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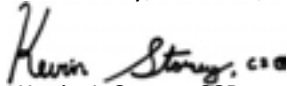


Greetings from the Superior General and from the Editor of the Annals

Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

Our Basilian Way of Life is found in this edition of the *Basilian Annals 2018*. In my Message to the Congregation in October I wrote: "As Basilians we have a reputation of ministering **with others** rather than ministering **to others**; it allows us to evangelize and be evangelized at the same time and it is something I have always found attractive in Basilians." Take some time, read through these pages and you will see Basilian ministering with others and to others. This is our Congregational history for 2018. Our history does not begin or end with this issue; the *Basilian Annals* is a snap shot in time. I want to thank all who contributed to this edition of our history. I want to thank Jack Hanna who has compiled and edited this material with attention and care. I want to thank God for calling all of us to be part of this religious family in the Church.

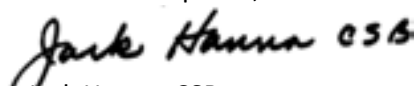
Fraternally, in Christ,


Kevin J. Storey CSB
Superior General

Dear Brother Basilians and Basilian Lay Associates, Apreciados Hermanos, Mes 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 the ten men who founded our community. We have inherited their diversity and their devotion to ministry; you will find this diversity and devotion expressed in the pages of the *Basilian Annals*. I hope that you enjoy paging through this 2018 edition. J'espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales des Prêtres de Saint Basile* de 2018. Espero que Uds. disfruten la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2018.

In the Lord's peace,


Jack Hanna, CSB
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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.

Carlos Andrés Gutiérrez Zapata

Ordination to the Presbyterate

Ordinación al Presbiterado

Fui ordenado sacerdote el 19 de abril, 2018, por la imposición de manos de monseñor Luis Adriano Piedrahita Sandoval, obispo de Santa Marta. La ordenación tuvo lugar en la parroquia San Francisco de Asís, donde nuestro querido padre Roberto Seguin CSB fue el párroco. Yo estaba rodeado de un grupo de padres Basilianos, mi mamá y mis dos hermanos.

I was ordained a priest on April 19, 2018, by the imposition of hands of Bishop Adriano Piedrahita Sandoval, the Bishop of Santa Marta. The ordination took place in the Parish of San Francisco de Asís, where our beloved Father Robert Seguin was the pastor. I was surrounded by a group of Basilian Fathers and my mother and my two siblings.



El domingo 22 de abril celebré mi primera Eucaristía en nuestra parroquia de Cali, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. Estaba muy nervioso, pero junto a mí se encontraba el padre Francisco Amico, CSB mi superior y mi pastor. Por los últimos tres años, me ha animado, acompañado y ha sido un auténtico instrumento de Dios en mi vida vocacional.

On Sunday, April 22, I celebrated my first Eucharist in our Parish in Cali, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. I was very nervous, but near me I had Father Francisco Amico CSB, my superior and pastor. For these last three years he has encouraged me and has been a real instrument of God in my vocation journey.



Conocí a los padres Basilianos desde niño, pues tenían a cargo la parroquia del Divino Ecce Homo, donde vivía mi familia. En esa parroquia vi pasar a muchos padres, todos muy trabajadores y entregados al pueblo de Dios. Es por eso que desde los diez años más o menos ya quería ser Basiliano.

I met the Basilian Fathers when I was a child because they had charge of the Parish of Ecce Homo where my family lived. In that parish I saw a lot of priests, all very hard working and dedicated to the People of God. For that reason, from the time I was ten years old, I wanted to be a Basilian.

Entré en la Congregación en enero del 2006 e hice el noviciado en el 2009, donde tuve el privilegio de compartir con el padre Walli Philip Platt, como asistente al Maestro de Novicios. Después de la profesión fui al escolasticado en Medellín, a la parroquia de San Basilio, una comunidad a la cual le tengo mucho cariño. Después para el año pastoral en 2012 la comunidad me pidió ser profesor en el colegio en Cali; fue una gran experiencia.

I entered the Congregation in January of 2006 and made my novitiate in 2009; it was then that I had the privilege to get to know Father Wally Platt who was Assistant Director of Novices. After my profession I went to the Scholasticate in Medellín at the parish of San Basilio; I have a lot of fond memories of this parish community.

Termine mis estudios en el seminario mayor de Bogotá en el 2014 y ese mismo año hice mi profesión perpetua y recibí la ordenación diaconal, con 26 años. Desde el 2016 he vivido en la parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, sirviendo al colegio y a la parroquia, rodeado de unos hermanos que son auténticos regalos de Dios para mí. Soy feliz como Basiliano. Solo le pido al Señor que me de todos los dones necesarios, para ser un santo pastor y poder compartir con muchos mi experiencia de un Dios misericordioso y bondadoso.

I finished my studies in the Major Seminary in Bogotá in 2014 and that same year I made my final vows and was ordained a deacon; I was then 26 years old. Since 2016 I have lived in the parish of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, serving in the parish and the school, surrounded by Basilians who are truly gifts of God in my life. I am happy as a Basilian. I only ask the Lord to give me the gifts that I need to be a holy pastor and be able to share with many others my experience of a good and merciful God.



Bernard Marcel Buisson CSB

50 ans de la vie consacrée

Le 12 septembre 1968, je prononçais mes premiers vœux basilien dans la chapelle du collège Sacré-Coeur à Annonay. Mon désir de vocation a germé quand j'avais 5-6 ans. J'étais l'aîné d'une fratrie de 3 garçons dans une famille paysanne très chrétienne. J'ai commencé à y penser plus sérieusement quand j'ai fait ma première communion le 17 juin 1956, dans la petite chapelle de St-Philibert. C'est à cette époque que j'ai commencé à être enfant de chœur, à lire en français aux fidèles les textes de la Parole de Dieu que le prêtre lisait en ce temps-là à voix basse en latin. Quand j'ai atteint l'âge de 11 ans, mes parents ont voulu me faire entrer en collège. Je voulais bien être prêtre, mais être aussi... professeur. J'ai choisi le Collège du Sacré-Coeur d'Annonay - à 20 kilomètres de la maison - tenu par les Basiliens qu'on ne connaissait guère, mais je savais juste qu'ils étaient tous religieux, prêtres et professeurs et cela me convenait bien.



En septembre 1960, j'entrais donc en 6ème à ANNONAY. Notre premier contact fut avec le Père René ROBERT, tout jeune Directeur, fin décembre 1959. Le 7 mai 1961, je vivais ma profession de foi à la chapelle du collège, présidée par Mgr Alfred COUDERC, évêque de Viviers. A partir de là, je fus un peu obligé de me "découvrir" et de participer aux clubs vocationnels Dominique Savio, puis Don Bosco, au groupe Servir et à la JEC (Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne) au collège. Après mon baccalauréat en juin 1967, je reçois la proposition d'entrer directement au noviciat à la Maison St-Joseph le 2 septembre 1967, avec le Père George BEAUNE comme maître des novices et le Père Marcel LEXTRAIT comme assistant. Nous étions trois novices: Jean-Claude FAUCONNET et Pierre REGAL partiront en janvier-février 1968.

Et ce furent mes premiers vœux, à une époque où la communauté basilienne de France rêvait encore d'un profond renouveau et d'un grand essor. Les années ont passé et il était clair que les espoirs de la branche basilienne française n'avaient plus guère d'avenir. Mais cela n'a découragé ni François MORFIN, ni moi-même qui avons persévéré jusqu'aux vœux perpétuels (pour moi en 1977), jusqu'à l'ordination sacerdotale (en décembre 1979) et jusqu'à aujourd'hui, après 35 ans d'enseignement au Collège Sacré-Coeur et un ministère paroissial dès 1981. Même si rien ne s'est passé comme prévu par les Basiliens français, j'ai été et je suis toujours très heureux, même si je fais présentement un peu l'expérience de la vie... érémitique dans une Maison St-Joseph devenue bien grande et quasi vide!

Mais je n'ai le projet de créer une nouvelle branche basilienne, rassurez-vous!

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Bernard Marcel Buisson CSB

50 Years of Consecrated Life

On September 12, 1968, I pronounced my first vows in the College Chapel of Sacred Heart in Annonay. My desire of a priestly vocation began when I was 5 or 6 years old. I was the eldest sibling of 3 boys in a Christian family of farmers. I began to think about it more seriously when I made my first communion on June 17, 1956, in the small chapel of St-Philibert. It was at this time that I joined the choir and I also read to the faithful in French the texts of the Word of God which the priest read at that time in a low voice in Latin. I reached the age of 11, my parents wanted to get me into a private school. I wanted to be a priest, but I also knew I wanted to be a teacher. I chose the College of Sacred Heart of Annonay that was administered by the Basilian Fathers whom I hardly knew. However, I just knew that they were all religious, priests and teachers and that suited me very well.

In September 1960, I entered the sixth grade at the Basilian College in Annonay. Our first contact was with Père René Robert, the young Principal of the School. The 7 of May, 1961, I was confirmed and made my profession of Faith in the College chapel in the presence of Mgr. Alfred Corderc, the Bishop of Viviers. From then on, I was gently pushed to participate in the vocational clubs "Dominic Savio," then "Don Bosco," the service group and the Christian Student Youth in the college. After my graduation in June 1967, I received the invitation to enter directly into the novitiate at Maison St-Joseph. I entered on September 2, 1967, with Father George BEAUNE as Master of novice and father Marcel LEXTRAIT as assistant. We were three novices: Jean-Claude Farouk and Pierre REGAL; both left in January-February 1968.

At the time of my First Vows the Basilian community of France still dreamed of a profound renewal and a great growth. Then the years passed and it was clear that the hopes of the French Basilian branch had little future. But it did not discourage François MORFIN or me, who persevered until Perpetual Vows (in 1977), until priestly Ordination (in December 1979) and until today. After 35 years of teaching at the College of the Sacred Heart and a parish ministry from 1981, I am still here. Even if nothing has happened as planned by the French Basilians, I was then, and I am now, very happy. Although I admit that I am currently having a little experience of hermetical life; Maison St. Joseph has become very large and almost empty!

But I have no plans to create a new Basilian renewal, I assure you!



The town of Annonay from the third floor of the College du Sacré-Coeur.

Anthony Emile Giampietro

25 Years of Priestly Ministry

“What is a Catholic priest? He is a man ordained by Christ to continue the Savior’s work of Redemption until the end of time. He is therefore a person specially chosen to proclaim the Gospel of salvation and lead the faithful to their final destiny. But he is mainly a person who receives unique powers at ordination to consecrate and sacrifice, and to reconcile a sinful people with their God.

“As one who proclaims the Good News, a priest is given the grace not only to teach the truths of revelation but inspire his hearers to follow what he teaches. As a leader of believers, he is to be the primary former and sustainer of a Christian community.



“What makes a Catholic priest most distinctive, however, and by divine will sets him apart from other men is the power that Christ gives him over the Holy Eucharist and over the sins of mankind.”

The above description, from the writings of Father John J. Hardon SJ, highlights the distinct and blessed role of a priest. Members of the Congregation of Saint Basil are often described as “familial,” “approachable,” “relatable.” A man who is “set apart” and yet combines such qualities is a blessing for himself and for all whom he serves. I have aspired to be such a man, reminded regularly of how far I fall short of this.

The Basilian attribute of familial availability can become an “I’m okay you’re okay” approach to life. The situation in the Church today reminds us that humility is greatly needed in those who set out to follow Christ and to lead others to him. Clearly priests and bishops get things appallingly wrong at times, and we can be stubborn in our resistance to the Gospel. At the same time, the Church has tremendous wisdom to bring to bear on the pressing issues of our age, including the fact that so many people feel the need to leave their homes to seek refuge in other countries; violence in the name of religion; economic and other forms of slavery. There is a risk that the purification that is needed in the Church will cause some to be closed to the path forward, that is, to be closed to Christ himself.

I am most grateful for the communion of persons for whom and with whom I am a priest, as we discern how best to follow Christ. Such a communion can make the narrowness of the path at least somewhat less daunting.

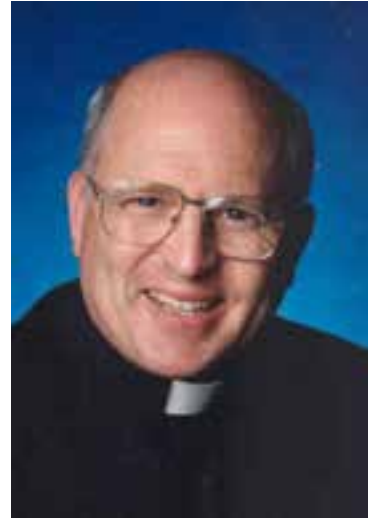
I have served in diverse apostolates and worked with people of rich and varied lives. I am especially happy to be back in academic life these days, serving as Director of Advancement for the School of Philosophy at The Catholic University of America. The effort to broaden and to deepen our understanding of the Gospel through Catholic education is a great gift to the Church and to the world.

Deo gratias!

Donald Frank Hyatt CSB

50 Years of Priestly Ministry

This past year, 2018, was exceptional busy. Being my 50th year of Ordination I experienced much. For the first time in approximately five years I visited Rochester to see relatives. It was a good visit. Then in late August I visited friends in Amherstburg, ON. It was very good to see them. We travelled to Toronto and its Aquarium, the CNN tower, a funeral wake, walks with friends along the Credit River, visiting Hamilton's Aviation Museum and the Lion Safari. Then it was onto Niagara Falls and finally we returned to Amherstburg. There I celebrated an anniversary Mass. After the Mass a group of us along with the assistant pastor from St. John the Baptist parish went to breakfast.



Back in the beautiful desert southwest, another celebration followed. On Sunday December 16 the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish In Truth or Consequences NM held a fantastic party for me. It was good to be with the people to whom I minister.

Another reason that I have been so busy was due to the loss of the pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I have been working full time at the parish and am the only priest in the county. I began residing at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in early September when the pastor left.

Being the only priest in Sierra County has given me much satisfaction and has been an amazing experience. It seems to fit my personality of wanting to be "in" the life of the parishioners. I loved Pope Francis' dictum that priests should "have the smell of the sheep" on them. Even when there was a pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help there were still plenty of opportunities for me to travel throughout the county assisting at the missions.

What drew me to be a Basilian priest? I loved every Basilian teacher I can remember. They were the reason I chose to be a member of the Congregation of St. Basil. Here are some I recall: Don McCarthy, Bob Fink (who taught me French), Peter Etlinger, Joe Courtney, Art Kern, Joe Abend, Oscar Regan ... I loved them all. I cannot forget Joe O'Reilly. He was my senior homeroom teacher. I remember carrying large rocks up the north staircase at Aquinas to build the May Shrine in our homeroom. We also had a water pump! I thought we would win the May Shrine competition since we had running water cascading over the rocks. To no avail, Donald McCarthy won the prize that year, as he often did.

I have lived the life of a Basilian priest now for the past 50 years. I, like most other Basilians, have had many ups and downs. Yet am I so happy that I persevered. It is not over. It gets more exciting as the years pass.

Thanks be to God.

James Kelsey McConica CSB

50 Years of Priestly Ministry

The first thing I found as a Basilian was a home - my adult home. It was a place where I could seek ordination to the priesthood and do my thing in congenial and supportive company. My “thing” was by then pretty well established anyway and was not likely to change: teaching, research and publication in my established fields of Tudor history and early European Humanism, centered on the work of Erasmus of Rotterdam. Not exactly what Tony Lococo might have said when he told the other novices that I had a PhD and had published a book. They were mildly interested at first but not overwhelmed, of course. They had their own preoccupations



I should explain that by then, I was 33 years old but only a new Catholic, received into the Church when I was 27. The other grown-up there was Bob Hale, who had been working for the Advertising Department of the *Edmonton Journal* when his father's sudden death precipitated his own decision. He was a stalwart friend, and his early death was the first that touched me personally. It still does.

I was ordained in Saskatoon with the matchless hospitality of Peter Swan, President of St Thomas More College. My elderly, Methodist parents understood nothing about my life and were relieved when I told them that the event would take place out west. Once again, I found that the Basilians rallied round and I was astonished by Peter's amazing arrangements!

In the background was the Second Vatican Council. It was a joy to participate in the changes it brought, and my life at PIIMS, my first appointment, and subsequently at St Michael's College was filled with opportunities to explore the new openness of the Church to different priorities and initiatives. Among those in my own field was the exploration of non-scholastic theology in the medieval period, where the traditions on which the Christian humanists drew were older than Scholasticism. Here, Etienne Gilson, the intellectual founder of the Pontifical Institute, was once again, a pioneering figure. If I needed scholarly Catholic endorsement for my work, I had it!

In my later years at PIMS and St Michael's College I found how perfectly the vocation to the priesthood and to education coincided among the Basilians. This was especially true at the College with the undergraduates about. I remember, after the “University Mass” (4:00 PM Sundays) a student saying, “It’s easy to tell you guys are teachers. You can tell from your homilies!”

Over the years I have so often given thanks to God for the Basilian Congregation, and for my acceptance as a member. It has been a daily blessing beyond description.

Thanks be to God!

Paul Michael McGill CSB

50 Years of Consecrated Life

The first Basilian that I met was Father Michael Oliver, CSB. He was Pastor of St. Mary's and the Missions when he made an appeal to the Parishioners to respond generously to the plight of Eastern European children displaced by WWII and now living in an orphanage in Waterdown.

Millard and Mae McGill (who already had four children of their own) wanted to respond to the appeal, but did not feel that they had the means. They went to chat with Father Oliver, who offered to drive them down to the orphanage in Waterdown.



When they arrived, there was a group of children out in the playground. Upon observing these children at play, they had their choice narrowed down to a couple of boys (the McGills already has 3 girls and 1 boy). Father Oliver elbowed Millard in his ribs and said, "What about the boy over there?" I was in the shade in a fetal position sucking my thumb. The McGills said, "Yes, we are responding to a need, and obviously there is a greater need".

At the time that the McGills chose me, I had already been orphaned twice. To say the least, it was the patience and caring of the whole McGill family that afforded me some healing.

