from Basilians schools and houses as well as individual Basilians have also been a welcome source of income.



Vince reflects on the year: "This was a painful year for the city of Houston as we experienced 51 inches of rain in a couple of days in late August. 150,000 homes flooded and many people lost everything. The positive aspect of the disaster was how everybody worked together helping one another. A bright side of the situation was that right after the flood the Houston Astros won the World Series defeating the Boston Red Sox, the New York Yankees and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Astros were an exciting team to watch and winning took some of the sting out of the tragedy of the flood."



Along with the presence of Vince Dulock, the day to day work of the Mission Center office is now carried out by Aron Fernandez, the Director of Operations. He is assisted by Maria Hernandez, the part-time accountant. Aron is in weekly contact with the banking team at Bank of America and reviews transactions. He keeps in contact with our donors and he schedules the Mission Appeal preaching in various dioceses. This year several Basilians generously gave of their time and preached for the Basilian Missions; the following Basilians raised well over \$60,000.00 in these appeals and we thank them: Jess Owens, Patrick Fulton, Tom Rosica, Norm Tanck, Jim Murphy, Joe Redican, Jim O'Neill, Vince Dulock, Bill Riegel, Terry Kersch, Paul Walsh, Paul English and Tom Dugan. They preached in 16 dioceses and Archdioceses. Aron has played an important role in the reorganization of the Mission Center.

Vince Dulock is the lone Basilian in the house but he is busy about many tasks. Each year he hosts the annual meeting of the Latin American Committee of which he is a member along with René Espejel, Francisco Amico, Pedro Mora, Paul Walsh and John Huber. This committee meets yearly in Sugar Land to review the ministry in Mexico and Colombia. Jack Hanna meets with the committee and gives them a financial report. Aron Fernandez gives an overview of the Mission Appeal Preaching.



At the 2017 meeting of the Latin American Committee, John Huber presented Vince Dulock with a check for \$5,000.00 from the students of Catholic Central High School in Novi. In the photo above from left to right are: John Huber, Aron Fernandez, René Espejel, Vince Dulock, Francisco Amico and Paul Walsh.

Vince oversees the ministry of raising money for the Basilian Missions and helps out all over the diocese with Masses, confessions and retreats. Vince is in the process of selling the part of the property where the old novitiate (now demolished) was located. He is also a member of the Archdiocesan Commission on Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Affairs. There is one Vietnamese priest living in the house who is studying English in preparation for graduate studies in Theology so that he can go back to Vietnam and teach in their seminary. Over the years there have been several Vietnamese priests doing this and they receive free room and board.

The other permanent member of the house is Vince's chocolate Labrador Retriever, "Morena", who is 7 months old. It took some time but she is now house trained and obedience schooled. She is a beautiful and friendly dog and loves people and gives her master some companionship. Basilians are welcome to drop in and visit the Mission Center. We also welcome your prayers and contributions to fund our Basilian ministry in Colombia and in Mexico.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Rochester NY

The local Basilian community at Saint Kateri continues to do a weekly faith sharing on Mondays at 4 pm in which all of the house members participate, along with lay associate Jim Anderson and with Warren Schmidt (in France) by the magic of the Internet. The local community continues to serve one another by cooking and serving our own meals most nights. We have a warm and happy relationship with the local Basilian Lay Associates and with the brother Basilians living at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.



Joe Trovato, the doyen of the local community at Saint Kateri, continues, at 87 years of age, to serve in priestly ministry at a surprising pace! His joy is celebrating the Sacraments with the people of the parish and not having to attend any meetings!

Paul English, along with Father Rafael Lopera led the Third Scholastic Gathering in Mexico in June. (Warren Schmidt stayed with us for the month of June and filled in at the parish.) Paul is pastor of Saint Kateri Parish and continues to serve on the Diocese of Rochester Presbyteral Council, representing the religious priests serving in the diocese. He is secretary of that body. He also continues to be an executive member of the Board of Trustees of the Aquinas Institute.

Kevin Mannara was assigned to the house starting in the summer. He arrived at the local community in June and immediately was busy with the work of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College, including the appointments of the new Chapel of St. Basil, whose construction was being completed. He split his time between all that organization and his preparations for his August 5 priesthood ordination. It was a beautiful event, held at St. Mary's Church in Downtown Rochester where Kevin had worked as a pastoral associate years before. Basilians came from far and wide, including Bishop Ron Fabbro, CSB, who ordained Kevin.





Morgan Rice concluded his first ordained assignment in June. His wisdom and knowledge of the workings of the parish were a true blessing to all. He moved on to St. Basil's Parish in Toronto. His was a blessed time at Christ the King/Saint Kateri, where he touched many lives. A large number of friends and parishioners turned out to wish him well at Pentecost.



Mike Buentello arrived in July and took over as rector and parochial vicar, with additional duties as superior for the Basilians at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. Mike is adjusting to parish ministry. He makes frequent home visits and is present at Saint Kateri School most mornings to greet the children as they arrive.

The Saint Kateri community welcomed the Basilian Associates for a week in August. Their stay concluded with Kevin's priestly ordination. We were blessed to receive visits from various Basilians, including George Smith, Norm Tanck, Dennis Noelke, Joe Redican, the Basilian associates and several family members and friends. Three Basilians who reside in the St. Joseph Motherhouse are associated with the Basilians at St. Kateri: T. Paul Broadhurst, Thomas Dugan, and Al Cylwicky.

Associated member Al Cylwicky writes from the Motherhouse: *"St. John Fisher College (SJFC) got a new Director of Campus Ministry when Father Kevin Mannara, CSB was ordained on August 5. Consequently, my duties as an Assistant Director of Campus Minister have become much easier. It enabled me to give more time my other part-time duties such as: tutoring 7 hours a week in the Math Learning Center at SJFC; being a member of the Board of Trustees at SJFC and at Aquinas Institute; celebrating a noon Mass twice a month at the House Mercy; and celebrating some Masses at parish churches and convents. Two Andrean alumni groups invited me to their reunions in Indiana. Twice I was the Catholic Chaplain for IndyCar races.*

Pope Francis challenged consecrated religious to accomplish 3 basic goals: *look to the past with gratitude; live the present with passion; and embrace the future with hope.* With whatever time I have left to live, I pray that God will give me the courage to live by these 3 basic goals, and the generosity to live by our Basilian motto of pursuing *goodness, discipline and knowledge.*"

Los Basilianos en México The Basilian in México

Parroquia de San Lorenzo (español)

Tehuacán, Puebla

En este año del 2017 la comunidad de los Padres Basilianos que atiende la parroquia de San Lorenzo Diácono y Mártir está formada por el padre Jess Owens, El padre Juan Carlos Rojas, y el Padre Beto Rojas párroco. Distintas nacionalidades (Americana, Colombiana y Mexicana) distintas edades (80, 54, 40) distintas etapas de ministerio (50,20 12). Tenemos la riqueza de contar con el apoyo de la comunidad del noviciado: René Espejel, Daniel Porter y Alberto Ferrara.



Misa en la nueva iglesia con imágenes de la virgen de Guadalupe y San Lorenzo

Mass in the new Church with images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Lawrence.