Mae and Millard were Catholics. As a family, we recited the Rosary. On Sundays, besides going to Mass in the morning and Rosary/Benediction in the evening, the children also went to Sunday school in the afternoon. My brother John and I 'were volunteered' to serve Mass. Once, after a funeral Mass presided by one of the older Basilian priests, who seemed stressed, I offered to help. After the Recessional, I went back into the Sanctuary and got the covered chalice off the Altar to take back into the sacristy. The older Associate was shocked that I dared to handle the chalice and slapped me. I went home crying. When I got home, I told my Dad what had happened. He quietly left the house and went down to the Rectory. When Dad returned some time later, he simply stated that "Father will never touch you again."

This incident had a profound negative effect on the family that wasn't evident at the time. All through high school, we maintained a semblance of normalcy. Life went on. When I went to the University of Waterloo life changed dramatically for me. My first year, I became an atheist. My second year, I became an existentialist. My third year, I dabbled with Zen Buddhism. In my fourth year, I attended a retreat lead by Father Mike Quealy, CSB. It changed my life. I now was willing to embrace my Catholicism as a mature person and to give a second look at the Basilians. Somehow God used this Religious Congregation to heal me, to lead me to a deeper understanding of my Faith and Vocation.

Charles Daniel Porter CSB

50 Years of Consecrated Life

Yesterday I was called to three different places to give the Sacrament of the Sick. It put me between a rock and a hard place. "Entre la espada y la pared." This time I have been in San Lorenzo in Tehuacán eight years or so.... más o menos ocho años en San Lorenzo. I am 74 years old and I am working harder than I ever have in my whole life. Yo tengo 74 años y yo estoy trabajando más que en todo mi vida. I spend time listening to people in the office with serious problems and also hearing confessions and visiting hospitals. I am called to visit sick people by their families. Escuchando a personas en la oficina con problemas grandes and escuchando confesiones. También visito hospitales y hay muchas familias que me piden que yo venga a dar los sacramentos a sus parientes gravemente enfermos.



I entered the novitiate at Erindale in 1967 with Paul McGill and Norman Tanck. We have been friends, amigos, brothers in Christ, hermanos en Cristo desde hace 50 años. The most powerful experience I had in the novitiate was when Father George Freemesser came to give us some conferences. He was a priest, doctor, psychiatrist, with a worn out Bible and had spent long periods of time praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. His visit at the novitiate is still with me today 50 years later. In el noviciado el padre Jorge Freemesser vino a darnos unas pláticas sobre la espiritualidad. Fue sacerdote, doctor de medicina, y psiquiátrico con una Biblia bien leída. Había pasado largos tiempos en la presencia del Santísimo y ese hombre dejó una impresión en mi mente que todavía está conmigo 50 años después.

Otro padre Basiliano que tuvo un gran impacto en mi vida fue el padre Jack Whitley. El creyó en mí y en mi valor como persona humana. I met Jack Whitley when I was teaching at Aquinas. He believed in me and gave me support and friendship 110%. What he gave me is strength and light which is still with me today. There are, of course, other Basilians who have been real friends to me in these 50 years of religious life.

Tomorrow I have two funeral Masses; mañana tengo dos Misas con cuerpo presente. But this morning I had time to spend one hour in the church with the nativity scene and the Blessed Sacrament. Esta mañana pasé una hora de silencio sagrado en el templo con el pesebre y el Santísimo. Some ten years ago in a psychological workshop a Protestant pastor made the observation: "Prayer is the glue that holds Father Dan's psyche together." Hace diez años, más o menos, en un taller de sicología, un pastor protestante hizo la observación: "La oración es el pegamiento que mantiene integrado el psique del padre Daniel."

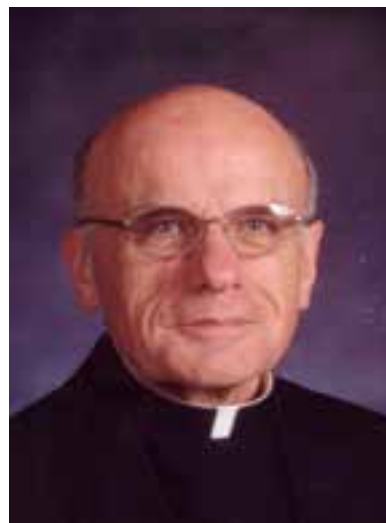
So it is. Así es.

Ronald George Schwenzer CSB

Fifty Years of Priestly Ministry

Our ordination class of 10 began first year theology in 1965, the same year the Second Vatican Council ended. What struck me then was our various courses were restructured based on the documents of the Council. All of our professors were on board with the new direction, Father Walter Principe especially. I appreciated the fact that I was studying theology in the post Vatican II era.

Don Hyatt, Mike Wesley and I were all from the Rochester area and so we were ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester by Bishop Dennis Hickey, Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester on December 14, 1968. It was the first time Bishop Hickey ordained priests and so it was special for him also.



The greatest blessing serving the Church for the past 50 years of my priesthood has been being available and present to people at important times in their lives – personal crises big and small, weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc. The first wedding ceremony I had was four months after I was ordained and it was my younger brother's wedding Mass. That was very special for me and for the family.

The four years I was Director of Vocations and Director of Associates were a blessing working with young men who were discerning their vocation during their initial stages of Basilian formation and working with our Associates teaching in high school. Seeing many continuing on and being ordained priests, was gratifying.

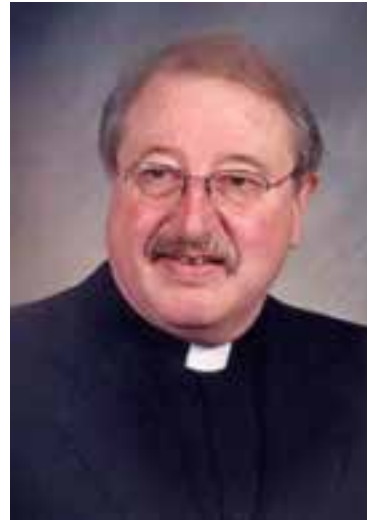
Since I began teaching as a scholastic in 1962, I was involved in our Basilian charism of education and evangelization at the secondary level at four different high schools and those were grace-filled years seeing students grow in goodness, discipline and knowledge during their teenage years and as young adults. Since I retired from our educational ministry in 2012, I have enjoyed sacramental ministry at St. Anne and at University of St. Thomas not just on weekends but during the week, celebrating the Eucharist and especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am truly humbled and edified by so many men and women, young and old, who take being a disciple of Jesus seriously and strive to be better Christians – putting their faith into practice.

I thank God that I am in relatively good health and sound mind; I have been able to serve the wonderful St. Anne parish community and also for the past two years at the Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas. Recently, in December, I was asked to assist Paul English at St. Kateri Tekakwitha parish in Irondequoit from January through June.

God willing, I hope to be able to serve the People of God for many more years in whatever ways I am able.

Norman Charles Tanck CSB

50 Years of Consecrated Life



Although I attended Aquinas Institute in Rochester, NY, it wasn't until I attended St. John Fisher College that I really got to know the Basilian Fathers and their way of life. Father Joe Trovato and Father Joe Dorsey played an important role in my interest in the Basilians. During my senior year at Fisher I discerned a call to the Basilian Fathers and to the priesthood. The summer after graduating and being accepted into the 1967-68 novitiate I worked in the Fisher library. It was then that I was able to meet many more Basilians who were gathered at Fisher for the 1967 General Chapter. I could tell that their discussions were difficult but also that Basilians could still enjoy being with each other after the day's work was done. This strengthened my decision to go to the Erindale Novitiate, just outside of Toronto.

In those days there was no Associate Program that would ease the entry into community life. So, novitiate was a cold turkey break from my life as an active and involved college student. The first morning was a rude awakening. Intellectually, I knew there were two "five o'clocks" in the same day, but not experientially. Going to bed early and wakening early, grand silence, silence at meals and long periods for personal prayer, reading and meditation were also new and difficult at first. I still get up around 5:00 AM, but don't retire until much later than I did in novitiate. I hold precious the silent times I can carve out of my day, usually in the morning, and our common meals. I have maintained over the years a discipline of personal and communal prayer and love for the Eucharist which was an important part of our daily novitiate routine.

During my novitiate year, we had two novice masters; both were good men but had significantly different personalities. As a matter of fact, from the time I started novitiate in the summer of 1967 until my ordination to the priesthood in the spring of 1974 I had seven different Basilians who were my novice masters or superiors and I moved five times. I learned that change and diversity would be part of my life as a Basilian.

Over the years the Community has challenged me to use my talents and skills in ways that I would have not thought possible. I am grateful for the education, ministerial experiences and human and spiritual growth that have been gifts to me in my fifty years as a Basilian. These have allowed me to deepen my relationship with Christ and communion with my confreres.

John Patrick Wheeler CSB

50 Years of Priestly Ministry

The final strophe of Robert Frost's poem, "The Road not Taken" reads thus:

*"I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."*

Well, I don't know if I am telling you this "with a sigh," but 50 years seems like "ages and ages," and I do feel that I have taken the road "less traveled by," and it truly has made "all the difference."



Every now and then, I try to imagine what my life would have been like if I had not chosen the path of Basilian priesthood. Then I think of all the wonderful people who have entered my life because of my priesthood, and I end up marveling at God's providence, and how truly blessed I have been.

After Theology studies in Toronto and Paris, my ordination took place on Dec 14, 1968 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. Wayne O'Reilly and George Hosko (Lord rest their souls) were ordained with me and one diocesan candidate.

My priestly life has seen me teach in three different Basilian schools: Detroit Catholic Central, Sacré Coeur in Annonay, and St Pius X in Albuquerque. In the late 90's I spent 5 extraordinary years at St Mary's and the Missions in Owen Sound.

But these last 10 years, in retirement from teaching, have been a true privilege. I joke about being on "speed dial" for 8 different parishes, and being a "rent-a-priest", but I am so blessed to be able to help out so many pastors, to be available for confessions and penitential services, and to be able to visit and anoint so many ailing and lonely members of Christ's Body.

When I look back on these 50 years, I see so many ways where I failed to respond to the graces of my priesthood, and I ask forgiveness of God and of my community for not being a more zealous priest.

For any good that I have accomplished, may God be praised! His only begotten Son is the source of my inspiration, the source of my joy. And a million thanks to my family, confrères and dear friends in both America and France for supporting me and lifting me up, despite my many failings.

David Joseph Zapalac CSB

25 Years of Priestly Ministry

Reflecting back on my years in the seminary, I realize how very blessed I was to have such wonderful teachers who inspired me. As part of my formation, I spent a year in Owen Sound, Ontario helping out at the different parishes in the area. I really enjoyed parish life, especially working with the RCIA. Teaching people who were interested in joining the Church reminded me that we are all on a unique journey of faith and it is a journey we do not make alone. Through the Church we have the support of one another to make that journey both in times of joy and in sorrow.



I first wanted to be a priest, because I always found such peace and comfort within the Church and I thought if I could help others to find that same peace and comfort I would be doing something fulfilling with my life. I now realize that making this journey of faith with others is what brings true fulfillment. As a priest, I am a part of people's lives, sharing in some of their most profound moments. It is such a joy to baptize a child, to give someone their first communion, to celebrate a marriage, to be a part of a family's Christmas and Easter celebrations. But then there are the challenging times of trying to bring comfort and hope to those who have lost a loved one or are going through some great difficulty and sadness. But as a people of faith, as the Church, we are not alone.

I was ordained to the priesthood on June 26, 1993 in Angleton, Texas by Bishop James A. Tamayo, D.D. My ordination was his very first one, so we were both very excited. It was also the first ordination in my home parish. I remember the church was packed because everyone in town wanted to see what an ordination was all about.

After my time in Angleton, I served at St. Anne Parish in Houston. I was then appointed to Holy Family Parish in Missouri City, Texas where I became Pastor for the first time. The people of Holy Family Parish will always have a special place in my heart, because during that time I lost both of my parents, within a couple of years of each other. I will never forget their kindness and sympathy towards me. Later, I served as Pastor in both Sacred Heart in Manvel and my home parish in Angleton. Returning now once again to St Anne's, I thank God for my ministry in serving our parishes in Texas and for all the people who have walked with me in my journey of faith, especially my Basilian confreres.

Wilfred Warren Janisse CSB

Raymond Arthur Jackson CSB

60 Years of Priestly Ministry

Ordained on June 29, 1958 by James Cardinal McGuigan in St. Basil's Church, Toronto ON



Wilfrid Janisse was born in Windsor (Riverside), Ontario, on December 14, 1929. He attended St. Joseph Separate School and Assumption High School. He entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate and was professed on August 15, 1950. He studied at Assumption College and after graduation he went to Houston, Texas and taught at St. Thomas High School. After ordination, Wilfrid had a distinguished career in education and taught at various Basilian schools in Canada (St. Mary's in Owen Sound, St. Charles in Sudbury, and Assumption in Windsor). He was also Treasurer at the Erindale Novitiate in the 1960s. Later he served at St. Basil's Church. He moved to Orsini House in 2006 where continued ministry at St. Basil's. He is currently at Presentation Manor.

Ray Jackson was born in Timmons, Ontario on November 20, 1926. He attended high school in Owen Sound and spent a year at St. Michael's College before entering the Richmond Hill Novitiate where he was professed on September 12, 1950. He returned to St. Michael's and after graduation he taught at Aquinas Institute in Rochester. After ordination, Ray served at Holy Rosary parish in Toronto and then went to Texas where he learned Spanish and served the Basilian parishes in Rosenberg, Wharton, and Sugar Land. In the 1970s, Ray began a very fruitful ministry in Mexico City and in Tehuacán; he served in parish ministry and in formation. He later returned to Wharton as pastor, then moved to Henry Carr Farm and finally to Orsini House. Now he lives in Scarborough at Presentation Manor.

The Cardinal Flahiff Centre - Toronto - Curial Office Staff



Ms. Carolina Klapp



Ms. Elizabeth Contreras



Ms. Amanda Parcher



Ms. Rebecca Campbell

Carolina Klapp was born in Santiago, Chile and serves as the Congregational Financial Officer. She has been employed by the Basilians for 10 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 the Treasurer General and performing the day to day financial operations. 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 7 years. She receives donations and pensions, she oversees health and car insurance, and she is responsible for the accounting of the building costs. Amanda is essential to the operations of the Curial Office. This year she is also the Acting Coordinator of Communications.

Rebecca Campbell is from Georgetown, PEI (Prince Edward Island); she has worked in the Flahiff Centre for 6 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*, the *Basilian Newsletters* and the *Basilian Annals*. She manages communications with the Basilian Lay Associates. She is a Notary Public for the Congregation.

Ms. Cynthia Watson

The Basilians in the Curial Office

The Superior General and the Vicar General

The Secretary – Treasurer General



The Superior General and the Vicar General are the two members of the General Council whose work is centered in the Curial Offices. **Kevin Storey**, as Superior General works with his Council to promote the well-being and good order of the Congregation. Kevin works in a collegial way and is always ready to consult the other members of the General Council. The use of the SPARK Board has facilitated Council communication in between the meetings when all the Councillors are all together at the Flahiff Centre. Issues that would have to wait until the next meeting of the Council are dealt with in a more immediate and efficient manner because of this technology. Kevin is committed to being present to Basilians in different areas so that their voices can be heard by the Congregational leadership.



David Katulski is serving his third term as Vicar General. His primary ministry on the Council is dealing with Basilians who are having difficulties in their life and ministry. David is the spokesman for the Basilian Fathers in matters that involve the media. He is also the member of the General Council who handles legal issues that face the Congregation. David works with our Canon Lawyer in matters involving excommunication, incarnation, departure from religious life and priesthood, and other matters involving the Roman Congregations. David continues to offer sacramental ministry to the staff and students of St. Joseph's College School in Toronto and is a chaplain in the Knights of Malta. David also provides monthly retreats to the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca in Markham.



Jack Hanna is the Secretary-Treasurer General and, as his title suggests, he has two areas of responsibility. As Secretary General, Jack is responsible for communication within the Congregation. He translates Basilian documents into Spanish. With Cynthia Watson, Jack prepares the Newsletters, the monthly Message from the Superior General, Basilian Obituaries, the *Directory* and the *Annals*. As Treasurer General, Jack oversees the Basilian Finances. He works with the Congregation Financial Officer, Ms. Carolina Klapp, and the Assistant Financial Officer, Ms. Elizabeth Contreras. Jack meets with the Basilian Finance Committee (A. Leung, G. McDonald, W. May, R. Glass and D. Katulski). He also meets with the Investment Advisory Committee, laymen with financial expertise, who review Congregational investments.

The other members of the General Council, **John Huber**, **Morgan Rice** and **Dennis Noelke** are always available for consultation by email or telephone. Of course, the weekly SPARK Board meetings where the Councillors can see and hear each other in real time have facilitated discussion and building consensus. This General Council has expanded the role of General Council Retreat. The retreats have a spiritual aspect as well as a time for working and discussion. Council Members have gone to the Kingbridge Centre near Toronto for one and two day retreats which all have agreed to be beneficial.

Basilian Centre for Peace & Justice

Bob Holmes CSB, Director



There was lots of activity in 2018 for the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice, based on Luke 4:18:

The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, release to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed and the time of God's reign.

YOUTH – Most of the engagement with young people has involved Gospel Peacemaking ministry:

- **School Presentations** – on peacemaking ministry and peacemakers in Israel/Palestine and Indigenous communities in Canada.
- **School Retreats** – centered on the Gospel, examining Nonviolence and Justice, addressing Bullying and Harassment, practicing Peacemaking Skills, Interactive Liturgy.
- **Camp Micah** – leadership for Peace and Justice, a one week camp in August for teens, based on Micah 6:8 “Love Tenderly, Act Justly and Walk Humbly with your God.”
- **Peacemaker Training** – workshops on skills for de-escalation of violence and nonviolent intervention in situations of harm-doing.

EVENTS – Many of the events involved co-sponsoring with partner organizations:

- **Workshops** – for teachers modelling nonviolent ways of dealing with situations of injustice.
- **Conferences** – “Voices for Peace,” “World Beyond War” and “Palestinian Liberation Theology.”
- **Talks** – given to community groups – both Christian and Muslim – on peacemaking in Palestine and with Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- **Blue Scarf Walks** – in Toronto on the International Day of Peace wearing the Blue Scarves of the Afghan Peace Volunteers.



ACTIVITIES – Various other activities undertaken by the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice:

- **Stirrings** – our Basilian Peace and Justice Newsletter published four times a year, with the goal of exciting, arousing, awakening, and animating action for justice and peace.
- **Holy Land Pilgrimage** – an annual journey of faith and hope in search of beatitude people: Christians, Muslims and Jews, who pursue a just peace in the Holy Land.
- **Investment Justice** – I am a board member of CAIC, The Canadian Alternative Investment Cooperative, and staff person for the Basilian Human Development Fund.

PARTNERS - Peace and Justice ministry is always collaborative. Here are our major partners:

- **Pax Christi** – has been a strong partner in promoting and participating the Blue Scarf Peace and Earth Day Walks. Many members have also been pilgrims to the Holy Land.
- **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)** – have been very supportive of, and facilitators in, our Gospel Peacemaking retreats and workshops.
- **KAIROS** – has been very active in Indigenous justice issues and have facilitated the “Blanket Exercise” on many of our retreats.
- **Catholics for Peace and Justice in the Holy land (CPJHL)** – have worked with us on several events and have developed a teachers’ guide for a unit on justice and peace in the Holy land.

Vocations and Initial Formation - USA and Canada

Norm Tanck CSB

In 2018, Vocations and Initial Formation for Canada and the United States were under the direction of Jeff Thompson (Vocation Director), Norm Tanck (Director of Associates), and David Bittner (Director of Scholastics).

In the USA there were five associates in 2018, four of them assigned to Keon House. Sean Ajluni and David Semivule continued their undergraduate studies at St. Thomas University and Patrick O'Brien and Charles Borremeo were on the staff at St. Thomas High School. Dan Ryan, associated with the Basilian



Fathers of Novi, continued his undergraduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. In December it was announced that there will be a novitiate beginning in late August, 2019. Paul English has been appointed the Director of Novices and Director of Scholastics.

Eduardo Rivera and Oscar Carbajal, members of the Scholastic Community in Keon House, studied Theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston. They renewed their temporary vows during the 2018 General Chapter Retreat (*photo at left*). Towards the end of 2018, Óscar was appointed to the Mexican Scholasticate in Tlalpan, Mexico City.

Steven Huber received his M.Div. and was ordained a Deacon 12 May, 2018 in Houston. Steven was assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption in Windsor, ON for his supervised ministry and will be ordained to the priesthood 9 February 2019 in Albuquerque.

Graduate Studies

Warren Schmidt CSB

In 2018 I continued my doctoral studies at l'Institut Catholique de Paris, making progress on my dissertation on the post-Vatican II reform of the rites of ordination to the priesthood and the ecclesiological and theological currents and tensions behind the reforms. I have traced the practice of celebrating priestly ordinations since Vatican II.

I also remain one of two priests on the presenting team of Retrouvaille France, and I hear confessions at St. Louis d'Antin Parish, where I enjoy the fraternity of Joe Hunt, CSB, who is Vicar at St. Louis d'Antin. I also enjoyed the visit of Jim Farge CSB this past year; we shared a pleasant time together and ate at a Paris Brassiere.



This year I made my visit home in December and was in Vernon, BC, from December 24 to January 2. I baptized my nephew Declan on December 30 as well as helping with Christmas and New Year's Masses.

Michelle Sawyers

Basilian Fathers Archives

2018 was a year of major changes at 95 St. Joseph Street. In addition to having new Superior General, Father Storey, in the building, the residents of Anglin House and Orsini House prepared to move to Presentation Manor. Some Fathers took the opportunity to transfer photos and other documents to the archives while they were sorting things to pack, while many others were reflecting on and sharing the history of the building. In addition to the hubbub of such a big move, there was lots of business as usual around the office.



The archives were involved in some new outreach initiatives this year. In house, I began working with Jillian Kaster-Miller to come up with “Throwback Thursday” posts for Basilian social media. Each Thursday, Basilian Twitter and Facebook accounts feature historic images from the archives with subjects such as Basilian schools and churches and the confrères who served them.

In the wider world, the Kelly Library at the University of St. Michael’s College hosted an exhibit entitled *Love Your Neighbour as Yourself: Catholic Social Teaching in Toronto*. The exhibit featured the Basilian Fathers as well as the Loretto Sisters and the Sisters of St. Joseph and included archival material that highlighted practical examples of Catholic social teaching in the lives and work of members of those congregations. I had fun learning about and sharing the work of Father Gerald McGuigan and his ISAID projects and the peace and justice work of Father Robert Holmes.

There were lots of interesting requests for information to keep me busy this year. Perennial favourite Father David Bauer, who was inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 2018, was the subject of study once again, as was Father George Kosicki. One researcher asked for Cardinal Flahiff’s correspondence with Dominique de Menil regarding Houston’s Rothko Chapel. A former novice requested photos of the Pontiac novitiate for an autobiographical film that he was making, and Salt and Light requested photos for histories of the Congregation and of Assumption Parish. I love working on research requests because I get to read about subjects I wouldn’t have thought to look up on my own.



In May I was fortunate to be able to attend the Catholic Archivist Group conference in Victoria, where the highlight for me was being able to hear from a local indigenous presenter about her community’s history with the Catholic Church. I always benefit from being able to converse with archivists who face issues similar to those of the Basilian Archives.

*A snapshot from the Basilian Fathers Archives:
Bud Paré and Gerry McGuigan in Niger.*

Jillian Kaster Miller

Coordinator of Communications for the Basilian Fathers

I would like to begin by thanking the staff of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre and the Anglin and Orsini House communities for their kindness and support as I prepared to take care of my growing family while on maternity leave.

Prior to my departure in September, I had the privilege of managing communications for the General Chapter. This began by launching the Basilian electronic chatroom, which has remained available on the “Basilian Only” section of the website as a place for Basilians to exchange ideas online in a secure setting.



At the Chapter, I livestreamed the retreats led by Fathers John Reddy, CSB, Pedro Mora, CSB, and Paul English, CSB. The excitement surrounding the announcement of the new General Council garnered a lot of attention on social media and the Basilian Facebook page achieved an unprecedented growth rate in Facebook “likes” during this time. The livestream of the Chapter’s Closing Mass introduced the Basilian online communities to Father Kevin Storey, CSB as the new Superior General of the Congregation. Viewers witnessed first-hand the openness he brings as the leader of the Congregation by joining in watching him give his first homily as Superior General and committing to the Congregation.

Through conversations I’ve had when writing the “Meet the Basilians” profiles, I learned that being able to observe Basilians living in community is a powerful experience in one’s formation journey. The Basilian Instagram page that launched this year brings this experience online through posts of photos of Basilians past and present living both inside and outside the parish and classroom. The aim is that the page will give young men with an interest in religious life a glimpse into the *Basilian Way of Life* and be an invitation to learn more about the Congregation of St. Basil.

In the spring, I led a workshop on social media for the residents of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre. This workshop covered the main platforms and best practices on how to protect oneself while online. Attendees were interested in how social media can be used to stay in touch with friends and family. I want to thank Amanda Parcher for her great work in keeping the Communications office running smoothly while I’m away; her task will continue until I return in September, 2019.



The announcement that Father Kevin Storey CSB was elected Superior General of the Congregation of St. Basil was the most popular Facebook post with 28 shares and reaching almost 8000 people

The General Chapter of 2018

Kingbridge Centre, King City (Toronto) On

The General Chapter of 2018 was held at the Kingbridge Center from July 8 until July 18, 2018. There were 34 capitulants to the Chapter of 2018, which was 20% of the total Congregation.

The delegates were: F. Amico, D. Bittner, J. Boscoe, J. Carruthers, T. Dugan, P. English, R. Espejel, P. Fulton, S. Garrity, A. Giampietro, R. Griffin, D. Hilmer, J. Huber, D. Katulski, A. Leung, R. Lopera, K. Mannara, J. Murphy, D. Noelke, P. O'Connor, E. Padilla, J. Reddy, J. Redican, M. Rice, E. Rivera, T. Rosica, W. Schmidt, T. Scott, G. Smith, J. Stenberg, K. Storey, J. Suarez, P. Walsh, J. Walsh and P. Mora (*non-voting participant*)

Members of Chapter Staff were: Oscar Carbajal García, Javier de la Rosa Luna, Alejandro Estrada Pérez, Jack Hanna, Steven Huber, Terry Kersch, Glenn McDonald, Cynthia Watson, Jillian Kaster Miller

The Steering Committee was: Dennis Noelke (Chair), Terry Kersch, Glenn McDonald, Rafael Lopera, David Bittner



The General Chapter voted for two changes in the *Basilian Way of Life* that were subsequently approved by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life: the Chapter added St. Oscar Romero to the list of Patrons of the Congregation (BWL 85) and the Chapter approved the taking of temporary vows for one, two or three years at a time (BWL 51). The Chapter elected the present General Council, shown seated: Dennis Noelke (4th Councillor), David Katulski (Vicar General), Kevin Storey (Superior General), John Huber (2nd Councillor) and Morgan Rice (3rd Councillor).

Salt + Light Television

Thomas Rosica, CSB



Thomas Rosica is in his sixteenth year as founding Chief Executive Officer of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. 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 also assists the General Council with communications matters. Tom is a frequent visitor to our elderly confrères at Presentation Manor in Scarborough. He was appointed by the Superior General as a capitulant to the 2018 General Chapter and preached for the Basilian Fathers Missions this past summer. 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.

Over the past year, Tom lectured on Scripture to the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, and preached the retreat to the Basilian Fathers Scholasticate community in Houston in January 2018. Tom led retreats and study days for clergy and religious in Florida, Manitoba, British Colombia, PEI, and Pennsylvania. He preached the retreat for the US Bishops Region V in Louisiana and assisted the staff of the Southdown Institute in Canada with a series of lectures.

Over the past year, Tom has lectured on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* to assemblies and conferences in Ontario; Washington state, Quebec and Manitoba. He has delivered the keynote addresses to the National Workshop on Christian Unity in Maryland and spoke National Federation of Priests' Councils in the USA. He delivered the Henry Carr Lecture at St. Mark's College in Vancouver. He spoke at Regis College in Toronto and at the Theological College in Washington, DC. He also addressed the Canadian Patrons of the Arts of the Vatican Museums on the topic: "What's behind the resurgence of angels?" Tom was awarded Honorary Doctorates from St. Mark's College in Vancouver (at left with +Michael Miller CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver) and from Regis College in the University of Toronto.



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In September 2018, Tom was appointed by the Vatican to the Commission for Information of the 2018 Ordinary Synod of Bishops on the theme: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment" that took place at the Vatican during the month of October.

Publications in 2018:

Stay With Us... Encounters With The Risen Lord; Biblical Reflections on the Resurrection
Reste avec nous... Méditations sur le Christ ressuscité
Novalis, 2018

Words Made Flesh: Biblical Reflections for Year C Paroles Faites Chair: Réflexions bibliques pour l'Année C
Published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Salt + Light Catholic Television Network

The Congregation of St. Basil has been a pillar donor to Salt and Light Television Network. Throughout 2018, Salt and Light Catholic Television Network marked its 15th year of existence. Salt and Light Television is available in nearly 3 million homes across Canada.

During 2018, Salt and Light Television established an American entity known as Salt **and** Light Media USA and opened a small office in New York City. Salt and Light Television has already been invited to televise events at Fordham University's department of Faith and Culture.

The Vatican appointed four members of the Salt and Light staff to the October 2018 Ordinary Synod of Bishops at the Vatican: two were appointed as youth delegates who addressed the Synod of Bishops and took part in all language group discussions: anglophone Julian Paparella (*at right with Pope Francis*) and francophone Emilie Callan. They were joined by Prevain Devendran, Salt and Light's Manager of Operations and Allyson Kenny, Associate Producer, who were on the Synod's Social Media Team.



The highlight of Salt and Light's 15th Anniversary took place on Friday evening, December 7, 2018 when Salt and Light sponsored the Canadian premiere of Andrew T. Miller's Christmas Cantata: "The Birth of Christ" before a crowd of 750 people. Filmed for television broadcast before Christmas, the event, featuring the Masterworks choir and orchestra of 70 people and six soloists was narrated by Rosa Flores, journalist of the Cable News Network (CNN) in the USA.

The year concluded with Tom and one of his producers, Sebastian Gomes, interviewing the Pope who will be featured in an upcoming documentary "The Francis Impact" on Salt and Light Television Network in early 2019.



Tom Rosica with the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta India, 2018

Maison St-Joseph

Annonay (Ardèche) France

Le berceau des Basiliens

Cette année fut pleine de nouveautés pour les deux Basiliens français qui restent attachés directement à ANNONAY. Père François MORFIN, 72 ans, n'a toujours pas pu concrétiser son projet de quitter la Maison Ste-Marthe à Aubenas pour revenir s'installer à Annonay, à la Maison St-Joseph de Varagnes, sur la route de Boulieu. Le chantier a d'abord pris du retard, car les logements pour les prêtres attendus ont été jugés trop petits par notre évêque et il a été décidé d'en prendre deux pour en faire un seul, deux fois plus vaste.

Ensuite, François a eu des ennuis de santé cet été et cet automne. François aura un dernier bilan en janvier 2019, mais la tendance est plutôt à l'optimisme à ce jour. Mais du coup, cela a repoussé son projet de déménagement sur Annonay d'autant. Et maintenant qu'il pourrait peut-être l'envisager, nouveau contretemps: il reste le seul des prêtres retirés à candidater pour l'instant à Varagnes et le conseil épiscopal et moi-même pensons qu'il n'est pas raisonnable de le laisser arriver seul dans ce nouveau foyer-logement pour prêtres retirés mais encore à peu près autonomes. Il convient donc d'attendre qu'il y ait un ou deux autres prêtres ou religieux candidats. Quand ce sera?

Pour ma part, je suis toujours "curé in solidum" sur la paroisse St-Christophe-les-Annonay, tout en intervenant souvent sur la paroisse Ste-Claire d'Annonay-Vocance, même si je n'y ai pas de "nomination officielle". Du coup, on fonctionne réellement à 3 prêtres là où on était 5 ou 6 l'an dernier. Heureusement, 2 - 3 prêtres des Chanoines Réguliers de St-Augustin de Champagne viennent souvent nous donner des coups de mains. Mais du coup tout a augmenté pour moi en 2018 (le nombre d'eucharisties le samedi ou le dimanche, les baptêmes (89 contre 85 en 2017), les mariages (20 contre 17 en 2017), et surtout les funérailles (104 au lieu de 75 en 2017).

Le projet de création d'un "ensemble scolaire St-Basile", formé du rapprochement du collège Sacré-Coeur avec l'école primaire catholique de Montalivet qui doit venir investir, après de gros travaux - on doit en gros démolir tout l'intérieur, couloirs, cloisons, sanitaires, chauffage, installation électrique pour y réaliser 8 classes et quelques salles annexes aux normes actuelles de l'Education Nationale - l'actuelle Maison St-Joseph à la rentrée de septembre 2020, si les délais sont respectés. Le principe est acquis, les plans futurs sont en train d'être réalisés, les transferts de propriétés vont s'opérer et le montage financier est en cours, la communauté basilienne locale apportant gracieusement à ce projet le terrain et le bâti actuel, qui vont ainsi continuer de servir à l'enseignement catholique de l'Ardèche.



Maison Saint-Joseph, 54 Route de Californie, Annonay

Photo du père Ted Baenziger CSB, été 2018

Du coup, un nouveau logement de 93m2 a été réalisé pour moi et le souvenir basilien au second étage de l'ex-maison des soeurs de St-Joseph. Je vais commencer à y déménager mon "barda" (40 ans de présence au même endroit, c'est une... catastrophe pour l'accumulation des papiers et autres! Je vais donc opérer un grand tri au fur-et-à mesure!).



Au collège Sacré-Coeur, une vingtaine d'élèves en plus (731 en cette année scolaire 2017-2018). On va lancer un nouveau grand projet de constructions ou d'aménagements. Les résultats scolaires sont toujours excellents au Diplôme National du Brevet: en juin 2018, 134 admis sur 135 candidats (faible effectif en 3ème l'an dernier) soit 99,25% de réussite et un taux de mentions jamais atteint: 35 mentions Très Bien (plus de 16/20), 43 mentions Bien (entre 14 et 16/20), 39 mentions Assez Bien (entre 12 et 14/20) avec seulement 17 admis sans mention (entre 10 et 12/20) et donc un seul échec. Les 2 co-tutelles ont remis à Michaël BOUVIER, désormais dans sa 7ème année de direction une nouvelle lettre de mission (pour les 3-4 ans à venir). Je suis parti à la retraite de l'enseignement depuis 4 ans et demi et j'ai l'impression que tout ou presque a changé dans la façon de faire cours. Et des fois, je ne regrette pas de ne plus être professeur face à ce déferlement de nouveautés numériques. Bon, je sais, c'est un signe évident d'un début de vieillissement!