*René Espejel CSB,
Dan Porter CSB,
Beto Rojas CSB,
Juan Carlos Rojas CSB
Alberto Ferrara CSB*

Nuestras actividades son variadas tanto al interior de la parroquia como en la

Diócesis. En la parroquia tenemos alrededor de 500 agentes de pastoral ejerciendo un liderazgo de servicio en la comunidad. A los cuales les damos acompañamiento y formación tanto en la dimensión humana y social como en la espiritual y sacramental. Orecemos charlas, retiros encuentros, congresos etc. Atendemos pastoral y sacramentalmente a la parroquia, dividida en tres sectores donde se incluyen el templo parroquial y ocho capillas con aproximadamente 20 mil habitantes en total.

Es una parroquia ministerial que acoge y acompaña a diversos movimientos laicales en una sana relación con la estructura parroquial. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano (MFC), Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. (EMM), Retrouvaille, Divorciados Vuelos a Casar (DVC) Emaús (de hombres y de Mujeres).

Atendemos el Centro Comunitario San Basilio donde ofrecemos a la comunidad acciones de justicia, solidaridad y caridad: Dirección espiritual asesoría psicológica, asesoría legal, consulta médica, cursos de regularización y medicina alternativa. Ayuda a estudiantes, medicinas gratuitas y/o a bajo costo, despensas, ropa, cobijas, juguetes, útiles escolares, Caja de ahorros.

Coordinamos el Centro de Desarrollo Humano San Basilio, donde ofrecemos consulta espiritual y terapia psicológica especializada a niños, jóvenes y adultos, A familias, parroquias, hospitales, escuelas, empresas, a través de cursos, talleres, conferencias, sobre diversas realidades que afectan la vida emocional y espiritual de las personas como son las adicciones, los duelos, el perdón y reconciliación, el

trabajo de equipo, las relaciones humanas, el desarrollo psicoafectivo etc. A nivel Diocesano coordinamos la pastoral familiar, la vida religiosa y el ministerio de sanación. Ha sido un año donde realizamos las actividades de siempre de forma sencilla y bondadosa. Llevamos una vida ordinaria, haciendo cosas extraordinarias.

Parroquia de San Lorenzo (inglés)

Tehuacán, Puebla

This year of 2017 the community of Basilians who minister at the Parish of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr consists of Jess Owes, Juan Carlos Rojas, and Beto Rojas, pastor. We are distinct nationalities (American, Colombia, Mexican), distinct ages (80, 54, 40), distinct times in ministry (50, 20, 12 years). We count on the Basilians from the novitiate: René Espejel, Dan Porter and Alberto Ferrara.



The photo above is Christmas Mass in the new, larger, but yet unfinished parish church. Daily morning mass is still celebrated in the original colonial church (photo to the right.)



Our activities are varied, not only here in the parish but in the diocese as well. In the parish we have around 500 lay ministers who give service in the community. We accompany them and we assist in their formation as humans and members of society as well sacramental and spiritual formation. We offer talks, retreats, large meetings, etc. We all minister pastorally and sacramentally in the parish which is divided into three sectors; we worship at the parish church and in eight chapels. We serve about 20,000 persons in total.

Our parish is focused on ministry and we accompany very lay movements who work in a good relation with the parish structure. We have the Christian Family Movement, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, Divorced and Remarried, and Emmaus.

We serve many people in the St. Basil Center where we offer justice, solidarity and charity to our people. We offer spiritual direction, psychological assessment, legal aid, a medical clinic, alternative medicine and courses, assistance to students, medicines that are free or at low cost, clothing, shelter, toys, school supplies and a savings bank.

We coordinate the St. Basil Center of Human Development where we offer spiritual and psychological assessment for children, adolescents and adults. We serve families, other parishes, hospitals, schools, and businesses through courses, workshops, conferences presenting various themes that affect the lives of many persons; there are presentations about addictions, psychological development, etc. On the diocesan level we also coordinate the pastoral care of families and the ministry of healing.

This has been a year when we have carried on the usual activities in a simple and loving way. We live ordinary lives and we accomplish extraordinary things.

Noviciado – Casa San Felipe (español)

Tehuacán, Puebla

Por gracia y bendición de Dios el día 20 de Julio del 2017 iniciamos el año de noviciado con dos novicios, Juan José Ortiz Torres (*a la izquierda en la foto*) y Antonio Ibáñez Santos (*a la derecha*).



Antonio Ibáñez procede Tlaxcala, México, nació en 1978 de una familia de 7 hermanos. Tiene estudios en Filosofía y primer año de Teología. Juan José Ortiz procede de Izúcar de Matamoros; Puebla, México; nació en 1988, de una familia de 4 hermanos. Tiene estudios de Licenciatura en Educación y primer año de Filosofía.

Nos acompaña viviendo en el noviciado el padre Alberto Ferrara que hace las veces de asistente al Director de los novicios. Colabora en algunos temas para los novicios así como atención a ellos. Así también ayuda con unas actividades en la parroquia.

Alberto Ferrara escribe: “Doy gracias a Dios por tantas bendiciones que recibo y que como sacerdote experimento especialmente en el sacramento de la reconciliación. Así se comparten mis labores sacerdotales en San Lorenzo Tehuacán, donde sirvo a los feligreses desde el confesionario y el noviciado donde ayudo al P. René

Espejel como asistente de maestro de novicios. Otra bendición a nuestra comunidad basiliana en México nos ha llegado por el ingreso al noviciado de Juan José Ortiz Torres y Antonio Ibáñez Santos. El Señor Jesús les otorgue su paz y su alegría para continuar en este camino. Amén.”

También está viviendo con nosotros el padre Daniel Porter que es vicario de la parroquia de San Lorenzo, que atiende a enfermos, misas y personas en la oficina de la parroquia.

Los días jueves de cada semana los Basilianos del noviciado participamos de la vida comunitaria con los hermanos de la parroquia de San Lorenzo. Hemos tenido oportunidad de participar con el grupo de la Vida Religiosa en Tehuacán aprovechando un momento de meditación y de conocimiento. René concluye: “Doy gracias a Dios por haber tenido esta oportunidad de servir a nuestra comunidad basiliana a través de lo que me Dios me ha dado en la experiencia de ser basiliano.”

Noviciado – Casa San Felipe (inglés)

Tehuacán, Puebla

With the grace and the blessing of God, we started the year of the novitiate on June 20, 2017, with two novices, Juan José Ortiz Torres and Antonio Ináñez Santos. Antonio comes from Tlaxcala, Mexico; he was born in 1978 to a family with 7 siblings. He has studied Philosophy and one year of Theology. Juan José comes from Izúcar de Matamoros, Puebla; he was born in 1988 to a family with 4 siblings. He has a Licentiate in Education and one year of Philosophy. Alberto is with us in the novitiate and he serves as assistant Director of novices. He gives some of the conference to the novices and he also helps in the ministry in the parish.

Alberto writes: “I give thanks to God for so many blessings that I receive and experience as a priest, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. My sacramental ministries are shared in San Lorenzo, where I serve the faithful in the confessional and in the novitiate where I help René as his assistant. Another blessing for our community in Mexico is that Juan José Ortiz and Antonio Ibáñez Santos have come to us to make their novitiate. May the Lord Jesus give them his pas and his happiness so they can continue along this path. Amen.”



Also Dan Porter is living in the novitiate; he is the parochial vicar and he visits the sick, celebrates Mass and receives people in the parish office.

Every Thursday, all the Basilians in Tehuacán from the novitiate and the parish share in community life. The novices have been able to participate with a group of men and women religious in Tehuacán enjoying a time of meditation and learning. René concludes: “I give thanks to go for having had this opportunity to serve our Basilian Congregation out of the experience that God has given me as a Basilian.”

René Espejel celebrates the Eucharist in the Novitiate Chapel

Escolasticado Mexicano (español)

Tlalpan, México DF

Paul Walsh escribe: “Pasamos un año relativamente tranquilo en el escolasticado en México en 2017. Desde enero hasta junio fuimos tres escolásticos, tres asociados y dos sacerdotes. El cuarto escolástico estaba en Tehuacán para su año pastoral. Al fin del año académico (junio 2017), el P. René Espejel y dos asociados fueron al noviciado. El tercer asociado salió de la comunidad.

Pero, Dios es bueno y en agosto al principio del año académico éramos ocho otra vez, con cuatro escolásticos, tres asociados y un sacerdote, el director P. Pablo Walsh. Dos escolásticos, Alberto Juárez y Alejandro Estrada están en su último año de teología en la Universidad Pontificia de México. Los dos otros, Javier de la Rosa y Arturo Jerónimo, están en su penúltimo año de teología. Javier estudia en la Pontificia y Arturo en IFTIM (Instituto de Formación Teológica Intercongregacional de México), una universidad de teología dirigida por varias comunidades religiosas. IFTIM recibe su acreditación por la Pontificia Universidad Javeriana en Bogotá.”

Gracias a Dios, hay tres asociados en casa. Uno vino con mucha formación con los Misioneros Servidores de la Palabra y también los Operarios Diocesanos. Es Erick Enríquez, y estudia teología en la Universidad Pontificia de México. Humberto Sánchez y Jesús Rodríguez son estudiantes de filosofía, también en la Pontificia.



COMUNIDAD DEL ESCOLASTICADO: P. Pablo Walsh CSB, Humberto Sánchez, Jesús Rodríguez, Javier de la Rosa CSB, Alejandro Estrada CSB, Arturo Jerónimo CSB, Erick Enríquez y Alberto Juárez CSB.

Alejandro Estrada CSB and Alberto Juárez CSB hicieron su profesión perpetua el 30 de diciembre, 2017. ¡Enhorabuena!

Participamos de unas misiones durante la semana santa. Fuimos a dos lugares, unos a Axapusco en el estado de México y otros a Azumbilla en el estado de Puebla. Como cada año, fue una oportunidad para crecer pastoralmente y como una comunidad. Durante el año, hemos servido en la delegación de Iztacalco, la rectoría de San Juan Bautista en Tepeximilpa (una colonia cerca de nuestra casa) y Naucalpan (una ciudad en la Arquidiócesis de Tlalnepantla afuera de la ciudad de México). Pablo asiste ahora en las reuniones del decanato y con eso tenemos más conexiones con las parroquias cerca de la casa.

Escolasticado Mexicano (inglés)

Tlalpan, México DF

Paul Walsh writes: “2017 was a relatively peaceful year in the Mexican Scholasticate. From January to June, we were three scholastics, three associates and two priests. The fourth scholastic was doing a pastoral year in Tehuacan. At the end of the academic year (June 2017), Father René Espejel and two associates went on to the novitiate. The third associate left the community.



But, thanks be to God, in August, the beginning of another academic year we were again eight: four scholastics, three associates and one priest, the director, Father Paul Walsh. Two of the scholastics, Alberto Juárez and Alejandro Estrada, are in their last year of theology in the Universidad Pontificia de México. They professed final vows on December 30, 2017. The other two scholastics, Javier de la Rosa and Arturo Jerónimo, are in their second last year of theology. Javier studies at the Pontificia and Arturo is at IFTIM (Instituto de Formación Teológica Intercongregacional de México) a theology school directed by various religious communities. IFTIM receives its accreditation from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá.

Also we are blessed to have three associates in the house. One comes with a great deal of formation with the Misioneros Servidores de la Palabra as well as the Operarios Diocesanos. He is Erick Enríquez, and he is studying theology at the Pontificia. Humberto Sánchez and Jesús Rodríguez are philosophy students, also at the Pontificia.”

We participated in two missions during Holy Week in 2017. We went to two places: some went to Axapusco in the state of México and others to Azumbilla in the state of Puebla. As with every year, it was an opportunity to grow pastorally and as a community. During the year, we have also been serving in a parish in Iztacalco (one of the delegations into which Mexico City is divided), in Naucalpan (a city in the Archdiocese of Tlalnepantla just outside of Mexico City) and the rectory of Saint John the Baptist in Tepeximilpa (a nearby neighbourhood – a rectory is something between a parish and a chapel, perhaps a chapel on the way to being a parish). I attend meetings of the deanery which has enabled us to make connections with the parishes near the house.”

The Basilians in Colombia Los Basilianos en Colombia



La comunidad Basiliana postulantes, escolásticos, diacono y sacerdotes en el retiro anual de 2017 en el convento de los Franciscanos en Jamundi, Valle.

Cali, Valle del Cauca

Parroquia y Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción (inglés)

The Basilians first arrived in Cali in 1987. This year, on August 15 the Congregation celebrates 30 years of Basilian presence in Colombia. Those first to arrive, Maurice Restivo, Rafael Lopera, Eduardo Cuadra, Roberto Seguin, Francisco Amico, Martin Escobedo [in picture below] began a ministry that would one day expand to Medellin, Bogota and Santa Marta. Of those first Basilians, those who remain to this day in Colombia are Francisco Amico, Roberto Seguin and Rafael Lopera. The history of these past 30 years is a challenging one with its joys and sorrows!



Los primeros Basilianos llegaron a Colombia en 1987 (foto a la izquierda).

After five years in Colombia, the Basilians initiated the project of INSA [the Institute of Our Lady of the Assumption] which would become one of the well known schools [primary and secondary] in the State of Valle. The results of the National Exams [comparable to SAT in USA] rate INSA as the number one educational institution in the city of Cali. Many Basilians, both priests and scholastics, have worked to achieve this rating. INSA celebrated 25 years of foundation on October 4, 2017.

During this past year, the local community consisted of Fathers Francisco Amico and Rafael Lopera together with scholastics Anderson Usuga and Luis Suarez and Deacon Carlos Gutierrez.

La comunidad de Cali 2017:
Carlos Gutierrez, Anderson Usuga,
Francisco Amico, Luis Alberto
Suarez,
Rafael Ignacio Lopera



We were happy to have had the visits of Father John Huber and the pre Chapter Preparatory Committee, Terry Kersch, David Bittner and Glen MacDonald. Also visiting was Colin Whitehead, a graduate of Catholic Central in Detroit and Yuri Buenaventura, a famous Colombian entertainer who has lived in Paris for many years; we had the privilege of Yuri speaking at the INSA graduation in November.

Father Rafael Lopera has begun the ministry of the “Casas Catolicas”, an evangelization process similar to the Base Communities. Together with the women religious who share our ministry, the Sisters of Mercy, the Basilian Sisters and the Daughters of Jesus of KerMaria, this process has been successful and a blessing for the parish community. Our scholastics, Anderson and Luis, have had a full time teaching schedule in INSA and also helped in various catechetical programs in the parish. Our Deacon Carlos, besides a full time schedule in the school, has accompanied the Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, and Lectors together with the Confirmation Program.

This year of 2017, we have remodeled the chapel cared for by the Basilian Sisters in the barrio Siete de Agosto and also helped the Hijas de las Misericordias to recondition their home which was in the state of near collapse! Because of the generosity of the General Council, the Group of Former Basilians and generous benefactors, we were able to climb to a school population of 710 students.