Père Bernard BUISSON CSB

Maison St-Joseph

Annonay (Ardèche) France

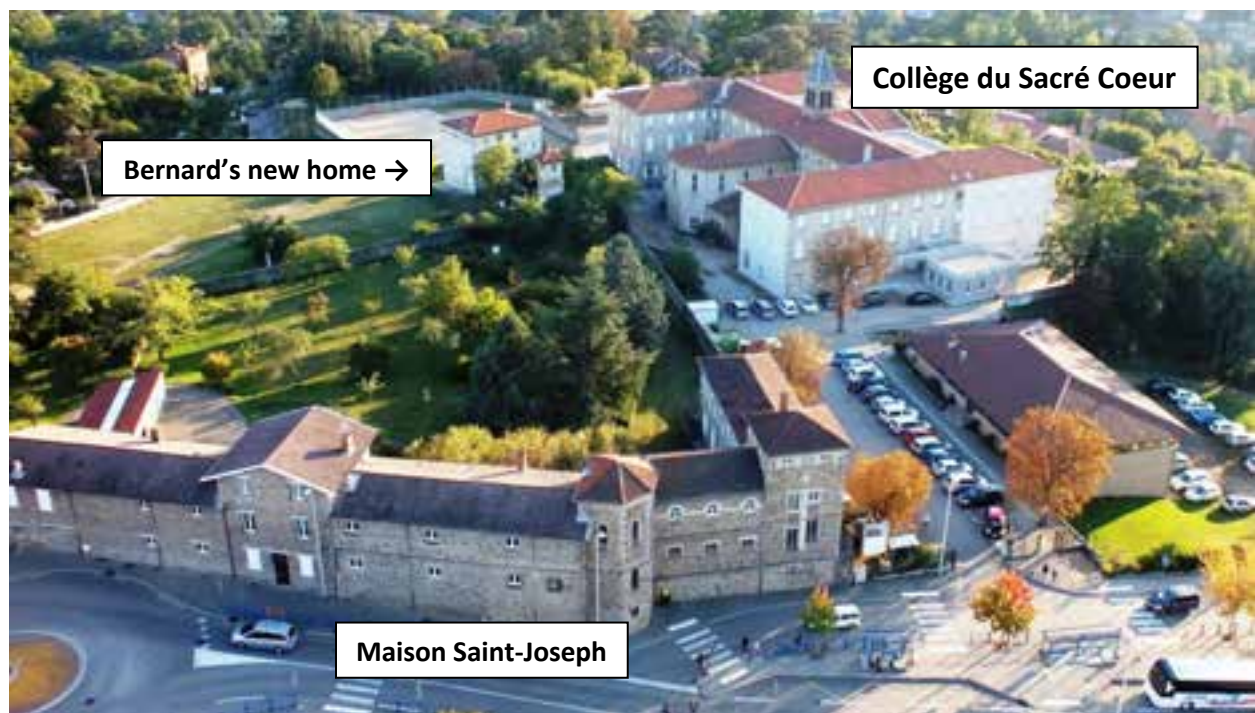
The Cradle of the Basilian Fathers

This year was full of new things to get used to for the two French Basilians who remain attached to the house in Annonay. Father François MORFIN, 72 years old, has still not been able to finalize his plan to leave the Maison Ste-Marthe in Aubenas to return to live at the Maison St-Joseph de Varagnes, on the road to Boulieu in Annonay. The construction was initially delayed because the residences for the priests were judged too small by our bishop and it was decided to make the rooms twice as large. Then Francois had health problems this summer and this fall. Francois will have a final checkup in January 2019, and the opinion is rather optimistic to date. After the medical exam he might consider moving. However, there is a new setback: he is the only one of the priests to apply to Varagnes and the Episcopal Council and I think it is not reasonable to let him be alone in this new Home for Priests. It is therefore necessary to wait until there are one or two other priests or religious candidates. When will it be?

For my part, I am still "curate in Solidum" at the parish of St-Christophe-les-Annonay, while often helping at the parish of Ste-Claire of Vocance, even if I do not have an official appointment. So, we are three priests in ministry where we were 5 or 6 last year. Fortunately, 2-3 priests of the Regular Canons of St-Augustin de Champagne often come to give us occasional help. But suddenly everything got busy for me in 2018 (the number of Eucharists on Saturdays or Sundays, baptisms (89 versus 85 in 2017), marriages (20 versus 17 in 2017), and especially funerals (104 instead of 75 in 2017).

The project to create a “School Ensemble St-Basile,” consisting of rejoining the Sacred Heart College with the Catholic Primary School of Montalivet . This will be a big investment and a lot of work. At Maison Saint-Joseph, they must demolish all the interior, corridors, partitions, sanitary, heating, electrical installation to construct 8 classrooms and some annexes to meet the current standards of national education. The funds are acquired, the future plans are being made, the transfers of properties will take place and the financial arrangement is underway. The local Basilian community is providing the land and the current building for this project, which thus will continue to serve Catholic education of the Ardèche.

Recently, new housing Hs been provided for me, the remaining Basilian, on the second floor of the former Convent of the Sisters of St-Joseph. I will begin to move my “Barda” (40 years of being in the same place) and it is a disaster with the accumulation of papers and other materials!



At Collège Sacré-Coeur, we accepted some 20 additional students (731 in this school year 2017-2018). The academic results are always excellent at the National Diploma of the Patent: in June 2018, 134 admitted on 135 candidates or 99.25% success and a rate of honorable mentions never reached before: 35 mentions very well, 43 good mentions , 39 mentions fairly well with only 17 admitted without mention and only one failure. Michaël BOUVIER, now in his 7th year as principal, has been given a new contract (for the 3-4 years to come). I have been retired from teaching for four and a half years and I have the impression that almost everything has changed. Sometimes I don't regret not being a teacher in the face of all this surge of digital novelties. Well, I know, it's an obvious sign of aging.

Father Bernard BUISSON CSB

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Windsor ON

The Basilian community at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Windsor has seen a number of changes in 2018. In August, our 251st year as a parish, local lawyer and activist Paul Mullins released his interim report on what had transpired during the previous failed fundraising campaigns for the restoration of the historic church. This has spurred a renewed interest in renovating the structure. Local philanthropist Al Quesnel has renewed his pledge of up to \$5 million in matching funds. By the end of the year we were at over \$9 million in pledges, and hopes are high that renovation work can commence in 2019.



This year occasioned a number of personnel changes. **Jim Stenberg**, who served as Superior and Parochial Vicar since 2015, left after Chapter to take up his new assignment at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton. Many parishioners miss him, as well as the Basilians at Sunrise, Tunny Hathaway CSB and Ken McKernan CSB, whom Jim visited regularly.

On July 1 the parish welcomed **Steven Huber**. In May, Steven graduated from the University of St. Thomas/St. Mary's Seminary, and was ordained Deacon. In addition to his responsibilities at the Parish, Steven continues to sing. He joined the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus, and was privileged to perform Handel's Messiah, and in the Holiday Pops Concert with the Windsor Symphony. Steven is also busy preparing for his Ordination to the Priesthood in February.



Back Row, L to R: Ricardo Portillo, Rose Portillo, Diane Aversa, Rose Marie Ruston, Marie-Anne Seguin, Jay Handsor, Tom Herbert, Andy Matos, Deacon Steven Huber CSB
Front Row, L to R: Father Maurice Restivo CSB, Father Paul McGill CSB, Mike Denunzio, Anne Marie Handsor, Father Mark Gazin CSB

Then in August, Assumption welcomed **Mark Gazin**, who had just completed his 2-year canonical licentiate (JCL) from St. Paul's University in Ottawa, which included a June study visit to Rome to visit 22 Vatican departments (dicasteries) in 10 days. On his return he moved to Toronto for a practicum with the Toronto Archdiocesan Regional Tribunal. Mark joined the Assumption team in August as part-time Parochial Vicar, with part time work as a judge with the London Diocesan Office of the Toronto Regional Tribunal. Mark also serves as Chaplain to the local council of the Knights of Columbus.

Maurice Restivo remains in his service as Pastor of the parish, and assumed the role of local Superior at Jim's departure. In September-October he helped lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, along with Bob Holmes. Maurice continues to be active in recovery, and in his spare time does pottery and occasional dinners.

We have also benefitted greatly from the service of local Basilians: **Paul McGill**, who serves as Chaplain of the Catholic Campus Ministry of Assumption University, helps out regularly with parish Masses. **Joe Quinn** was always willing to help as long as his health allowed. **Q. Johnson** is always ready to fill in when needed, and we have now begun to call on **Don Lococo**, who arrived in Windsor during the summer. **Bernard Pinsonneault** writes that he continues independent living status at Kensington Court Retirement Community in Windsor. He enjoys parish ministry when called upon.



Assumption Parish community celebrates Eucharist at Most Holy Name of Mary Church in Windsor.

Frassati House

Toronto ON

The Basilian community at Frassati House consists of **Norm Tanck** (Rector), **Bob Holmes**, **Jack Hanna** and **Doug Hilmer**. **Neil Hibberd** is associated with the Frassati community and often joins us for dinner.

Frassati House, located in the Corktown district of Toronto just south of Regent Park, is in a racially and ethnically diverse, mixed income neighborhood consisting of older homes, townhouses, apartments, and subsidized and social housing. We are a Catholic household in St. Paul's Basilica Parish. Good Shepherd Centre, which serves the poor and homeless in the area, is just around the corner from us. Like many areas in Toronto, older buildings are being torn down to make way for high-rise condo and apartment buildings. We enjoy good relations with our neighbors who often comment on our gardens.



We celebrate Morning Prayer and Mass at 7:30 AM Monday through Friday and Evening Prayer Monday through Thursday after dinner. House "business" is usually conducted after Mass or during the evening meal. The four residents each take a day a week to shop for and prepare dinner. Norm and Doug usually do the house shopping on Saturday morning. Each member has responsibility for the upkeep of his room including laundering his bed linens and towels. A housekeeper comes in on Wednesdays to clean the kitchen and common rooms. Jack, Doug and Norm look after our small lawns and gardens. Everyone gets a chance in the winter to clear snow and ice off our **two** sidewalks since we have a corner lot.

We have several guest rooms and we are able to offer hospitality to visiting Basilians and friends. This year we were honored to hosts the five English speaking Basilian associates before and after their retreat. We anticipate that with the closing of Orsini and Anglin Houses we will become a sort of "Basilian B&B" in Toronto.

Norm Tanck is the part-time Associate Pastor of St. Basil's Parish and serves the Basilian Fathers as Director of Associates in Initial Formation. He is a member of the newly reconstituted Vocations Team and in December he was appointed Vocation Director. In April he attended the Canadian National

Association of Vocation and Formation Directors (NAVFD) conference in Hamilton, ON and in November the United States' National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) convocation in Buffalo, NY.

He participated in the pre-NRVC convocation workshops on USA Immigration, Civil and Canonical Law for Religious. Norm also is part of the coordinating team for the Toronto-London Basilian Lay Associates.

July 5-10 Norm accompanied the North American Basilian associates on their retreat preached by Father Bill Riegel, CSB at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, ON. The last day of their retreat they joined the 2018 General Chapter for the first day of the Chapter's retreat. Labour Day weekend Norm preached for the Basilian Missions at Transfiguration Parish, Pittsford, NY and in September was on a Toronto Sisters of St. Joseph retreat team for a weekend retreat at Invermara, Orillia, ON for single women.

This past year **Doug Hilmer** continued to be involved in all aspects of the community life of the house, specializing in maintenance and general upkeep of a new flower bed in the back of the property as well as assisted with gardening and painted our TV room. Doug was also one of the Basilians that regularly presided and preached at Orsini House Masses before they moved to Presentation Manor.

In September Doug began the Activation Coordinator in Gerontology course at George Brown College. This is a full-time two-year course which specializes in all aspects of elder care. He enjoys the course and is doing well scholastically as well as in the placement he is doing in a local nursing home. Due to the nature of the course work he is often away and so appreciates the support of the local community in giving him the opportunity to study in this important field.

Jack Hanna is starting his sixth year at Frassati House and his sixth year as Secretary – Treasurer General of the Congregation. He still finds the ministry interesting and enjoys working with the staff in the Curial Office. Jack and David Katulski (*at right*) met at the Pontiac Novitiate and studied at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and still seem to be able to work together in relative harmony. For years, Jack taught Spanish and he still uses his Spanish on a daily basis. He translates all the Basilian documents that go out to the Congregation into Spanish. Jack's other great interest is Art History and he visits museums whenever he can. This past year Jack gave a presentation to the men in Anglin and Orsini Houses on Art History. He spoke on Romanesque and Gothic architecture and art. When asked how it went, Jack replied: "OK, I guess. Only Peter Swan slept and he was already asleep when they brought him in."



Jack, along with Vince Dulock and Aron Fernandez in Sugar Land, oversees the funds of the Basilian Fathers Missions. Jack reports that the embezzlement disaster of 2016 is behind us and now the Mission Portfolio is steadily growing. "It makes a difference when no one is stealing," says Jack. At Frassati House, Jack helps tend to the grounds. He is faithful at mowing the grass in the spring, summer and early fall but not so faithful at snow-blowing in the winter. Jack says that he loves living and working in Toronto ... except for the snow.

Bob Holmes continues to serve the Congregation as the Director of the Basilian Centre for Justice & Peace. Besides the time he spends in the Holy Land, Bob gives workshops and talks in Toronto area Separate Schools and parishes and celebrates the Sunday Eucharist occasionally with a small intentional community and in area Parishes. More detail of his work with the Basilian Centre for Justice and Peace can be found in its Annals' report.

Bob still enjoys mountain climbing with friends and looks forward to his annual retreat at Western Priory in Vermont. He says that he, "continues to find in Frassati House the comfort of a home among Basilian brothers who share the homemaking and hospitality responsibilities well. We have a mix of many apostolates which adds many flavours to our community life, a community life supported by care and concern for each other and our common spiritual life".



Neil Hibberd is associated with Frassati House, but lives in the Avondale Retirement Home which is a short street car ride from Frassati. Neil is very attentive to the needs to the other Avondale residents and has become a familiar and friendly presence there.

Neil Hibberd enjoys proximity of the "Beaches" boardwalk in east-end Toronto, where he was born and grew up, which includes the homes of his brother's family as well as those of many other relatives. Neil says, "At Frassati House I often shares excellent company and dinners. Sunday liturgical ministry, recently re-engaged, has become a regular work for me again."

Neil is always a welcome dinner guest at Frassati house, especially when he brings a box of wonderful pastries and desserts from a bakery near to where he lives.



The Queen Streetcar crosses the Don River on its way to Frassati House.

Michaelmas Hall, Toronto ON

The Basilian Fathers at St. Michael's College School

St. Michael's College School was founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1852. Graduates have taken their places as leaders in the Church, in education, in politics, in the arts, in sports, in media, in business, and in all levels of society. The school enrollment is over 1,000 from grades 7 through 12. The academic year of 2018-2019 began in an orderly way, as always. Students attended the opening Eucharist, they took part in orientation activities and they began another semester of classes. Then, in November, videos surfaced that showed students assaulting other students. Expulsions, a police investigation, and resignations followed.

The following is a reflection written by Basilian faculty member Bill May CSB.

2018 is not a year upon which any of the current or former Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School will or should look back with undiluted pleasure; it has been truly an "Annus Horribilis." Scrutiny and needed change, no matter how viscerally wrenching, are good for people and institutions that are part of public life. No institution - Religious Congregation, Basilian Apostolate, whatever - should expect to be free from the scrutiny of those who give it their loyalty, support and prayers, not to mention those who don't.

The students for whom and to whom we minister that have learned about and are living Goodness and Discipline and Knowledge cannot completely dispel any darkness we have, are, and will experience; they do however provide very bright points of hope. History will decide with its "inestimable advantage of hindsight" if the decisions taken this year and in the time to come were wise, effective, just, and successful. One who has never failed to reach perfection has a right to be the harshest critic, and for His judgement from His point of view in the Eternal Now we very humbly submit our ministries.

I acknowledge my debt to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II for her speech at Guildhall on 24 November 1992, without which I could not have written this *Annals* entry as my own words failed me. I also acknowledge our gratitude for the prayers and support we have received this year from our Basilian confreres and the Basilian Lay Associates.

Bill May CSB



Basilian Fathers of Anglin House and Orsini House

Toronto ON

Basilian Fathers of Presentation Manor

Scarborough ON

On September 7 the General Council amalgamated Orsini House and Anglin House into a single community: the Basilian Fathers of Presentation Manor. John Reddy was appointed Superior with John Malo as his assistant. This change relieved Joseph Walsh and Daniel Callam of their positions as Superior and Assistant Superior of Anglin House.



Daily Mass in the Anglin House chapel and, occasionally, evening prayer continued as the religious exercises of the Houses / House.

(At right, Joe Walsh consults the faithful sacristan, Mike Fallona, before the final celebration of the Eucharist in Anglin House.)

Resident members of the new community are Denis April, Leo Burns, Daniel Callam, James Carruthers, Alphonse de Valk, Gerald Dillon, Martin Dimnik, Michael Fallona, Donald Finlay, John Gallagher, John Hurley, William Irwin, Raymond Jackson, Wilfred Janisse, Gordon Kennedy, Kevin Kirley, Owen Lee, John Malo, James McConica, Thomas McReavy, Wallace Platt, John Reddy, Leo Reilly, Joseph Walsh and Clarence Watrin. Associated with the House are Ian Boyd, Joe Hunt, Ted Johnson, Gordon Walker (at Providence Healthcare Centre) and Leo Walsh. James Carruthers, Joseph Walsh and John Reddy were our delegates to the General Chapter.

A continual concern and topic of conversation has been the move from downtown Toronto to Scarborough, postponed from July until August, then to September and October, to be realized only towards the end of November. We are grateful to Joseph Redican, John Reddy and John Malo for their excellent facilitation of the change in residence. Despite the fluctuating dates, a number of special events were organized to mark the closing of the House(s). On September 20 we hosted our Basilian confrères and Lay Associates with Mass followed by a banquet. Another such event was held in October when we entertained the entire staff of the Flahiff Centre with a typically sumptuous dinner followed by a dance.

One regrettable loss consequent upon the change to a new residence will be the ability to have guests stay with us; hitherto they have been frequent and welcome. One such was Javier de la Rosa Luna CSB, who came in July to study English. His affability quickly endeared him to everyone, so that his untimely death in October came as a shock. Earlier this year witnessed the deaths of Robert Crooker, Kenneth O'Keefe, Claude Arnold and John Wilson, the last two victims of a severe bout of influenza in February. And then, days before our departure from the Flahiff Centre, in the third week of November, Marvin Labute and Peter Swan died, followed by Edwin Kline, who died suddenly in his new quarters on November 27.