Cali, Valle del Cauca

Parroquia y Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción (español)

Los Basilianos llegaron por primera vez a Cali en 1987. Este año, el 15 de agosto, la Congregación celebró 30 años de presencia Basiliana en Colombia. Los primeros en llegar, Maurice Restivo, Rafael Lopera, Eduardo Cuadra, Roberto Seguin, Francisco Amico, Martín Escobedo [en la imagen] comenzaron un ministerio que un día se expandiría a Medellín, Bogotá y Santa Marta. De aquellos primeros Basilianos, aquellos que permanecen hasta este día en Colombia son Francisco Amico, Roberto Seguin y Rafael Lopera. ¡La historia de estos últimos 30 años es desafiante con sus alegrías y tristezas!

Después de cinco años en Colombia, los Basilianos iniciaron el proyecto de INSA [el Instituto de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción] que se convertiría en una de los colegios conocidos [primaria y secundaria] en el Estado del Valle. Los resultados de las pruebas nacionales SABER11 [comparables al SAT en EE. UU.] califican a INSA como la institución educativa número uno en la ciudad de Cali. Muchos Basilianos, tanto

sacerdotes como escolásticos, han trabajado para lograr esta calificación. INSA celebró 25 años de fundación el 4 de octubre de 2017. Durante el año pasado, la comunidad local estuvo integrada por los padres Francisco Amico y Rafael Lopera junto con los escolásticos Anderson Usuga y Luis Suárez y el diácono Carlos Gutiérrez.

Estamos felices de haber tenido las visitas del Padre John Huber y de los miembros del Comité Preparatorio para el Capitulo, Terry Kersch, David Bittner y Glen MacDonald. También estuvo de visita Colin Whitehead, un graduado de Catholic Central en Detroit y Yuri Buenaventura, un famoso artista colombiano que ha vivido en París durante muchos años; tuvimos el privilegio de que él hablara en la graduación de INSA en noviembre.

En la comunidad parroquial, el padre Rafael Lopera ha comenzado el ministerio de las "Casas Católicas", un proceso de evangelización similar a las Comunidades de Base. Junto con las religiosas que comparten nuestro ministerio, las Hermanas de la Misericordia, las Hermanas Basilianas y las Hijas de Jesús de KerMaria, este proceso ha sido exitoso y una bendición para la comunidad parroquial. Nuestros escolásticos, Anderson y Luis, han enseñado tiempo completo en el INSA y también han ayudado en varios programas de catequesis en la parroquia. Nuestro Diácono Carlos, además de un horario de tiempo completo en el colegio, ha acompañado a los Ministros Laicos de la Eucaristía y Lectores junto con el Programa de Confirmación.

¡Este año de 2017, hemos construido la capilla (*foto a la derecha*) atendida por las Hermanas Basilianas en el barrio Siete de Agosto y también ayudamos a las Hijas de las Misericordias a reacondicionar su casa que estaba en un estado deplorable! Gracias a la generosidad del Consejo General, el Grupo de Antiguos Basilianos y generosos benefactores, pudimos alcanzar tener una población escolar de 710 estudiantes en el INSA.



Medellín, Antioquia

Parroquia San Basilio y Casa de Formación (español)



La comunidad de Medellín:

(Sentados) Carlos Rodríguez, Edilson Gómez, Roberto Barringer, Pedro Mora, Marlon Rincón.

[Parados] Wilson Tovar, Osman de la Hoz, Javier Higuera, Wilmar Vargas, Eduard Padilla.

Para este año, el Padre Robert Barringer fue nombrado como superior y formador del escolasticado en Medellín y el Padre Pedro Miguel Mora seguía como párroco de la Parroquia San Basilio. Los escolásticos Carlos Rodríguez, Eduard Padilla, Andrés Timina y Javier Higuera regresaron de su año pastoral en Cali, luego de haber recibido allí el ministerio del lectorado en la Fiesta de San Basilio, mientras que Anderson Úsuga fue designado a Cali para realizar una experiencia pastoral. A fines de Enero se reiniciaron las clases universitarias, y las actividades parroquiales empezaron a principios de Febrero. En ese mismo período Andrés Timina presentó una delicada complicación médica que lo obligó a ir a la casa paterna para continuar con un tratamiento médico que implicaba repetidas operaciones.

En Junio tuvimos el retiro anual en Yumbo (Valle) y después se trasladó a Cali el escolástico Luis Alberto Suarez para apoyar el trabajo del INSA. También en Junio los escolásticos viajaron a México para el encuentro anual de Escolásticos con la presencia del Padre George Smith. A mediados del Julio los postulantes Osman de La Hoz Marlon Rincón y Wilmer Vargas llegaron de Bogotá para continuar sus estudios en Medellín. Los escolásticos Edilson Gómez y Wilson Tovar ya habían iniciado la nueva decisión de que todos los escolásticos Basilianos se inscribieran en el programa de la Licenciatura.

En Septiembre todos nos alegramos de la visita del Papa Francisco a Medellín, participando de la celebración de la Santa Misa en el Aeropuerto Olaya Herrera y del encuentro con los sacerdotes y religiosos en la plaza de toros de La Macarena. Más tarde en el año celebramos las Confirmaciones de 71 jóvenes de la parroquia y la Primera Comuni3n de 120 niños, y en Noviembre contamos con la dicha de recibir como nuestro Visitador Can3nico al Padre John Huber y con 3l pudimos celebrar y el D3a de Acci3n de Gracias y nuestro aniversario congregacional. Adem3s, el P. Huber pudo ver los comienzos de un nuevo proyecto en el sector de Colinas en donde se adquiri3 un terreno para erigir una nueva capilla. En pocas palabras, un a3o lleno de la bendici3n de Dios y del ejercicio de nuestros dones y carismas al servicio de Dios y de la comunidad de Olaya.

Medell3n, Antioquia

Parroquia San Basilio y Casa de Formaci3n (ingl3s)

For this year Father Bob Barringer was appointed as Superior and Master of Scholastics in Medellin and Father Pedro Miguel Mora continued as Pastor of St Basil's Parish (photo to the right). The scholastics Carlos Rodriguez, Eduard Padilla, Andres Timina and Javier Higuera returned from their Pastoral Year in Cali, having received there the Minor Ministry of Lector on the Feast of St Basil, while Anderson Usuga was in turn appointed to Cali and helped in the INSA. The new university year began again at the end of January, and parish activities resumed in early February. In this same period Andres Timin3 suffered a very delicate medical complication that ultimately required him to return to his family home in order to carry on with his medical treatments which demanded a series of operations.



In June we had the annual retreat held in Yumbo (Valle) and afterwards a second scholastic, Luis Alberto Suarez was appointed to help with the work of the INSA in Cali. Also in June, the scholastics travelled to Mexico for the annual Scholastic Encounter at which Father George Smith was also present. In mid-July the Postulants Osman de la Hoz, Marlon Rinc3n and Wilmar Vargas arrived from Bogot3 to continue

their studies in Medellín, while the scholastics Edilson Gomez and Wilson Tovar began a new policy of having student Basilians enroll in the Licentiate-level program in Philosophy and Letters. In September we all shared in the joy of Pope Francis's visit to Medellín, participating in the Papal Mass at the Olaya Herrera Airport in the city and also in his meeting with priests and religious held in the Macarena bull ring.

Later in the year we celebrated the Confirmation of 71 young people of the parish and the First Communion of 120 children, while in November we had the joy of welcoming Father John Huber as our Canonical Visitor, and were able to celebrate with him both American Thanksgiving and our Congregation's anniversary. John was also able to get a look at the beginning stages of a new project in the Colinas section of the parish where a lot has been purchased for the building of a new Chapel. In brief, it has been a year full of God's blessings and the chance to exercise our gifts and charisms in the service of God and of the community of Olaya.

Taganga, Magdalena

St Francis of Assisi (inglés)

Roberto Seguin y Óscar Gómez se han convertido en verdaderos Tagangueros en la Navidad de 2017
Bob Seguin and Óscar Gómez have become real Tagangueros for Christmas 2017

Bob Writes: This was my second year in Taganga. Most of my time was taken up with the pastoral duties of the parish. The church building is an historical monument which is programmed for a number of repairs.

The area is basically a fishing village which has become a tourist center for snorkeling and deep sea diving. Many people are employed in hotels and restaurants and taking people by boat to the many beaches of the Tayrona Park. Taganga has a population of about 7,000 people.

The core population is indigenous to the area – recognized as Tagangueros. There is a move to turn the area into a port because of its deep waters but some people are trying to block this effort. They have been able to put a stop to the program for 6 years by a judicial order. The people have presented a case against the building of the port to the International Court which has begun a study of the proposal.

I was here alone for the first half of the year but then in August was joined by Father Oscar Gomez, CSB who is here when not travelling for his vocation promotion work. He has been a great companion, ever coming up with new ideas, provides wonderful meals and continues to take care of the gardens in the house and in the parish. We do daily masses here and have helped in neighboring parishes. We have started a music program, a program with the pastoral social office of the diocese to accompany young people in a preventative way giving them tools for self-development. We have also worked with the diocese to provide groceries on a monthly basis to 33 needy families.



There is a catechetical program for confirmation and first communion and also a preparation for the parents of children for baptism. Besides these regular parish activities there are a number of committees which prepare for the different parish feasts and processions: San Agatón, San Antonio de Padua, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Nuestra Señora del Carmen, el Divino Niño, El Señor de los Milagros, San Francisco de Asís and Nuestra Señora del Rosario. These feasts are over and above the normal Liturgical Feasts of each year which include Holy Week and the Christmas novena.

There are innumerable challenges – with the sale of drugs, prostitution, and a high population of displaced persons who have migrated to Colombia because of problems in Venezuela. Also there are two public schools in the parish which need attention as well as a number of smaller schools which are run privately.

Taganga

San Francisco de Asís (español)

Desde Taganga. He terminado mi segundo año en Taganga. La mayoría de mi tiempo tenía que ver con lo pastoral de la parroquia. El edificio es un monumento histórico que está recibiendo del ministerio de la cultura unas reparaciones. El entorno es un pueblito de



pescadores que se ha hecho un centro turístico por centros de buceo. Muchas personas están empleadas en hoteles, restaurantes y en lanchas que llevan los turistas a las diferentes playas del Parque Tayrona. La población cuenta con algunas 7,000 personas.

La población principal es de los Tagangueros que son descendientes de la tribu Tayrona. Hay un esfuerzo de parte de algunas empresas de tomar Taganga y transformarlo en un puerto por su profundo mar. Pero a la vez hay una gente trabajando fuertemente para bloquear este esfuerzo. En el momento está congelado el proyecto por seis años por un juez. La gente sigue trabajando. Han llevado el caso al Corte Internacional que están haciendo estudios sobre el asunto.

En la mitad del año llegó Oscar Gómez, CSB, que me acompaña cuando no está viajando por su trabajo como promotor vocacional. Ha sido un gran compañero, que siempre tiene nuevas ideas para implementar. Es un gran cocinero y se mantiene pendiente de los jardines y el ambiente de la casa y el templo. Celebramos diariamente aquí y ayudamos en las parroquias vecinas cuando nos necesitan.

Hemos tratado de iniciar un programa de música, un programa con la oficina pastoral del diócesis para acompañar jóvenes por su autodesarrollo. También con el banco de alimentos del diócesis damos mercados mensualmente a como 33 familias pobres.

Hay programas catequéticos para la confirmación, la primera comunión y el bautismo de niños. Hay en la parroquia comités que promueven las diferentes fiestas y procesiones de San Agatón, San Antonio de Padua, el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Nuestra Señora del Carmen, el Divino Niño, el señor de los Milagros, el patrón de la parroquia San Francisco de Asís y Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Estas fiestas son encima de las fiestas normales del Año Litúrgico, como la Semana Santa y la novena Navideña. Hay un buen número de desafíos con la venta de drogas, prostitución y gente de Venezuela que ha buscado refugio en Colombia. Hay dos colegios públicos en la parroquia y algunos colegios privados.



¿Dónde están los Padres Basilianos?

Where are the Basilian Fathers?

Taganga, where Bob Seguin and Óscar Gómez minister is 5.5 km. from Santa Marta (at the top of the map) on the Caribbean Sea.

Bogotá, the capital of Colombia is in the center of the country. Medellín, where the parish of San Basilio and the Scholasticate are located, is northwest of Bogotá. Cali, where the INSA school and the parish of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción are located, is in the southwest of the country.

Basilian Lay Associates – Windsor Area

Coordinators: Anne Marie Handsor, Paul McGill CSB

It is with gratitude in my heart that I send greetings from the Windsor Area Basilian Lay Associates; gratitude for the many blessings that the BLAs have had in Windsor this past year. Currently there are 10 BLAs and two new “Come and See” members. In November we welcomed our two newest Lay Associates—Marilyn Morrison and Claude Marchand (*photo at right*). We are grateful for them as they are so positive and well known in our Parish and very active in both the Parish as well as the community. Most of the Lay Associates are active in a number of ministries at Assumption Parish. We look forward to our two “Come and See” members making their first commitment this coming November.



We are fortunate to have long time BLA Marie Anne Seguin with us. She attends all the meetings and most of the events that we participate in as a group. Denise Callaghan (one of the originals) attends meetings and events when she is in the Windsor Area. We are grateful for both of these ladies’ commitment, knowledge, advice and continued support. We were very sad to lose John D’Amore this past February. John and his wife Angela have been active since the early 80’s. Please keep Angela in your prayers as she continues to grieve the death of her husband.



Windsor in Rochester

*Rose Portillo,
Marilyn Morrison,
Riccardo Portillo,
Kevin Mannara CSB,
Gerald Handsor,
Anne Marie Handsor,
Mike Denunzio*

The highlight of our year was journeying with Father Kevin Mannara CSB up to and including his Ordination. Several of us attended Father Kevin’s Ordination. It was a bittersweet time for us as we loved Kevin and we had to say good bye as he began his new assignment in Rochester, NY. Speaking of Rochester, it would be a shame not to acknowledge the fantastic hospitality we all received on the Friday evening of Kevin’s Ordination weekend. It was amazing. The meal they put on was one of the best that I have been to. You could really feel the love that special evening. Thank you Rochester!

We continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month for Prayer, Reflection and usually something new to discover and learn. This is one of the ways in which we continue to practice the three charisms of the Basilian Fathers. In November Father Q. Johnson facilitated a Twilight Retreat for us. Ever the teacher, Father Q. came prepared with folders of notes and information to lead us through this evening. He also treated us to two home baked Saskatoon berry pies. He fed both our Spirits and our bodies 😊.