One of the attractive features of life at the Cardinal Flahiff Centre has been a series of elaborate noon meals for everyone who works at the Centre; Basilian members of both houses are also present, affording an opportunity for socializing that our living on separate floors can render difficult. Diversion for the retired confreres was provided on a regular basis with bingo and movies, including eight of the nine academy-award nominees for this year. Anglin House provided excellent care with an experienced staff of nurses and their assistants as well as bi-weekly visits by Doctor Peter Barreca.

On First-Friday retreat days there was 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 2018 were Jim Carruthers on “Wherever you go, I will go . . .” (Ruth 1), Tim Scott on “A Biblical Reflection on the Presentation in the Temple,” Bill Irwin on “The Book of Job: What’s the Point?” and George Smith on “The Congregation of Saint Basil: 2018.” Tom Rosica spoke about his new book, *Stay with Us: Encounters with the Risen Lord*. Jack Hanna extended last year’s presentation with “The Sacred in Art (Part 2),” as Owen Lee continued his celebration of our remarkable confrères: “Still More Basilians.”

Dan Callam is a board member of Catholic Insight, Society for Catholic Life and Culture and The Chesterton Institute. Once a month he said Mass and preached at Holy Rosary Church.

Jim Carruthers helped out on a regular basis at Saint Basil’s Church; as well he has continued to provide spiritual direction. Over the years he has been a strong supporter of the Association of Former Basilians and, in August, assisted Paul Murphy in staging its last reunion to be held at the Cardinal Flahiff Centre.

In a letter to Pope Francis, **Michael Fallona** described his long-term association with separated and divorced Catholics and expressed his support for the Holy Father’s initiatives in this area. Michael received a cordial acknowledgement from Monsignor Paolo Borgia (Assessor).

Jack Gallagher is beginning work on an Office for Special Research at Salt + Light Television that will examine issues that require further study in order more effectively to support Church teaching. An issue having been identified, experts will be invited to provide accurate factual information with a view to formulating cogent arguments for the Catholic position. The Office will work autonomously, but in close collaboration with the hierarchy; it is not to be seen as in any way an alternative magisterium.

For **Bill Irwin** the big moment this year was saying goodbye to Saint Basil’s Seminary; he was one of the hundred or so Basilians the building welcomed when it opened in 1951. Bill taught his courses at the Faculty of Theology: Israelite poetry in the spring and the Psalms in the autumn. Teaching his final classes of 2018 was somewhat difficult—with his having to use the subway—but possible for a still-mobile eighty-six year old. Sam Iwry, watch out! (Sam Iwry was a Hebrew professor at Johns Hopkins, a legend who taught until he was 90.)

Ray Jackson: God’s providence has brought me to Presentation Manor. In the time that remains, I pray to continue to grow in intimacy with the God who dwells in my soul until the day I shall appear before Him in glory to be judged. I trust in Him who is Mercy.

Wilfrid Janisse heard confessions once a week at Saint Basil’s. He also was generous in assuming various housekeeping chores for the community.

Kevin Kirley has continued to explore the history of the Congregation. His music ministry at the daily Mass was much appreciated.

Owen Lee's morning concerts on the piano delighted his listeners, both the infirmity staff and the confrères, many of whom can recall those hit tunes from Broadway and Tin Pan Alley. Movies have long been one of his many interests, and he circulated—as he has in the past—a list, with comments, of “The Ten Best Movies of the Year.” His monthly Sunday homilies have been a high point in our liturgies. Paul Murphy circulated to former Basilians Owen's sermon for the feast of the Ascension. The response was gratifying: “There's been nothing like it,” Paul said. “No one ever responded before.”

Jim McConica, in retirement at Presentation Manor, has published his final book: *Erasmus and His Books*, posthumous monograph and catalogue by E. van Gulik. Edited by James McConica with Johannes Trapman, with an introduction by James McConica, for *Conseil internationale pour l'édition des oeuvres complete d'Erasme*, Amsterdam. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018). Jim was also instrumental



in having Father Henry Carr CSB commemorated with a plaque from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Parks Canada. The plaque was installed outside of Carr Hall in May of 2018. The plaque inscription reads, in part: “A priest of the Congregation of St. Basil, Father Carr promoted the creation of Catholic colleges at secular universities in Canada. In

the early 1900s, he modernized the St. Michael's College curriculum, turning a small institution into a noted arts college, fully federated with the University of Toronto.”

(In the photo above, Jim is pictured with descendants of Elizabeth Carr Hatch, the sister of Father Carr.)

For **John Reddy** the main focus this year was on preparation for the move to Presentation Manor. When the move finally occurred, it went smoothly, given that it will take time to establish routines and schedules. During the school year John gave a series of spiritual talks to the staff at Northmount School. He continues to preside regularly at Sunday Mass at Providence Healthcare Centre.

Leo Reilly has submitted an essay, “Realism in Philosophy,” to the Media Ecology Association for next June at Saint Michael's College showing that Marshall McLuhan made the key addition to Gilson's retrieval of Thomistic realism, viz., that thought is the meaning of and inseparable from language

Joe Walsh completed nearly five years as Superior of Anglin House, which had, under different names, existed for forty-six years. Joe has enjoyed skiing in Collingwood and hopes to repeat the experience this winter. He is also looking forward to improving his golf game in the summer.

Clarence Watrin: I have found in my life, that as I pray more and meditate more, I have come to realize God's presence—in myself and in others and in all of creation—to a much greater degree.

Associate Members

Ian Boyd, at Seton Hall University, taught a course in the English department and is chairman of the Chesterton Institute as well as editor of its organ, *The Chesterton Review*. Ian was active in arranging a series of events at the University, including: a Dramatic Reading of "The Invisible Man," followed by a commentary by J. Ian Boyd; a Dramatic Reading of "The Sign of the Broken Sword," followed by a commentary by J. Ian Boyd; first Journalism Award from Chesterton Institute to William McGurn, *Wall Street Journal*, with a welcoming address by J. Ian Boyd; a dramatic Presentation of a debate between G.B. Shaw and G.K. Chesterton, followed by a lecture by J. Ian Boyd. Severe health issues in the autumn required several surgeries and an extended period of convalescence.

Joseph Hunt celebrated the sacraments on a daily basis for the parish of Saint Louis d'Antin, Paris, where he has been stationed since September, 2016. He also directed two prayer groups and, twice a week, heard confessions and interacted with tourists at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Joe enjoyed the company of Warren Schmidt, a graduate student at the Institut Catholique, and, on occasion, of Basilians passing through Paris.

Leo Walsh has been at Saint Paul's, LaSalle, for fifteen years. Activities ranged from the spiritual—preparing for a diocese-wide programme: "Family of Parishes"—to the practical—installing an elevator. Other services include assisting at mental-health units and directing the bioethics centre at Assumption University, the latter of which publishes bulletins some seven times a year. He taught some grade-twelve classes at Villanova High School and was involved with Holy Cross grade school. A mini-course at Assumption for January, 2019, is in the works.



The staff from the Flahiff Centre visited Presentation Manor in December and brought with them some delicious food, drinks, and decorations to enliven the Basilian Assisted Living area. The Basilians enjoyed their traditional Christmas tree decoration.



St. Alphonsus – St. Clare Edmonton AB

2018 began with Father Andrew Leung serving as the pastor of St. Alphonsus - St. Clare Parish in downtown Edmonton. In addition to normal pastoral responsibilities he looked after the repairs of the rectory, the computer network and wireless infrastructure, and the installation of security cameras for the parish. In the summer he participated as a delegate to Chapter. In the latter part of the year Andrew was given the responsibility of closing St. Patrick's parish. Father Andrew also became the Archbishop's Delegate for Catholic Education. This changed suddenly in December, when Andrew was suddenly appointed President of St. Michael's College School in Toronto, where he is expected to remain until July of 2019. We here in Edmonton pray for him daily! On a personal level, Father Andrew welcomed a new addition to his family: his nephew Amadeus was born in June.



2018 was a year of transition for Father Glenn McDonald. He wound down his work as chaplain at St. Joseph's College, and helped prepare for the General Chapter as a member of the Chapter Steering



Committee. Glenn also served the community as the chair of the Finance Committee, of which Father Andrew Leung was also a member. After Chapter concluded, Father Glenn began work as district chaplain for the Edmonton Catholic School Board, while also serving as associate pastor for St. Alphonsus - St. Clare Church.

Andrew and Glenn are pictured above showing solidarity with St. Athanasius ... actually they are wearing hoodies from Holy Trinity High School in Edmonton.

Father Jim Stenberg began the year as parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Windsor, Ontario. Jim was a delegate at Chapter. After Chapter, Jim moved to Edmonton where he took on Father Glenn McDonald's position as chaplain for St. Joseph's College; Jim lives at St. Alphonsus-St. Clare. Following Father Andrew Leung's reassignment to Toronto, Father Jim took over as the house rector. During 2018 Jim moved from the Healthy Aging and Eldercare Committee to the Vocations Committee.

Father Ron Griffin is associated with the Basilian Fathers of St. Alphonsus - St. Clare, but actually lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, approximately a five hour drive away. Ron was also a delegate at Chapter. Although Father Glenn was "only" a member of the steering committee, this means all the members of the house were present there. Father Ron provides sacramental ministry to the worshipping community at St. Thomas More College – mostly weekday and Sunday masses – and also serves the Congregation on the Basilian Human Development Fund committee.



Father Brian Inglis (*photo at left*) taught Philosophy at St. Joseph's college for over 20 years and then served as Pastor in Hinton, AB for several years. Since 2015, he has been on the formation team at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. Brian provides invaluable sacramental help at St. Clare, and is a welcome and enjoyable guest for dinner. His love for music remains undiminished.

The Basilian community of St. Alphonsus - St. Clare Church is separate from the Basilian Fathers of St. Joseph's College, but Father Jim Stenberg's present work at St. Joseph's College and Father Glenn McDonald's past work there is the basis of a strong connection between the two Basilian communities.

St. Basil's Collegiate Parish

Toronto ON

Morgan Rice (*pictured at right*) continues to serve as Pastor and **Norm Tanck** (*pictured below*) as Associate Pastor of St. Basil's Parish. Father Dan Donovan continued to celebrate the weekday 7:30 AM Mass, while the confessions and 12:10 PM Mass were celebrated by various Basilians, including Wilfrid Janisse, Jack Gallagher, Jim Carruthers, Jim Farge, John Reddy, who were regularly-scheduled. Leo Reilly celebrated a monthly Mass at one of the senior homes within the parish. The assistance of these confrères has been most appreciated. Those who no longer assist due to the move to Presentation Manor are missed.



James Sand, SJ, who was ordained a transitional deacon in May, began a nine-month diaconate placement at St. Basil's in September. His confrère Trevor Rainwater, SJ has been coordinating this year's RCIA program to fulfil his Master of Divinity pastoral placement requirement. We Basilians have appreciated this collaboration with the Jesuits in formation.



The strong music program under the direction of John Paul Farahat continues to be a great blessing at St. Basil's. The parish is served by three choirs: the Schola Cantorum at the 5:00 PM Saturday, the parish choir at the 10:30 AM Sunday, and the St. Basil's Singers at the 4:30 PM Sunday Mass. The *Schola* also sang at three special prayer services throughout the year: Candlemas, November 30 to commemorate the faithful departed, and "Advent Vespers", which combined vespers with a vigil Mass. St. Basil's also provided a space for other musical ensembles including the University of St. Michael's College *Schola Cantorum* and those from the University of Toronto Faculty of Music and York University.

The Atrium, which houses the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Program for children, continues to grow. This year, a day long social justice retreat was added for high school students. They come to learn about Catholic Social Teaching, prepare a meal, and then serve it to patrons. It has become an extension of the Out of the Cold Program. The CGS program has been adapted to provide sacramental preparation including First Communion and Confirmation.

St. Basil's experienced a close relationship with the University of St. Michael's College. With our newly renovated spaces, more and more students utilized the areas for events. In addition, St. Basil's hosted the convocations and the October installation of David Sylvester as President.

The Basilian Fathers at St. Joseph's College Edmonton, AB



Don McLeod as of 1 July 2018 now serves on the Senior Administrative Team of the College as Dean of Advancement and continues to serve as the Chair of the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College, the president of Assumption University, a board member of CRSIRP, and the Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare. Representing Assumption University, he attended the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) 26th General Assembly at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland. For recreation, he continues to exercise his recently acquired Private Pilot's license—a qualification he shares with Terry Kersch who earned a Private Pilot's license at the age of 17. They often joke about renaming the house "Basil Air!"

**These "Flying Fathers" are
not just about hockey.**

Above: Don McLeod

Below: Terry Kersch



Terry Kersch is in the middle of his second five-year term as president of St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta. Terry continues to serve with Retrouvaille as a weekend retreat priest presenter and follows a number of Basilians in this service including among others Howie Keon, Pat Gorman and, more recently, Warren Schmidt. Having completed his two-year term as International Coordinator—along with Rosemarie Dykeman and Christopher Bermingham of Nashua, New Hampshire—for Retrouvaille International, Terry is now serving on the board of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU). He was appointed to this position for a three-year term during the 26th General Assembly in Maynooth, Ireland. Peter Swan and Tim Scott were also involved in this organization. Terry was part of the 2018 Chapter Preparation Committee and attended the General Chapter as a staff member.



Brian Inglis continues in good health and lives at St. Joseph's Seminary as a senior priest in residence. The archdiocesan formation team and the seminarians really appreciate his continued presence there. Brian continues to help out saying Mass at the Edmonton General Hospital and also assists at St. Alphonsus and St. Clare. The Basilians get together for community celebrations including birthdays and ordination anniversaries. On this past Christmas day Brian concelebrated Mass with **Jim Stenberg** at St. Joseph's College chapel.



Speaking of Christmas Mass, to the left is **Terry Kersch** who celebrated the Christmas Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories; he was ministering to Dené community. Terry had to make an 11 hour drive from Yellowknife for the Mass. (No he did **NOT** fly himself up there!)

The Dené are an aboriginal group of First Nations who inhabit the northern Arctic regions of Canada. The Dené speak Athabaskan languages. Dené is the common Athabaskan word for "people."

The Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College Toronto ON

The Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College are four in number: T. Allan Smith, James Farge, Michael Lehman, and Morgan Rice who is Pastor of St. Basil's Collegiate Church.

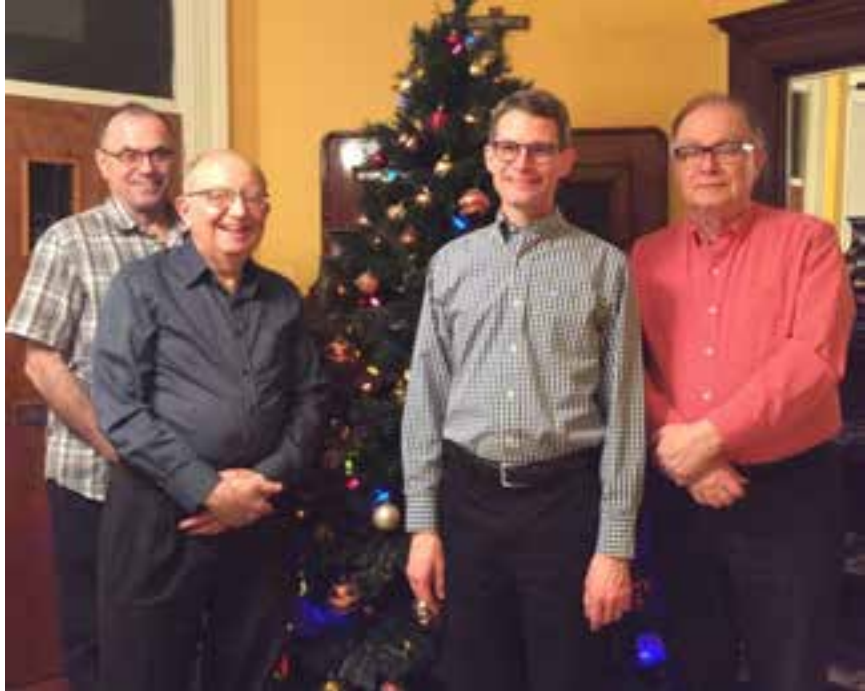
T. Allan Smith, Superior of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College and Chair of its Corporation, is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Theology of USMC and Associate Faculty (Status-only) in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto. In the fall semester, he taught Old

Church Slavonic for the Slavic Department in addition to a course on Russian Theologians for the Faculty of Theology. He is directing two doctoral dissertations for the Faculty of Theology, and was an examiner on two doctoral defence boards. He has served as Registrar of the Pontifical Institute for eleven years, where he is secretary of Academic Council, chair of Admissions and Awards, and director of the Licence in Mediaeval Studies programme. He published "Divine Economy and Repentance in Discourse 4 of the *Prosvetitel'* by Iosif Volotskii." *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue Canadienne des Slavistes*. Volume 60, Nos. 1-2 (2018): 7-25. He is collaborating with Professor David Goldfrank of Georgetown University on an edited and annotated translation of *The Enlightener* by Iosif Volotskii.

James Farge, a Fellow of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, is the Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections in the PIMS Library. He is Secretary of the Institute's Board of Governors and serves on its Finance and Audit Committee. For the twentieth time he helped staff the exhibition and sale of PIMS publications at the University of Western Michigan's annual Conference on Medieval Studies, using the occasion 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 *Collected Works of Erasmus* of the University of Toronto Press and is on the Comité de lecture of the *Revue d'histoire de l'Église de France*.

Jim is Director of the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers – a largely supervisory role, since a part-time professional archivist fulfills the day-to-day tasks. He is also working on a twenty-year supplement to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography*, the publication of which is planned for 2022.

Jim is secretary of the Corporation of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St Michael's College and serves as sacristan for the local community in Phelan House and for the Brennan Hall chapel of USMC.



Until their dissolution in mid-November of 2018, he presided monthly at Sunday Eucharists for Orsini House and Anglin House. He assists with the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Basil's Parish and celebrates the Tuesday noon Mass.