In December we were with Father Franklin Mizzi as he celebrated his 50th Year of Ordination with the Basilian Fathers. What a wonderful evening that was. Father Mizzi went around the room and acknowledged each table with a little story. He was very entertaining and very humorous. It was a truly beautiful and joy filled evening.

We continue to pray for all Basilians and all Lay Associates. We appreciate the gift that we have in this amazing community. Peace to all.

Basilian Lay Associates – Toronto Area

Coordinators: Bernardine Ketelaars, Connie Paré, Norm Tanck CSB

The Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates currently have a total of 27 members. We have no *Come and See* participants at this time.

In July, Bernardine Ketelaars and Connie Pare completed their first year as lay co-coordinators for the Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates. We also bid Father Joe Walsh farewell after six years as Ordained Coordinator and welcomed Father Norm Tanck to our leadership team.

During this year, the group journeyed together in learning more about each other and about what binds us together. We invited different members of the Basilian community and others to share with us about the spiritualities that sustain them on their faith journeys. We are continuing to investigate and learn about different formats for our time together and how we might continue to grow in our own spiritual formation individually and as BLAs.

Highlights of 2017 for the Toronto Area Lay Associates include the following:

In April, we had Day of Recollection led by Father Jim Carruthers at the Cardinal Flahiff Centre on the Charisms of the Basilian Community. In June we hosted the Toronto Basilian Fathers at the Annual Afternoon Tea. In August several of us traveled to Rochester for the ordination to the priesthood of Father Kevin Mannara CSB (*photo at right*).



Beginning on September 15 and concluding on September 17, 2017: Toronto BLA members, along with members from Windsor and Rochester participated in the annual retreat (organized by the Rochester



BLAs) at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls Ontario. Bishop Ronald Fabbro led us as we continued to learn about our call to discipleship and specifically the Art of Accompaniment in the writings of Pope Francis.

In October the Toronto BLAs, along with the parishioners of St. Basil Parish formally welcomed Father Morgan Rice as the new pastor of the parish. *(photo at left)*

Many of the Lay Associates joined our Basilian Brothers to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Mary on November 21, the anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of St. Basil. We concluded the year in December with our Christmas party. We enjoyed our time together with Father Norm Tanck CSB, who began his role as ordained coordinator in 2017. *(See the photo below)* The Toronto Area Lay Associates 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 2018 as Lay Associates of the Congregation of St. Basil.



BACK ROW: Arcangel Cruz, Sally Lianko, Mabel Favela, Nancy Anne Strader, Anastasia Oehlert, Cris Fox, Rose Legaspi, Brenda Holz FRONT ROW: Alisia Sabatini, Norm Tanck, CSB, Corazon Bueno

Basilian Lay Associates – Houston Area

Coordinators: Barbara Bishop, David Zapalac CSB



Father Phil Acquaro, our Ordained Coordinator, asked to step down at the first of the year. We appreciate his years of service and welcome Father David Zapalac as our new Ordained Coordinator in January 2017. Members were also asked to consider taking the position of Lay Coordinator in May, as Mary Dusing's term will end. Nominations were taken at the March meeting. Thank you, Mary (*photo at left*).

Lay Associate, Jet Prendeville, was our speaker in February. She spoke about her work in the Catholic Chaplain Corps and gave a moving account of her work as a pastoral assistant serving the Texas Medical Center. In March, Gary Bishop gave a short historical background of the St. Vincent dePaul Society and as well as insight into some of the work that they do. A brief history of the Chancery was given by Frank Rynd in March. Mr. Rynd gave insight into the variety of work that he does as General Counsel of the Galveston Houston Archdiocese.

Our First Annual Spring party was held on April 30 in St. Basil Hall at St. Anne Catholic Church. It was very well attended and we all enjoyed visiting with the Basilians and with one another. We met at the recently completed Keon House on the University of St. Thomas campus for our May meeting. It is the beautiful new residence for the Basilian Fathers and Scholastics. We began with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel, celebrated by Father David Bittner and then moved into the dining room for refreshments and a brief meeting. Mary Dusing introduced Barbara Bishop as our new Lay Coordinator for the Houston Area, and her term will begin in June. When the meeting was adjourned, Father Richard Wahl gave us a tour of the house.

We attended the annual Memorial Day Celebration at St. Thomas High School on May 29th. We began with Mass, celebrated by Father Kevin Storey, followed by a lovely dinner and fellowship. Father Storey celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Our group celebrated the Fourth of July at Dillon House with a cookout. Father Klem decorated the house in the patriotic colors. BLA, Dan Kopfensteiner, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs the BLAs brought side dishes. No one left hungry.

In August, we held a potluck picnic at the home of Bettie and Kim Salls to welcome Father Chris Valka back to Houston (*see photo at left*). The party was attended by the Basilians and BLAs in the area. In September we discussed the book everyone had read over the summer, *Into The Magic Shop*, by Dr. James Doty. The book inspired some very interesting conversation. In October, we met for dinner and a talk by Father David Zapalac. He spoke about the challenges that we face living Catholic values in our secular world.



Our annual retreat was held in November and led by Father Mitch Dowalgo. The theme was Basilian Spirituality. He also shared with us a video of the creation of the tapestries in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, created by the artist John Nava. The BLAs celebrated Christmas on December 3rd, at Keon House. Father Kevin Storey celebrated Mass for us and we enjoyed a very festive pot-luck brunch. Father Schwenzer had decorated the Christmas tree and so room was especially lovely.

Basilian Lay Associates – Rochester Area

Coordinators: Cathy Poirier, Paul English CSB

To start the year off in January 2017 we had our first meeting of the year at St. Ann's Home so that Roseanne Rosica could be with us. We celebrated her birthday and our speaker that night was Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark. During the year we got together with the retired priests who live at the St Joseph's Mother House and had dinner with them. It's always nice that we can get together with them; it seems to make them happy that we come and visit.

We had a wonderful picnic for Kevin Mannara's ordination for the out-of-town guests. Father Mike Buentello was gracious enough to do a wonderful smoked brisket and chickens for the party. It was an honor for all of the BLA's in Rochester to be able to attend Father Kevin's ordination.

In September for Labor Day we had our annual picnic with the priests over at St Kateri. That was our kick off of the start of our meetings for the year. Right now we have one person in the come and see program and we are hoping to get more interested in our group.

We had our annual Christmas party in December and we were able to host Bishop Ramirez as he was in town giving a talk. We were also able to go to the dedication of the new chapel at St. John Fisher College; it was a beautiful mass and Father Mannara was happy to see all who attended. There was a reception after Mass. We all hope that the coming year bring peace to all and as much joy and wonderful events as our previous year has.

Denis MacBean Rowan CSB

June 9, 1927 – May 6, 2017

Rev. Denis MacBean Rowan CSB, 89 years old, died in Toronto, ON. He was a Basilian for 70 years and served in priestly ministry for 63 years.

Denis was born to Denis Rowan and Anne MacMillan in Toronto, ON. He attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Separate School and St. Michael's College School before entering the Basilian Novitiate in Richmond Hill, ON in 1946. Denis professed his First Vows on August 15, 1947.

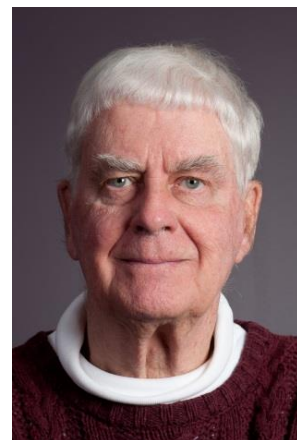
He was ordained on June 29, 1954 at St. Basil's Church in Toronto, by James Cardinal McGuigan. Denis celebrated his First Mass in St. Basil's Church.

Robert Whyte CSB preached. Also ordained that year were: *Francis Boehm, John Callaghan, Daniel Coughlin, Paul Donohoe, Arthur Hathaway, Brian Higgins, William Kelly, Leo Klosterman, George Kosicki, Francis Lally* (in the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay), *Joseph Miller, Francis O'Grady, Eugene Oser* (in St. Anne's Church, Houston), *Ronald Pazik, John Whitley, and Albert Williams.*

Denis graduated from Assumption College with a BA from the University of Western Ontario. Denis attended the University of Toronto, graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor of Education. He went to the University of Windsor for his Masters of Education, and then to Houston to the University of St. Thomas, graduating with a Masters Degree in Religious Education. In 1986 Denis received a D. Min. from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Denis Rowan had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Basilian Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON	1946-1947
Assumption College, Windsor, ON	1947-1950
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	1950-1951
St. Thomas High School, Houston, TX	1951-1952
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1952-1955
St. Charles College, Sudbury, ON	1955-1963
St. Joseph's High School, Ottawa, ON	1963-1969
University of Windsor, Windsor, ON (Graduate Studies)	1969-1970
St. Anne's Church, Houston, TX	1970-1972
Basilian Fathers of Angleton, Angleton, TX	1972-1973
Basilian Fathers of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB	1973-1975
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1975-1977
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1977-1981
St. Thomas High School, Houston, TX	1981-1982
St. John Fisher Church, Richmond, TX	1982-1985
St. Mark's College, Vancouver, BC	1985-1986
Basilian Fathers of Calgary, Calgary, AB	1986-1988
St. Joseph's University College, Edmonton, AB	1988-1989
St. Anne's Church, Houston, TX	1989-1991
Basilian Fathers of Subbury ON	1991-1992
Basilian Fathers of Lethbridge AB	1992-1999
Our Lady of the Mountain, Whistler, BC	1999-2000
Basilian Fathers of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB	2000-2003
St. Mary's Church, Cranbrook, BC	2003-2006
Anglin House, Toronto, ON.	2006-2017



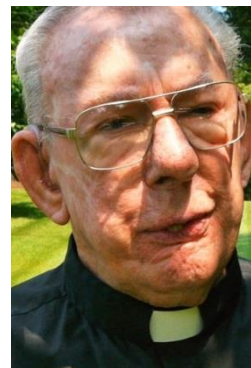
The Funeral Mass was held in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. George Smith CSB presided and Norm Tanck CSB preached. Norm closed his homily with these words: "On May 6th, the Lord came to Denis and asked him, 'Do you love me?' I am sure that Denis said 'Yes, Lord you know that I love you.' And Jesus said, 'Follow me.' And Denis followed him to the lasting home that has been prepared for him." Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill ON.

Leo Anthony Hetzler CSB

September 7, 1925 – May 18, 2017

Rev. Leo Anthony Hetzler CSB, 91 years old, died at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Rochester, NY. He was a Basilian for 70 years and served in priestly ministry for 62 years.

Leo was born in Rochester, NY to Alice M. Fox and Leo G. Hetzler. Leo's mother died when he was 11; his step-mother was Catherine Stokes Hetzler. Leo had one sister, the late Jane Kohler. He is survived by his two nieces, Charlene Coffee and Joanne Fedder and a nephew, Gary Kohler and several great nieces and nephews.



Leo graduated from Holy Rosary Parochial School and the Aquinas Institute, both in Rochester. Leo spent three years of service in Europe and the Philippines with the United States Army.

The thought of entering the priesthood came to him in his junior year of high school, but WWII broke out, so he thought, "If I come back, I will return to this idea." And that is what he did.

Leo entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Rochester NY. He took First Vows on September 12, 1947. He then attended the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, graduating with a BA in 1952. He was appointed to St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, for studies in Theology. During that time, Leo taught English at the University of St. Michael's College as well as at St. Michael's College School. Leo received an MA in English in 1954 from the University of Toronto and a PhD. in English from Cornell University in 1959.

Leo was ordained on June 29, 1955 in St. Basil's Parish in Toronto by Auxiliary Bishop F.V. Allen. Father William O'Toole CSB preached at his First Mass in Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. Also ordained that year were: *James Black, Wilfred Canning, John Cavanaugh, Robert Chauvin, Eddie Doser, John Dougherty, Norm Fitzpatrick, John Gaughan, John Kelly, John Kraus, Patrick Lalonde, John McGee, Ted McLean, John McManus, Robert Madden, Paul Meloche, Vincent Paré, Charles Principe, Art Roberts, and Fred Sohn.*

Leo Hetzler was a beloved professor at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. His service began in 1959 when he was appointed head of the English Department. He taught energetically and faithfully for many years. Fisher President Gerard J. Rooney comments: "In 1994, Father Hetzler retired from teaching but continued his scholarly pursuits."

Leo Hetzler had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester, NY	1946-1947
Holy Rosary Seminary, Toronto ON	1947-1949
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1949-1952
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1952-1956
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (<i>Doctoral Studies</i>)	1956-1959
St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY	1959-1974
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA (<i>Fellowship</i>)	1974-1975
Basilian Fathers of East Rochester (<i>St. John Fisher College</i>) Rochester, NY	1975-1994
Basilian Fathers of East Rochester (<i>Retired</i>), Rochester NY	1994-2016
St. Joseph's Motherhouse, Rochester, NY	
(<i>Associated: Basilian Fathers of St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>)	2016-2017

At the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Leo was lovingly cared for during his last days. A wake service was held at the Motherhouse on Tuesday, May 23. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day at Christ the King Church; Paul English CSB, presided and Joe Trovato CSB preached. Several diocesan priests concelebrated. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mario Osbert D'Souza CSB

June 28, 1956 - September 26, 2017

Rev. Mario Osbert D'Souza, CSB, 61 years old, died at Anglin House in Toronto, ON. He was a Basilian for 29 years and served in priestly ministry for 26 years.

Mario was born in Karachi, Pakistan to Ophelia Xavier D'Souza and Archibald D'Souza. He had one younger brother, Melvyn, who died in 2013. He is survived by his sister-in-law Cynthia D'Souza and two nieces, Michelle and Melanie D'Souza. In his final days, Mario expressed his gratitude for the care given him by the nursing staff at Anglin House.



Mario attended elementary and secondary school in Karachi; he also attended the University of Karachi for one year. He then went to Ireland, where he earned an Honours B.A. in Philosophy from University College in Dublin. Mario immigrated to Canada with his mother and brother. He attended the University of Calgary, where he earned a M.Ed. in Philosophy of Education. He remained interested in joining a teaching religious order. His spiritual director advised him to consider the Basilians.

Mario joined the Basilians in 1984. George Smith writes: "Mario and I first met on a bus travelling to Strawberry Island in 1985. When we disembarked from the bus at the dock to see that our next mode of transport was the infamous "Barge," we exchanged looks that established a life-long friendship of extraordinary mutual understanding." Because he had already been through a Jesuit Novitiate, he completed an individual novitiate program with Jim Hanrahan CSB at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, SK. He then moved to Toronto and began doctoral studies in the Philosophy of Education at the University of Toronto where he received his Ph.D.