On 19 September Jim delivered a lecture, "Étienne Gilson: fondateur et directeur du Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies," at a colloquium and tribute to Gilson celebrating the 150th anniversary of the University of Paris' Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes. On 19 October he spoke on "Why and how PIMS was different from other medieval programs" at the colloquium "The Past, Present, and Future of Medieval Studies at the University of St. Michael's College."



Inauguration of David Sylvester, the eighth President of the University of St. Michael's College

**October 4, 2018
St. Basils Church, Toronto.**

From L to R: **Don McLeod CSB**, Chair of the USMC Collegium; **Meric Gertler**, President of the University of Toronto; **David Sylvester**, President of the University of St. Michael's College; **Thomas Cardinal Collins**, Archbishop of Toronto; **Kevin Storey CSB**, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers.

Michael Lehman continues his ministry in Catholic education with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as a member of the Catholic Teachers' Centre and the Religious Education and Family Life Department of the Board. He also serves the Board as Chaplain, a role that involves him in Adult Faith Development with all the employees of the Catholic Board. Many of his days are spent in one or more of the 200-plus schools of the system where he celebrates Eucharist, Reconciliation, facilitates classroom discussions and presentations and offers staff support.

Michael is often called upon by other Catholic school boards in the Greater Toronto Area for retreats, masses, and a variety of presentations. He has an active role in the development and implementation of the three-year Pastoral Plan for the Board. In addition to his work with the Toronto board, Mike provides input and professional development to the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and coordinates religious education courses for educators. He has also contributed to courses at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Mike is Councillor and Cellarer for the local community. He does weekend ministry in several parishes in the city, all of which he finds most rewarding. He is completing eighteen 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 takes him to arenas from Buffalo to Kingston most weekends. With what time remains, Mike enjoys quiet evenings at home with a crossword puzzle or watching a Montreal Canadiens hockey game.

Morgan Rice continues as Pastor of St. Basil's Parish. (The St. Basil's entry follows this article) regard.) At the General Chapter in July, he was re-elected to the General Council. Formerly Fourth Councilor, he now serves in the position of Third Councilor. In the local house, he is the guest master, infirmarian, and has responsibility for vehicle maintenance. He is also Treasurer of the Corporation of Basilian Fathers of USMC. Morgan was elected to the Executive Committee of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Council of Priests.

The following Basilians do not live with the local community but are associated with it:

Douglas Mosey writes:

"2018 marks twenty-two years that I have served Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut as President and Rector. Once a local seminary, it is now a global one.

"Holy Apostles College and Seminary is providing scholarships in this current academic year for 19 student priests, 42 religious sisters and 40 seminarians

from dioceses and religious communities in Vietnam and three priests and three sisters from China as well. Upon graduating, having earned a BA in Philosophy or an MA in Theology, students return home to serve the local Church in Vietnam or China. I am grateful that the Congregation has allowed me to serve the Church in the persons of many who would have no other opportunity for further Catholic education."



Timothy Scott is completing his fourth year as Executive Director of the Canadian Religious Conference. In May the Conference held its biannual General Assembly and elected a new Governing Council. 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 of Canada. In August, the CRC presidency was in Medellin, Colombia for the 50th anniversary of the Second General Assembly of CELAM, and the triennial meeting of the Conference of Latin American Religious (CLAR). In November the presidency was in Lourdes, France, for the meeting of the National Conference of French Religious (CORREF).

Father Scott is President of the Société catholique de la bible, a Canadian-based group rooted in the Catholic tradition and open to ecumenical, interreligious and cultural perspectives. It aims to promote

among Christian communities and the general public the knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation in relation with contemporary social and cultural challenges. Tim taught a course at the Grand Séminaire de Montréal and serves on the national dialogue with the Lutheran Church–Canada,

George Smith concluded his second term as Superior General during the Chapter of 2018, and spent the months following working with the Board of Directors and staff of Presentation Manor preparing for its opening in November. He also taught a course at the Faculty of Theology of the University of St Michael's College entitled "Cultural Context and Catholic Leadership." On weekends he drove to Rochester for Sunday ministry at St. Kateri parish. On January 1, 2019, he will begin serving as Interim Dean of St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

Walter Werbylo is working and living at St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, where he teaches New Testament courses and is one of six 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. He is one of twelve priests who live and work at full-time ministry in the seminary and who serve forty-three seminarians in years 1 through 4 of theology or in the initial spiritual year, plus eight seminarians doing their year of internship in a parish and coming to the seminary every month for two days of discussion and input regarding their pastoral work.

University of St. Michael's Brennan Hall

It looks the same outside but the inside is beautifully renovated



Basilian Fathers in New Mexico

Diocese of Las Cruces, Archdiocese of Santa Fe

The Basilian Fathers who live in New Mexico are no longer a “*domus formata*” but they still form a special regional Basilian community and have long-standing ties with each other.

David Sharp is keeping alive the traditions of the Desert Fathers with his peaceful and quiet home in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona. Rising early each morning and welcoming the new sun with morning prayer and silence is the normal routine. This is usually followed with tending to the cacti and other plants for a few hours of now rather slow activity (aging is always a challenge). David continues to welcome many guests for conversation, counseling or just simple rest and relaxation, and “catching up” with news. Some travels and visits to friends and relatives rounds out the year. He especially enjoys his visit to Toronto for the Basilian Human Development Grants meeting, and the opportunity that gives for being with the confreres in the area.



Ed Heidt helps with anointing of the sick on First Fridays at the Las Cruces Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral and on Mondays and Thursdays at Saint Albert the Great Newman Center. Occasionally he is called on to serve at other parishes. He is still keenly interested in theater and keeps up with the Broadway scene. He and Jack Hanna correspond from time to time and reminisce (and laugh) about their days as scholastics at Andrean High School in Indiana.



Dave Otto Klein continues to celebrate Mass each weekend at San Isidro Parish and assist at other parishes as they request help. He responds to calls for a priest at two hospitals.

Both Ed and Dave have a tradition of having Thanksgiving dinner with +Ricardo Ramírez at his home. The sister of Jess Owens, Peggy, (pictured at left with David Otto) who lives in Las Cruces, is another guest. Of course Ricardo’s dog, Rico, has a place of honor at the festivities.

Don Hyatt lives in the rectory of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Truth or Consequences NM, the only Catholic parish in Sierra County. Don celebrates Mass in the parish church and at one of the mission chapels. He also celebrates a weekly Mass in the New Mexico Veterans home and conducts a Bible Study. In 2018 he celebrated his 50th anniversary of Priestly Ministry.

Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramírez continues to give parish and priests’ retreats. He helps with weekend Masses in the Las Cruces area. Since the Diocese of Las Cruces is *sede vacante*, he is being asked to administer the sacrament of confirmation and perform other functions in the absence of a bishop.

This past year he contributed a chapter on Archbishop Patrick Flores to a book published by the Latin American Bishops (CELAM) on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Medellín Conference. Bishop Ramírez attended the *Congreso Eclesial* in Medellín, Colombia, where he presented a talk on his chapter in the book. While in Medellín he met with the Basilian community at Parroquia San Basilio.



Ricardo also ordained two Basilian scholastics, José Alberto Juárez Sandoval and Alejandro Estrada Pérez to the diaconate in Tehuacán, Puebla, Mexico. He is scheduled to ordain them to the priesthood in early 2019. Ricardo is no stranger to Tehuacán; it was there that he served as a young priest.

He has also been invited to ordain Deacon Steven Huber to the priesthood in February in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sean Garrity serves in parish ministry in Albuquerque NM. He was elected as a delegate to the General Chapter in July 2018 which was held in King City, near Toronto. Sean writes: "I have found my experiences in ministry, my personal life and Basilian life the usual mystery they have always been for me. The ministry I am involved in is challenging. The LGBTQ community as a group cannot be easily represented or identified by any particular acronym. I am a parochial vicar at Pope John XXIII Catholic Community in Albuquerque, NM where I celebrate the Eucharist and hear confessions. I have taken on a new ministry as a Santa Claus. I will soon be registered in an International Real Bearded Santa Claus Institute; I was working at this during the Christmas season.

"This year I was diagnosed with prostate cancer; I entered a clinical study to fight prostate cancer through gene therapy and finished radiation and the clinical study. We are very fragile individuals and our narcissism is normal human behavior, so pay attention to your personal needs and wants - but love someone that pulls you back to the truth."



The Basilian Father of Novi

Novi MI

The year saw many blessings bestowed upon our local community, the highlights being several significant milestones of age or anniversaries for the confrères: *Ad multos annos!*

Continuing his many years of pastoral and teaching ministry at Detroit Cristo Rey High School, **José del Toro** keeps busy. Added to his school responsibilities, José is completing his Masters in Educational Administration. He also assists with saying Mass at St. Anne's.



Celebrating his ninetieth year, **Richard Elmer** was thrown a huge birthday celebrating this occasion which coincided with the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of Detroit Catholic Central High School. The "90/90" celebration was a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the blessings bestowed upon Richard in his life as well as that of the school. An increase in years has not slowed Richard down in the slightest: he serves on the Boards for St. Catherine of Siena girls' school as well as Divine Mercy School -a resource center for Catholic Schools and students with special needs. He has been named as the Interim President until the end of the school year as a search for a new President is concluded.

Aside from celebrating his fifteenth birthday on the Feast of the Presentation, **Patrick Fulton** celebrated his twentieth anniversary of priesthood and twenty-fifty anniversary of Profession. He was happily teaching full time and in the wake of Chapter was named as local Superior of the largest "non-retirement" house in the Community. As well at the school, his job description changed to part-time teacher-Assistant Principal.



John Huber continued fulfilling many portfolios as President of Detroit Catholic Central as well as the General Council "overseas" responsibilities of France, Mexico and Columbia as well as the High School apostolate. During the summer at Chapter he was re-elected to the Council and it was with a heavy heart that it was decided that to take on greater Council responsibilities he would resign and it was with an even heavier heart that the school community received this news. He immediately took up the mantle of Director of the Basilian Network for Education and the new Evangelization and will move

down to Keon House in the new year to better serve the communities of Mexico and Columbia. The local house and the school community will greatly miss John's leadership, tireless advocacy for the school and the unheralded and humble pastoral ministry that he exercised, not to mention a steady

supply of homemade chocolate chip cookies. Thank you, John for your service and your presence as a stalwart and faithful confrère.

Dennis Kaufman continues a frenetic pace with school and involvement in extra-curricular activities. As a school administrator he is the senior class moderator and is involved in all student council events: dances, food and toy drives, and of course The Drive. He also lends his pastoral skills as a chaplain for innumerable teams and is a guaranteed fan for the lesser draw underclassmen athletic competitions. In the house he is responsible for the kitchen and invariably is ready to step in with a quick nourishing meal when our cook is unavailable. He is a regular assistant at Our Lady of Victory parish.

During the school day **Rob Moslosky** manages virtual time and space in his capacity as school webmaster. He also can be seen out of the windowless office getting in his daily steps though our quarter of a mile long school, chatting with students sitting outside of classrooms for various reasons and bringing news of the lunch menu specials to successive departments. In our house he is our resident fact-checker at dinner conversations and serves the invaluable position of house bursar.

Dennis Noelke continues to serve as Principal of Catholic Central and until September as the Superior of the local community, being elected as Second Councilor. Additionally, he is a member of Catholic



Central's Board of Directors and the Corporate Work Study Board of Detroit Cristo Rey. Within the Archdiocese of Detroit, Dennis is a member of the Consecrated Life Advisory Board and in his second year of the Executive Board of the Catholic High School League which deals with athletics matters for all the Catholic High Schools. Dennis also celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday surrounded by his numerous family members in the area. Having achieved this milestone, he also will be retiring as the Principal of CC. Many thanks are due for his long ministry in the service of Basilian and Catholic education. At the 2018 Chapter, Dennis served at the Chair of the Steering Committee and was elected Fourth Councilor. He will

carry the portfolios of Vocations, Sabbaticals and Renewals, and Basilians Living Independently. Anyone who has lived with Dennis knows he is a quintessential community man: he invariably can be found in the community room ready to watch the news or a game or have a chat with any confrère who ambles in. When he has some free time, he visits family in the area and enjoys cooking for the confreres.

Bill Riegel provides a great spirit at community meals: he can be relied upon to keep table conversation far from mundane with a string of observations or statements that are bound to bring up reaction and conversation. Bill serves as the First Councilor for the house and has done so for several years. As Sacristan he brings his many years of pastoral ministry to bear with tasteful and appropriately seasonal art and environment flourishes in the Chapel. At his advanced age he continues to team teach in the Theology Department and be a fan presence particularly for less popular underclassmen sporting events. This year he has endured much trouble with his back, requiring surgery and significant pain protocols however, he has borne all this with the patience of Job. Despite this setback and suffering he assists at numerous parishes in need. During the summer Bill celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday and his fortieth anniversary of priesthood.



Ray Páramo continues soldiering on in his fifty-first continuous year at CC: a record in the Community. He keeps busy staying connected to alumni of his alma mater, St. Thomas High School, Houston as well as CC alumni and families to whom he is endeared. The end of this year has been a struggle health-wise: a bad fall laid him up for several weeks and most recently the installment of a pace-maker with a defibrillator forced him to slow down however the new year sees him making all sorts of travel plans. He has borne all this with equanimity and an attitude of acceptance that comes from faith. He can be relied upon each day to give a commentary on the politics of the day and to bring up new cultural and fine arts occurrences.

“A rolling stone gathers no moss” is the “episcopal motto” of **John Wheeler**. “Retirement” has freed him to pursue a variety of interests and passions. The Archdiocese would be sorely pressed without his pastoral work: he assists as needed in at least eight different parishes, including weekend and weekday masses, reconciliation services, weddings and funerals. He weekly visits the sick and home-bound. At the school he concelebrates at the all-school masses and helps with confessions on days of reconciliation and directs the Catholic Central Alumni Glee Club. John also sits on the Board of Governors for Assumption University of Windsor and is present at many of their sponsored events. Nurturing his artistic spirit he also ushers at the Detroit Symphony and at the Michigan Opera. He serves the house increasingly in the role as Infirmarian and keeps himself healthy by regularly submitting himself to the discipline of physical exercise and socialization at the Livonia Family Recreation Center. All this keeps him hale and hearty, living beyond his “expiration date”.

Jim O’Neill continues his teaching ministry at CC, admirably teaching Freshmen for whom he has a pastoral penchant. His students raise salmon, tap maples to make maple syrup, learn real life applications of biology and pray the Angelus before lunch. No matter the weather, the distance or the popularity of the sport, he can be counted as athletic chaplain and for a supporting presence for all the athletic teams while first being a school ambassador at the parent tailgates. He performs an invaluable service in the house as the groundskeeper: mowing in the hot summer sun or ploughing in the blasts that winter provides. Jim also regularly assists at St. James parish where he is muchly appreciated by the parish and the school families who attend there.



Dillon House

Houston TX

Dillon House is presently home to eleven Basilians at 1302 Kipling Street in Houston and five Basilians are associated with the House residing at St. Dominic's Center. At present we have three guest rooms and are glad to have confreres and guests stay with us while visiting Houston. Although retired, most of us continue to serve the Archdiocese, assisting at convents and parishes in ministry. We have four new confreres living with us this year: Al Gaelens, John Boscoe, Bob Glass and Richard Wahl.

Bob Klem loves to have the Community get together to celebrate Birthdays and Holidays. He also does major shopping for the kitchen and helps get Supper on Sundays. If Bob Klem is around, a party cannot be far away.



Bill Frankenberger recently moved to St. Dominic's where he is receiving the care we could not give him. Jack Hanna visited with Bill in November and found him in good spirit. Bill, who had been at St. Dominic's for about five weeks told Jack, "I've been here for a couple of years now and I really like this place. They treat me very well."

Bill Sheehan died in late November; he had been hospitalized for weeks. In the few years he was with us he was a delight in giving us not only the latest news from Rome but his sense of humor. During his illness in hospital a nurse asked him to roll over. His response; "I can rock but I cannot roll."

Phil Acquaro had a heart valve operation in October that was successful. However other problems resulting from knee and hip transplants have hindered his recovery.



Carl Belisch is most generous in providing sacramental ministry giving his time to convents and parishes. Carl is also helpful around the house helping with any task he can find. Carl is a good and compassionate listener. When Jack Hanna visits, they can be found unfailingly at James Coney Island (an OLD Houston tradition) for Sunday lunch. At the left, Carl carefully bypasses the veggie tray and goes straight to the cake.

John Boscoe is our sacristan and sets up the chapel for the 10:30 Mass. The daily Mass is voluntary. John is also very helpful setting up for Sunday suppers. He also walks our resident dog, Pearl, (a real sweetheart) come rain or shine.

Jamie Abercrombie is very generous with his time if one needs to get to a doctor. Jamie is still active in the Hispanic community around Rosenberg and in early summer was given a Leadership Award thanking him for his ministry in that area.

Al Gaelens is our mailman and does ministry at convents and parishes. Even on chilly days Al can be seen taking his daily walks throughout the neighborhood.

Bob Glass is also generous in giving his time to parish and convent ministry. He also has a great sense of humor and his laugh can be heard throughout the house. Bob is also an avid reader. He also serves on the Basilian Finance Committee and makes sure Dillon House gets its fair share from the General Treasury. Here, at the right, is Bob in the snow in front of Frassati House in Toronto for the spring (!) meeting of the Finance Committee on April 14th.



In spite of his disability Wilf Canning is in good humor and looks forward to taking his turn at preaching at the Tuesday evening Mass. He also never misses attending Evening Prayer. Says Wilf with a wry smile: "As Virgil put it so well: *'Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.'*"

Richard Wahl works full time at the Diocesan Tribunal but is usually here for Evening Prayer and dinner. Richard is a wonderful conversationalist.