As a scholastic, Mario attended St. Basil's College in Toronto, Ontario, where he received his M.Div. from the University of St. Michael's College. He was ordained to the Priesthood on August 16, 1991 at St. Pius X Church, Calgary, AB by Bishop Paul O'Bryne and celebrated his first Mass on August 17. Others ordained that year were: Joseph Pilsner, Joseph Roussel Jr., and Jefferson Thompson.

Mario served as the Director of the *Basilian Network for Education and the New Evangelization (BNENE)* to help Catholic educators promote a Catholic approach to education.

Mario D'Souza had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Basilian Fathers of Calgary	1984-1987
St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon SK	1987-1988
St. Basil's College, Toronto ON	1988-1991
Holy Rosary Church, Toronto ON	1991-1992
Basilian Fathers of O'Connor House / University of Windsor	1992-1996
Basilian Fathers of St. Joseph's College, Edmonton AB	1996-2002
Basilian Fathers Curial House (General Councillor)	2002-2006
Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College	2006-2016
Michaelmas Hall, Toronto ON	2016-2017
Anglin House, Toronto ON	2017

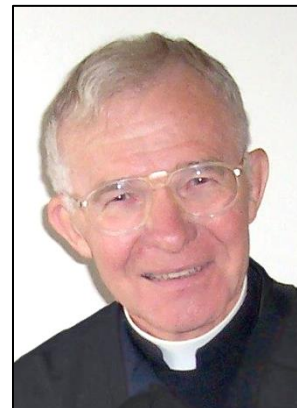
A Wake Service was held on September 29 in the Chapel of the Flahiff Centre in Toronto. T. Allan Smith CSB presided. The next day the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Basil's Church, Toronto. George T. Smith, CSB presided and preached. Interment was in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

Cecil Harold Joseph Zinger CSB

February 23, 1933 - October 27, 2017

Rev. Cecil Harold Joseph Zinger CSB, 84 years old, died from cancer at Toronto Grace Hospital Toronto, ON. He was a Basilian for 60 years and served in priestly ministry for 54 years.

Cecil was born in Macklin, SK to Theodore Zinger (who lived to the age of 103) and Frances Wiesner. He was predeceased by sisters Marjorie and Irene. He is survived by his siblings Wilbert Zinger, Doris Klotz, Lorraine Deschenes, as well as nieces, Gale Driedger and Barbara Bell, and grandniece Miranda Bell.



Cecil attended elementary and secondary school in Denzil, SK and then studied at St. Anthony's Seraphic College in Edmonton, AB. After obtaining a B.A. from St. Thomas More College in Saskatchewan in 1956, he entered the Basilian Novitiate in Richmond Hill, ON. and was admitted to First Profession on August 15, 1957. Three years of teaching at St. Michael's College School, Toronto, followed. During the summers of 1958 and 1959, he attended the Ontario College of Education, Toronto, and obtained a Type B High School Teacher's Certification. In 1963, Cecil obtained an ARCT degree from the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. He then attended the University of Toronto for his B.Ed.

Cecil was ordained a priest on December 15, 1963 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by Archbishop George B. Flahiff CSB of Winnipeg MB. Others ordained were: Edward Bader, Gene Bammel, Ian Boyd, James Carruthers, Timothy Hogan, Don Kuder, William Lee, James Morro, Joseph Quinn, John Redmond, Ernie Vadnais and Bernard Weninger. He celebrated his First Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Denzil, with Father John Egsgard CSB preaching.

After ordination in Toronto in 1963 Cecil taught for two years at St. Mary's H. S. in Calgary. He then returned to St. Michael's College School in 1966, where he remained for almost all the rest of his life. He was a talented organist and pianist and he loved gardening. When the Basilian Residence at SMCS closed, Cecil decided to live independently and took an apartment to be near the school. A few months before his death when he could no longer care for himself, he was brought to Anglin House so he could receive the care that he needed.

Cecil Zinger had the following appointments in the Congregation:

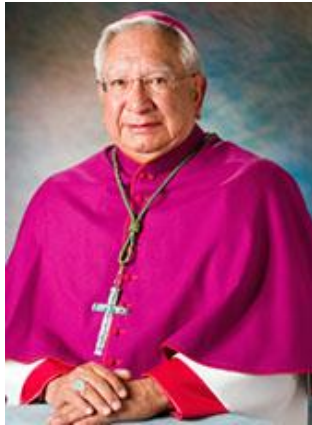
Richmond Hill Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON	1956 - 1957
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1957 - 1960
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1960 - 1964
St. Mary's High School, Calgary, AB	1964 - 1966
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1966 - 2000
Soulerin House (SMCS Basilian Residence), Toronto, ON	2000 - 2008
Living Independently	2009 - 2017
Anglin House	2017

Visitation was held at St. Michael's College School gymnasium on Monday, October 30, closing with a Prayer Service at 7:30 PM. Jefferson Thompson, CSB preached. The following day the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Basil's Church at 10:00 AM. David Katulski CSB presided, and a long-time friend of Cecil, Ian Boyd CSB, preached. +Gerald Wiesner OMI, Bishop Emeritus of Prince George (a cousin of Cecil Zinger) and +Bob Kasun CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, were present. Interment was in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill ON.

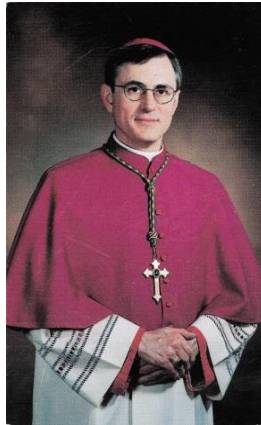
Family Deaths January 2017 – December 2017

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 Josephine Frances Katulski, the mother of David Katulski CSB
 Lewis Joseph Kennedy, the brother of Gordon Kennedy CSB

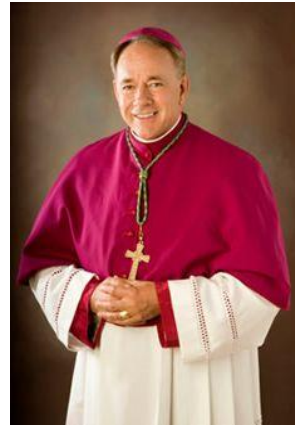
Our Basilian Bishops



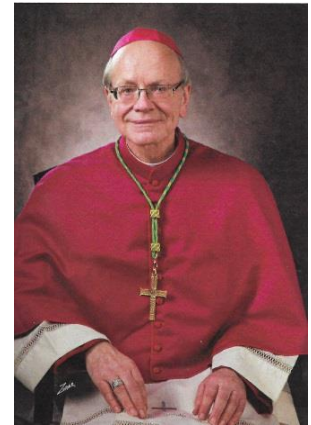
+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB
 Bishop Emeritus, Las Cruces NM



+ 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, 2017

4 Bishops, 151 priests, 1 Deacon, and 15 Scholastics

171 Professed Basilians

France – 4* Canada – 75 USA – 66 México – 11 Colombia – 15

* ARDÈCHE: Bernard Buisson, François Morfin PARIS: Joseph Hunt, Warren Schmidt

Ages of Professed Basilians

Number of Professed Basilians

20-29	7
30-39	12
40-49	10
50-59	16
60-69	24
70-79	45
80-89	47
90-99	10