Paul O'Conner is the Superior with Carl Belisch and Bob Glass as 1st and 2nd counsellors. Paul was Chaplain at a mental institution when he was appointed Superior. He was told he would fit in very well at Dillon House. We are eternally grateful that Paul does not refer to us as inmates! Although responsible for the upkeep of the house and the well-being of the Basilians here, Paul O'Conner has a keen sense of caring for the sick and those living at St. Dominic's. Paul is assisted by Rich Walden, the Circle of Care Coordinator, to look after their needs especially getting them to their doctors. Paul also engaged a caregiver to help Bill Frankenberger make the transition from Dillon House to St. Dominic's.

Jess Owens is a joy living with us with his sense of humor. He is here recovering from a serious fall he had in Chicago during the summer. We also celebrated his 80th birthday in early December.

Roy Oggero, Jim Gaunt, Les Schaefer Joe Roussel and Bill Frankenberger reside at St. Dominic's center. All are doing well at the present time.



The Dillon House Community

Rear, L to R: Bob Klem, Bob Glass, Paul O'Connor, Al Gaelens, Jamie Abercrombie, Carl Belisch, Rich Wahl, Jess Owens
Front, L to R: John Boscoe, Phil Acquaro, Wilf Canning

Keon House

Basilian Fathers, Scholastics, and Associates Houston TX



This year was a time of transition for just about everybody in the house. **Steve Huber** was ordained a deacon May 12 (he then left us in May for Windsor). He will be ordained in February, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

*Steve Huber and Dave Bittner in
UST Chapel of St. Basil.*

Theologians **Eduardo Rivera** and **Oscar Garcia** were installed as acolytes; however Oscar left us in November to begin a stay at the Scholasticate in Mexico. **Charles Borromeo** joined the Associate program, and with **Patrick O'Brian**, began working full-time at St. Thomas High School, where **Mitch Dowalgo** and **Jim Murphy** are also serving. Two other associates are now living at Keon House, and both are transfer undergraduates: **Sean Ajluni** (a CC graduate) came from Ohio, while **David Semivule**, a native of Uganda, came to us from New York and London, England. We elected our chapter delegates, (**Jim Murphy**, **Kevin Storey**, and **Eduardo** (**Dave Bittner** and **Chris Valka** were also there) and we did our own preparations. The canonical visitation for the priests was in March (**David Katulski**). The Scholasticate had a separate visit.

Of course, the biggest transition came for Kevin Storey. He completed his 6th year as President, and 14th year overall at St. Thomas High School. Kevin concluded Phase 2 of the 4500 Forever capital campaign, titled *Finish Strong*, for an additional \$12 million to cover renovations at the newly acquired Joplin Campus. He also was chaplain and preached the Lenten Day of reflection for the Charity Guild of Catholic Women, served on the UST Board and oversaw the implementation of SPARK boards at 5 sites across the Congregation.

At Chapter, Kevin was elected Superior General, and following the month of August to transition Jim Murphy as the interim president of STH, Kevin relocated to the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre. His travels his first few months took him to visit confrères in Windsor, Detroit, Bogota, Medellin, Taganga, Rochester, Edmonton and back to Houston on a few occasions. The General Council meets by SPARK board every Thursday morning, which allows the in-person meetings in Toronto to be more forward looking. Following the opening of Presentation Manor, Kevin finished the year as the sole person living at the CFBC (Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Center). The Curial Offices continue to be located there.

As a result of all of this activity, **Jim Murphy** gave way as superior to **Chris Valka**, who had resigned earlier from the Center for Faith and Culture, and had then taken over as Chaplain of UST, since **Dave Bittner** came back from chapter finding it difficult to cope with his many duties. Finally, in November, Dave also resigned as Director of Scholastics and left for some needed rest near Toronto.



***A whisky tasting with
UST Board Member***

*From left to right:
Robert J. Sergesketter
and Denise Rhodes,
our hosts; D. Bittner.
C. Valka. J. Murphy.
K. Storey.
T. Baenziger, Bart
Reynolds (a diocesan
priest and member of
the UST Board), J.
Pilsner.*

Before and during the School Year we had a number of open-house occasions for staff, faculty, administrators of UST and STHS, plus neighbors, plus BLAs, culminating in a large gathering of students for a fish-fry February 16. UST Graduation took place May 18 and 19, St. Thomas High School soon after. Because we are the High School Basilians as well as those at UST, we held the joint Memorial Day Mass and celebration here at Keon house, as well as the Basilian Labor Day gathering in September.

Chris Valka was chosen as a member of Houston Leadership Conference, meeting once a month to learn about our city and to do a development project, the first Catholic priest to be chosen. It is a full year program. He also has traveled to various other places (including Italy, twice) for pastoral and diocesan business, as well as conducting many retreats, both for the diocese and UST. Most recently he had an article in the *Catholic Herald* and was featured on the back cover of the Knights of Columbus magazine.

Ted Baenziger had an easy time this year. He is chaplain for the Chapel Guild and the Newman Circle as well as the “pastor” of the French Parish. On March 2, Ted spoke to the Maritain Conference in Pittsburgh on Maritain and the Little Brothers of Jesus, available through Research Gate at https://www.researchgate.net/publication/311954297_From_Maritain's_Thoughts_on_the_Micro-sign_to_the_Science_of_Semiotics_in_advance

Also, Ted, two other professors, and UST students are doing a study of the genetics of a genus of orchids, the *Restrepia cuprea*. (See the photo at right)



The French parish of St-Basile was very busy this year with a pilgrimage along the Gulf shore for Palm Sunday, 22 first Communion April 22, (photo at left) and another 25 youngsters for the “Profession of Faith” on May 20. The parish also has a new program of Catholic scouts for both boys and girls.

Ever the active priest, **Ron Schwenzer** celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination this Dec. 12, and faces a big transition because he has agreed to serve in the parish of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in the Rochester, N.Y. area, for the first six months of 2019. He will assist Paul English in the final months before the Basilians withdraw from the parish after more than four decades.

Joe Pilsner continues full-time in the Philosophy Department and says Mass and hears confessions quite often at the Chapel of St. Basil.

Janusz Ihnatowicz, a diocesan priest from Poland who has lived with the Basilians for many years, went home to Poland on June 5, where he caught a virus and almost didn't come back to us. He is now 89 years young. He also got hearing aids for the first time this year.



The Basilian Fathers arrived in Houston in 1900 and founded St. Thomas High School in what is now downtown. The school soon moved to a larger building and finally, in 1940, moved to the present campus at Memorial and Shepherd Drive. The school has expanded and purchased additional land adjacent to the original campus. St. Thomas instills the core values of the Catholic Faith, provides top quality academics, and offers first rate co-curricular and athletic program for its students.



In 1944, Bishop Christopher Byrne of the Diocese of Galveston (now the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston) asked the Basilian Fathers to found a coeducational Catholic University in Houston as soon as possible after the end of WW II. The University has grown from the original Link-Lee Mansion on Montrose to several city blocks with modern buildings and state of the art facilities. A central element in University life is the landmark Chapel designed by Phillip Johnson on the Academic Mall, seen at the left.

St. Anne Parish

Houston, TX

Basilians: Father Al Sinasac CSB (Rector and Pastor), Father Jay Walsh CSB and Father David Zapalac CSB (Parochial Vicars).

Al Sinasac is serving his third term as Rector and Pastor. Recently, he has dedicated much of his time with advisors to completing a Master Plan for our ever growing parish, *(photo of Basilians and plan sign above)*. The plan includes a perimeter fence and gates, completed in August as yet another safety measure for our St. Anne's School students. Tentatively scheduled to begin construction in April, 2019, our Parish Capital Campaign will finance the following: (1) A Commons Building that includes a new gymnasium, athletic and multi-purpose space for enhanced learning centers, education facilities and theatrical productions; (2) a Community Center with expanded ministry facilities and a parking garage; (3) renovation of the athletic fields to enhance the current space with a modern soccer field and track.



David Zapalac, in June, celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a Priest. He serves the parish community in English & Spanish with liturgical and devotional celebrations. David serves as the ordained leader for the flourishing Basilian Lay Associates and is a regular speaker for the RCIA program. His collection of Star Wars items continues to expand!



Jay Walsh keeps busy serving with the Vocation Committee, the *Lectio Divina* group and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He's a regular presenter for the RCIA program and the school children look forward to his visits. In November, several parishioners invited Jay to accompany them for a few days of "bill-fishing" in Costa Rica where he realized one of his "Bucket List" items – to catch a Sail Fish of significant size. Like Hemingway's "Old Man and the Sea", 83 year old Jay managed to land a 350 pound Marlin!

(Unretouched photo at left.)

Our full Mass schedule and numerous Sacramental celebrations keep us all very much occupied. Pastor Al and the entire parish community are very grateful to the retired Basilians of Dillon House, the Basilian Priests and Scholastics of Keon House and two Holy Spirit Fathers who regularly assist with weekday Masses, Confessions, RCIA talks and Sunday celebrations.

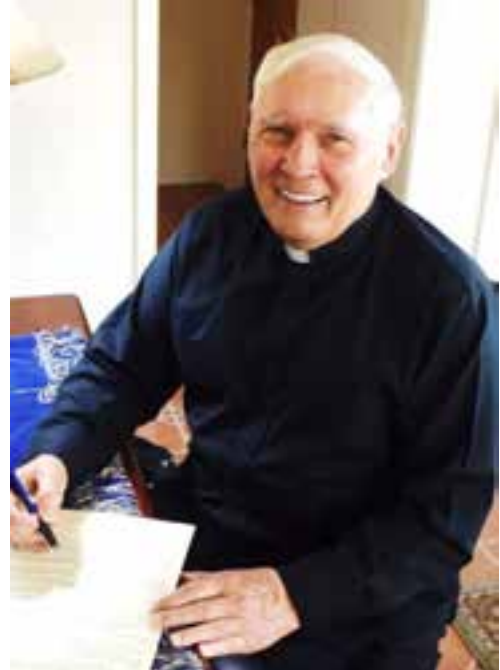
We thank God for the blessings of 2018 and look forward to the New Year as a time to serve our community and support each other in our ministries. God bless all we do. St. Anne and St. Basil, pray for us!



St. Joseph Mission Center

Sugar Land, Texas

Vince Dulock writes that 2018 has been a year of getting back to normal after the fraud of 2016 and the subsequent trial and imprisonment of the guilty party. The Lord has seen fit this year to bless the Mission Center with the income from some property given several years ago in the will of Joe Shannon CSB. At his death, Joe left several acres in West Texas to the Basilian Fathers Missions. The Mission Center sold the mineral rights to half of this property; this income more than made up for the losses in 2016. Currently all financial transactions pass through the accountants at the Curial Office of Basilian Fathers and are carefully scrutinized and monitored, both in Toronto and in Sugar Land.



Vincent Dulock CSB is the Mission Procurator and signs all the checks. Besides his duties at the Mission Center, Vince does pastoral ministry at many of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He greatly enjoys preaching in these parishes and the people respond well to his preaching. He is still in excellent health despite the fact that he is recovering from a total knee replacement in November of 2018. There is a Vietnamese priest living with Vince who is studying theology at the University of Thomas. They pray and eat together.

Vince is participating in a two-year program at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas under the direction of Ronald Rolheiser OMI called “Forest Dwelling” which focuses on the wisdom years of later life. In the spring of 2018 Vince was chaplain on a cruise from Galveston, TX to Barcelona, Spain which stopped at San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Azores, Mallorca and finally Barcelona. There he was enthralled by the *Sagrada Familia* Basilica. Vince recently gave a workshop on Richard Rohr’s book *Divine Dance* which he highly recommends.



St. Joseph Basilian Mission Center in Sugar Land TX



Aron Fernandez is the Director of Operations and in charge of the daily routine of the Mission Center. He does the banking, receives and tabulates donations, handles correspondence, oversees the accounting, supervises the maintenance of the building and grounds, assists the Basilians in Mexico and Colombia, and carries out many other tasks. He is assisted by María Hernandez, a dedicated part-time employee. Aron and Jack Hanna CSB collaborate on the *Mission Newsletter* and other projects. One of Aron's most important duties is to schedule Basilians to preach for the Latin American Apostolate. This year Aron coordinated appeals in 11 dioceses and archdioceses.

Vince and many other Basilians give of their time and preach in dioceses around the country asking for donations for our Latin American Apostolate. Vince, among others, took on several of the preaching assignments of Jess Owens CSB, who broke his femur on one of his preaching missions and was hospitalized for months. (Jess now lives at Dillon House in Houston.)

The Catholics of the dioceses where we preach continue to be very generous to the Basilian Fathers' Latin American Apostolate.

Basilian Mission Preachers in 2018:

Mitch Dowalgo, Vince Dulock, Paul English, Alberto Ferrara, Patrick Fulton, Bob Glass, Terry Kersch, John Malo, Jess Owens, John Reddy, Joseph Redican, William Riegel, Tom Rosica, Norm Tanck, Richard Wahl, Paul Walsh, and David Zapalac.

May God bless and reward them for their efforts.



Basilian Scholastics in Mexico (right) and in Colombia (left) profess their final vows in the Congregation of St. Basil. The Latin American Apostolate is alive and well!

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

Irondequoit NY

The local Basilian community at Saint Kateri has grown smaller over the years. When the new parish was founded, the local Basilians numbered six. Various transfers and important moves have come our way over seven years and presently, two confreres, Father Joe Trovato and Father Paul English live in the Basilian residence. Father Mike Buentello and Father Kevin Mannara also lived and shared fully in the life of the local community until the summer of 2018. Kevin is now associated with the Basilian Community at St. Kateri but he lives near St. John Fished College where he is Campus Minister.

Paul English is pictured at the right explaining the liturgical vestments to group of parishioners participating in Faith Formation



We continue to participate in weekly faith sharing on Mondays at 4 pm involving all of the house members, along with lay associate Jim Anderson and with Father Warren Schmidt (in France using Webex Teams, a communications application famously used by the General Council). This time of prayer and honest reflection has proven vital to our life together. The local community continues to serve one another by cooking and serving our own meals most nights. We continue to be blessed with a warm and happy relationship with the local Basilian Lay Associates and with the brother Basilians living at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Mike Buentello, Superior, finished out a year commitment to Saint Kateri in July, having made many friends and leaving a positive memory of his holy celebration of the Sacraments, his excellent preaching, his pastoral care and his joy in exercise, playing a good game of golf and being present to the parishioners and the Saint Kateri School community. Mike is an amazing cook who wowed not only the house but the parish with his culinary expertise. A star chef!



Mike Buentello, in the blue shirt, is pictured with the St. Kateri Golf Tournament players. Paul English is in the center rear.

Joe Trovato (*photo at right*), at 88 years of age, had a happy and healthy spring and summer. Medical complications slowed him down a bit in the latter part of the year, but he rebounded nicely. His joyful and prayerful presence in the house is a true blessing to all.



Paul English 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 served as secretary for three years and was happy to pass the duties on! He also continues to be an executive member of the Board of Trustees of the Aquinas Institute.



Kevin Mannara (*photo at left*) was assigned to full-time Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College, overseeing the completion of the new Chapel of St. Basil the Great. The Campus Ministry is an integral part of Student Life at St. John Fisher. The Office of Campus Ministry has gathered a diverse group of students to share their voices with the staff. Kevin and the student advisory board are crafting a new mission statement for the Office of Campus Ministry. Kevin moved in the summer of 2018 to a house quite near the St. John Fisher campus and continues to be involved with the local house at St. Kateri.

We were blessed to have the sacramental assistance of various Basilians, including Fathers George Smith, Norm Tanck and Joe Redican. Their help, given that the parish was short-handed, was immeasurable.



The Saint Kateri community welcomed Basilian associate Sean Ajluni (*photo at right*) for several weeks this summer. He is well known in the parish from a former stay, especially among those involved in Faith Formation and the Vacation Bible School.

In November, newly-elected Superior General, Father Kevin Storey paid the local house a visit. He met the diocesan bishop, His Excellency Salvatore Matano. Kevin also spent time chatting with the Basilians in the local area and giving us all the low-down on the new Council's plans and hopes for the coming years. Father Morgan Rice came to town to see us on a couple of occasions. Father Dennis Noelke paid a visit at the end of 2018, as did Father John Huber. We were blessed with several visits from confreres this year. Sharing community here has been a real blessing for us all, for the last 42 years!

Tom Dugan and Al Cylwicki are associated with St. Kateri. Both continue to be involved in some ministry in local parishes. Al Cylwicki writes: "The academic year of 2017-2018 was a year of transitions for me. Tom Dugan and I still reside in the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. I'm still an Assistant Campus Minister at St. John Fisher College and a member of its Board of Trustees, but had to give up tutoring in the Math Learning Center. At the end of June 2018, I resigned from the Aquinas Institute Board of Trustees after completing almost 20 years of service. On September 29, I had to turn in the keys to the car I was driving. "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away." (Job 1:21) So I am learning to use Uber and have several generous friends to take me to places where I can celebrate Mass. These include the new St. John Fisher College Chapel, the House of Mercy, and the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy.

Los Padres Basilianos en México

Tehuacán y la Ciudad de México

El año 2018 fue un tiempo de muchos cambios para los Padres Basilianos en México. Lo más radical fue el fallecimiento de nuestro hermano Javier de la Rosa Luna. Apenas, el Consejo General lo había llamado a celebrar sus votos perpetuos con Arturo Jerónimo. Sin embargo, el 28 de octubre pasado, Javier regresó a la casa de su Padre celestial. Unos días después, la celebración del Día de los Muertos nos tocó muy personalmente recordando a nuestro hermano y amigo. Que descanses en paz, Javier.



The year 2018 was a time of many changes for the Basilian Fathers in Mexico. The most radical change was the death of our brother Javier de la Rosa Luna. The General Council had just called him to final vows with his companion Arturo Jerónimo. However, on October 28, Javier returned to the house of his heavenly Father. Our celebration of All Souls Day less than a week later was very personal as we remembered our brother and friend. May you rest in peace, Javier.

The "Ofrenda" for Javier in the Novitiate

Casa San Felipe, el Noviciado: Empezamos el año con dos novicios Antonio Ibáñez Santos y Juan José Ortiz Torres. Habían entrado en julio 2017 con P. René Espejel. Antonio es del estado de Tlaxcala cerca de la ciudad de Puebla. Juan José es de Izúcar de Matamoros en el estado de Puebla. De enero hasta mayo estaban acompañados por P. Alberto Ferrara y en las últimas seis semanas del noviciado por P. Roberto Rojas. Celebraron sus primeros votos el 5 de julio.

Casa San Felipe, the Novitiate: We started the year with two novices, Antonio Ibáñez Santos and Juan José Ortiz Torres. They had entered the previous July with René Espejel as their director. Antonio is from the state of Tlaxcala near the city of Puebla. Juan José is from Izúcar de Matamoros in the state of Puebla. From January to May, they were accompanied by Alberto Ferrara and for the last six weeks of the novitiate by Roberto Rojas. They celebrated their first vows on July 5.

Antonio (on the left) and Juan José (on the right) professing their first vows before Father John Huber



P. Alberto Ferrara sufrió dos golpes muy fuertes en febrero y abril. Primero, falleció su papá en febrero. Regresó a Padua, Italia para celebrar las Exequias de su padre y estar con su mamá y hermana. Dentro de dos meses, falleció su madre. P. Alberto fue a Italia en septiembre para estar con su familia y para pasar tiempo de peregrinación en Medjugorje. También, en discernimiento con la

comunidad, P. Alberto está tomando un tiempo sabático en el Convento de los Apóstoles del Inmaculado Corazón de María en Uayamón, Campeche. Dice que ha encontrado mucha paz ahí.

Alberto Ferrara suffered two very difficult losses in February and April. First, his father died in February. Alberto returned to Padua, Italy to celebrate his father's funeral and to be with his mother and sister. Within two months, his mother then passed away. Alberto went to Italy in September to be with his family and to spend time on a pilgrimage in Medjugorje. Also, in discernment with the community, Alberto is taking a sabbatical in the Convent of the Apostles of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Uayamón, Campeche. He tells us that he has found much peace and joy there.

En la Casa San Felipe se encuentran el P. Daniel Porter, el diácono Alejandro Estrada y tres asociados. P. Daniel continúa su ministerio con los enfermos en varios hospitales de Tehuacán, especialmente en el Hospital de la Mujer dentro del territorio parroquial. Alejandro fue ordenado diácono el 30 de junio con Alberto Juárez por el Obispo Ricardo Ramírez CSB. Él vive en la casa San Felipe y ministra en la Capilla del Carmen. Será ordenado presbítero en la parroquia de San Lorenzo el 5 de enero junto con Alberto, su amigo de muchos años.

Dan Porter, Deacon Alejandro Estrada and three associates also live in Casa San Felipe. Father Dan continues his ministry to the sick in the various hospitals of Tehuacán, especially in the Women's Hospital within the boundaries of the parish. Alejandro was ordained a deacon on June 30 with Alberto Juárez by Bishop Ricardo Ramírez CSB. He lives in Casa San Felipe and ministers in the Chapel of our Lady of Mount Carmel. His ordination to the priesthood is scheduled in the parish of San Lorenzo on January 5 with Alberto, his confrere and friend of many years.



Los tres asociados son José Adán Gómez Villalvazo, Erick de Jesús Enríquez Gutiérrez y Óscar Martínez Ávila. José es de Ciudad Guzmán, Jalisco en la diócesis de Colima. Pasó el año en la casa San Felipe sirviendo en la parroquia de San Lorenzo. Erick es de Jonacatepec en el estado de Morelos. En los primeros seis meses del año estuvo en el escolasticado. Terminó su primer año de teología en la Universidad Pontificia de México. Óscar es de la Ciudad de México. Como José y Erick, Óscar tiene mucha experiencia pastoral en varios lugares. Posee un interés particular para trabajar con comunidades indígenas.

The three associates are José Adán Gómez Villalvazo, Erick de Jesús Enríquez Gutiérrez and Óscar Martínez Ávila. José is from Ciudad Guzmán in Jalisco in the diocese of Colima. He spent all of 2018 at Casa San Felipe serving in the San Lorenzo parish. Erick is from Jonacatepec in the state of Morelos. In the first six months of the year he was in the scholasticate. He finished his first year of theology at the Pontifical University of Mexico. Óscar is from Mexico City. Like José and Erick, Óscar comes with a lot of pastoral experience in different places. He has a particular interest in working with indigenous communities.

Tehuacán:

Estatua de San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir, en la iglesia colonial
Statue of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, in the colonial church



Children in the Parish of San Lorenzo at the annual Advent Retreat. The Associates Erick (in the foreground), José (kneeling) and Oscar (standing) behind Deacon Alejandro.

The Rectory: Roberto Rojas (Beto), began the year in the rectory. He is in his eleventh year as pastor of San Lorenzo and its six chapels. He has dedicated his time to developing prophetic, liturgical and pastoral communities. Each of our chapels has a catechetical team as well as teams for liturgy and pastoral outreach. There is a group of Celebrators of the Word who celebrate liturgies in the absence of a priest. Also, under Beto's leadership, the Human Development Center has been established with various psychological and pastoral services and ministries. Beto has been involved in the Arrupe Center and its ministry in Downtown Tehuacán. In addition, Beto is the director of Family Ministry in the Diocese of Tehuacán, and he accompanies the team of religious of the diocese.

La Casa Parroquial: P. Roberto Rojas (Beto) empezó el año en la casa parroquial. Está en su undécimo año como párroco de la Iglesia de San Lorenzo diácono y mártir y sus seis capillas. Ha dedicado su tiempo desarrollando comunidades proféticas, litúrgicas y pastorales. Cada una de nuestras capillas tiene un equipo de catequesis, liturgia y pastoral. Hay un grupo de celebradores de la palabra quienes celebran liturgias en la ausencia de un sacerdote. También, bajo su liderazgo se ha establecido el Centro de Desarrollo Humano con varios servicios y ministerios psicológicos y pastorales. Ha estado involucrado en el Centro Arrupe y su ministerio en el Centro de la ciudad de Tehuacán. Además, P. Beto es el director de la Pastoral Familiar en la Diócesis de Tehuacán, y acompaña al equipo de religiosas de la diócesis.



En junio de este año, P. Beto se mudó a la casa San Felipe para ser director de los novicios y después para acompañar a los asociados y al diácono en la parroquia y la vida comunitaria.

In June of this year, Beto moved to Casa San Felipe to be the director of the novices and then to accompany the associates and the deacon in the parish and their community life.

Father Beto and three of the Associates pray in the new church

En la casa parroquial están P. René Espejel y P. Jess Owens. Gran parte del año P. René ayudó

al administrador diocesano con varias celebraciones en la diócesis, especialmente confirmaciones. El obispo de Tehuacán fue nombrado en enero a una diócesis de Chiapas. El nuevo obispo Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero llegó el 4 de diciembre. P. René sigue en la parroquia de San Lorenzo, pero también ayuda mucho a los párrocos de la diócesis.

René Espejel and Jess Owens are in the parish house. For much of the year, René helped the diocesan administrator with various celebrations in the diocese, especially confirmations. The bishop of Tehuacán had been appointed to a diocese in Chiapas in January. The new Bishop Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero arrived on December 4. René is still in the parish of San Lorenzo, but he also helps the parish priests of the diocese quite a bit.

P. Jess Owens trabajaba en la parroquia hasta junio; como cualquier año, fue a Sugar Land, Texas para ayudar con la predicación para las Misiones. En el primer domingo de julio en el aeropuerto O'Hare de Chicago, P. Jess sufrió una caída. Se rompió el fémur y la rodilla. Tuvo que pasar julio hasta mediados de septiembre en rehabilitación en Chicago. Regresó a Houston y actualmente está en la casa Dillon.

Al mismo tiempo durante su tiempo en rehabilitación, P. Jess tuvo problemas con su vista hasta al punto que no puede leer fácilmente, ni usar su teléfono ni computadora. Rezamos por su recuperación y su regreso a Tehuacán.

Jess Owens worked in the parish until June. Like any year, he then went to Sugar Land, Texas to help with the preaching for the Missions. On the first Sunday of July at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Jess fell. He broke his femur and his knee. He had to spend July, August and much of September in rehabilitation in Chicago. He returned to Houston and stays at the Dillon house.

At the same time during his time in rehabilitation, Jess lost much of his sight to the point that he cannot easily read, or use his phone or computer. We pray for his recovery and return to Tehuacán.

El Escolasticado: Aunque se llama escolasticado, esta casa sirve para la formación de escolásticos y asociados que estudian en la Ciudad de México. Ahora, se encuentran cuatro escolásticos, tres asociados y dos sacerdotes en la casa; nueve personas en una casa hecha para cuatro o cinco personas.

Es por esta razón que empezamos el proceso para comprar una casa de formación en México. Contratamos un agente de ventas en junio y firmamos un contrato de compraventa en septiembre. Pero, prácticamente, nada ha pasado desde ese momento. Parece que el cambio de gobierno (del PRI hasta la Morena) ha afectado la oficina que debe aprobar la compra. Esperamos que la adquisición pueda realizarse pronto.

Los escolásticos ahora son Arturo Jerónimo, Óscar Carbajal, Antonio Ibáñez y Juan José Ortiz. Arturo está en su último año de teología en el IFTIM (Instituto de Formación Teológica y Intercongregacional en México). Al mismo tiempo ha terminado sus estudios en el IF (Instituto de Filosofía), ubicado en Guadalajara. Celebró sus votos perpetuos el 24 de noviembre.

The Scholasticate: Although it is called the scholasticate, this house serves the formation of scholastics and associates studying in Mexico City. At present, there are four scholastics, three associates and two



priests in the house; nine people in a house made for four or five people. It is for this reason that we started the process to buy a new house. We hired a real estate agent in June, chose a house and signed a contract in September. However, it seems that the change of government (from the PRI to the Morena) has affected the office that must approve the transaction. We hope the purchase can be finalized soon.

Arturo Jerónimo professes his Final Vows before Paul Walsh, Superior of the Basilians in Mexico

The scholastics now are Arturo Jerónimo, Óscar Carbajal, Antonio Ibáñez and Juan José Ortiz. Arturo is in his last year of theology at the IFTIM (Institute of Theological and

Intercongregational Training in Mexico). At the same time, he has finished his studies at the IF (Institute of Philosophy), located in Guadalajara. He celebrated his perpetual vows on November 24.

Óscar está en transición de Houston; llegó a nuestra casa en noviembre. Al momento de escribir este informe, está en El Salvador para ver a su familia y para tramitar su visa para México. Esperamos que pueda reanudar sus estudios para enero en la Universidad Intercontinental.

Óscar Carbajal is in transition from Houston; he arrived at our house in November. At the time of writing this report, he is in El Salvador to see his family and to process his visa for Mexico. We hope he can resume his studies in January

Antonio Ibáñez está en su tercer semestre de teología en un programa de ocho semestres. Como el nombre de la universidad indica, la Universidad Intercontinental tiene un enfoque intercultural. Los Misioneros de Guadalupe, quienes dirigen la escuela, también dan énfasis a la misión. Como parte de

sus actividades pastorales, Antonio enseñó un curso a una novicia de las Misioneras Catequistas de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María (las Violetas). Juan José Ortiz está en su segundo año de filosofía (de tres) en la Universidad Pontificia de México. Su ministerio pastoral consiste en impartir una clase a los padres de los niños de la catequesis en la Rectoría de San Juan Bautista en Tepeximilpa.

Antonio Ibáñez is in his third semester of theology. It is a program of eight semesters. As the name of the university indicates, the Intercontinental University has an intercultural approach. The Guadalupe Missionaries, who run the school, also emphasize mission. As part of his pastoral activities, Antonio taught a course to a novice of the Catechetical Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (the Violetas). Juan José Ortiz is in his second year (of three) in philosophy at the Pontifical University of Mexico. His pastoral ministry is a class for adults of children in catechesis in the Rectory of San Juan Bautista in Tepeximilpa.



Hay tres asociados en casa. José de Jesús Rodríguez Pérez es de Tultitlán en el Estado de México. Está en su segundo año de filosofía en la Pontificia. Jesús participa en la Schola Cantorum de la universidad. Antonio y él proveen la música para nuestra liturgia. Julio César Martínez Chávez es de Cuautitlán, Estado de México. Está en su primer año de teología en la Pontificia. Julio César entró la comunidad por su amistad con Javier.

The Basilian Associates Left side, seated, Erick; behind him Oscar; behind him Angel; Right side, seated, Jesus, to the right José, at the back, Julio

Juan Ángel Vivas García, igual que Jesús, es de Tultitlán, Estado de México. Estudió la ciencia actuarial por su carrera. Está en su primer año de filosofía.

There are three associates in the house. José de Jesús Rodríguez Pérez is from Tultitlán in the State of Mexico. He is in his second year of philosophy at the Pontifical University of México (UPM for its initials in Spanish). Jesus participates in the Schola Cantorum of the university. Antonio and he provide the music for our liturgy. Julio César Martínez Chávez is from Cuautitlán, in the state of Mexico. He is in his first year of theology at the UPM. Julio César entered the community because of his friendship with Javier. Juan Ángel Vivas García, like Jesus, is from Tultitlán in the state of Mexico. He studied actuarial science for his career. He is in his first year of philosophy.

Los dos sacerdotes de la casa son P. Juan Carlos Rojas y P. Pablo Walsh, el asistente y director de escolásticos respectivamente. P. Juan Carlos pasó la primera parte del año en la parroquia de San Lorenzo y desde agosto, ha estado en el escolasticado. Le ayuda a P. Pablo con la formación de los jóvenes y misas en la casa madre de las Violetas. P. Pablo está en su cuarto año como director de escolásticos. Le gusta mucho sus interacciones con los jóvenes, acompañándolos en su camino de formación. Es un gozo saber que la vida sigue, a pesar de la muerte y los golpes que la vida nos presenta. Dios es bueno. Nos ha bendecido mucho.

The two priests in the scholasticate are Juan Carlos Rojas and Paul Walsh, the Assistant and the Director of Scholastics respectively. Juan Carlos spent the first part of the year in the parish of San Lorenzo. Since August, he has been in the scholasticate. He helps Pablo with the formation of young men and celebrates Masses in the Mother House of the Violetas. Paul is in his fourth year as director of scholastics. He loves his interactions with the young people, accompanying them in their formation. It is a joy to know that life goes on, despite the death and the difficulties that life presents to us. God is good. He has blessed us greatly.



From left to right: Jesús Rodríguez, Sebastián Mier SJ (Retreat Master), Antonio Ibáñez, Arturo Jerónimo, Erick Enríquez, Javier de la Rosa, Daniel Porter, René Espejel, Jess Owens, Beto Rojas, Alberto Juárez, Pablo Walsh, Humberto Sánchez, Juan Carlos Rojas, José Gómez, Alejandro Estrada



*La antigua iglesia colonial de San Lorenzo en Tehuacán.
The old colonial church of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán.*

Parroquia e Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción

Cali, Colombia



Este año los Padres Basilianos en Colombia vivimos el Retiro Espiritual Anual en el mes de Junio predicado por el P. Roberto Seguin CSB

The annual retreat of all the Basilians in Colombia preached by Bob Seguin CSB

Fila 1, frente, Derecha a Izquierda / Right to Left: P. Oscar, P. Roberto B, Hno. Carlos R, Hno. Wilson, Hno. Anderson, P. Roberto S, Hno. Eduard, P. Carlos, P. Francisco, P. Rafael, Hno. Belisario.

Fila 2, al fondo: Postulantes: Wilmer y Marlon, Hno. Luis, P. Pedro, Hno. Javier, Postulante Osman.

Durante el año 2018, la presencia de los Padres Basilianos ha sido significativa y evangélica en las distintas actividades pastorales que tenemos tanto en el INSA, como en la Parroquia y la Comunidad Basiliana Local. Este año la comunidad local estuvo conformada por: Los Padres: Francisco, Rafael, Oscar, Carlos, y los Hermanos Edilson Belisario y la presencia del Diácono Alberto Juárez en el segundo semestre.

During 2018, the Basilians participated in many pastoral activities that took place in the INSA School as well as in the Parish and in the local Basilian community. The local community was made up of Father Francisco Amico, Rafael Lopera, Óscar Gómez, Carlos Gutiérrez, the scholastic Edilson Belisario Gómez and Deacon Alberto Juárez.



En la Parroquia cada hermano tuvo una responsabilidad pastoral: P. Rafael, encargado de la Catequesis y las Casas Católicas, el P. Carlos, encargado de los ministerios extraordinarios (Palabra, Eucaristía, de la Casa), el P. Oscar de los Jóvenes, tanto en Confirmación como en el Grupo Juvenil Basiliano, Edilson encargado de los servidores del Altar y apoyando la preparación para Confirmación, y el hermano Alberto visitado los enfermos de la comunidad y apoyando las familias que requerían asesoría espiritual y también psicológica. Todas estas actividades direccionadas por el Padre Francisco como Párroco. También cada hermano tuvo unas responsabilidades académicas en el aula de clase de nuestro Colegio (INSA), donde el P. Francisco es el Rector.

In the Parish each Basilian had a pastoral responsibility: Rafael Lopera was in charge of the Catechetical Program and the Casas Católicas. Carlos Gutiérrez worked with the different ministries: Word, Eucharist, and Hospitality). Óscar Gómez worked with the youth group and the Confirmation preparation. Edilson Gómez was in charge of the altar servers and he helped with Confirmation preparation. Deacon Alberto visited the sick in the parish and helped families that needed spiritual or psychological assistance. Every Basilian also had duties in our school (INSA). All these activities were directed by Francisco Amico, Rector and Pastor.



El INSA queda en los más altos estándares de calidad a nivel académico en las pruebas del **Saber 11** como colegio Basiliano alcanzando número 1 en la ciudad de Cali!

The Instituto de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción is ranked in the highest standards of academic excellence in the **Saber 11** (an important standardized test) and is number 1 in the city of Cali.



Este año 30 jóvenes vivieron el IX Campamento Juvenil Basiliano local en Cali, un espacio formativo para los jóvenes. El campamento dura cuatro días fuera de las comodidades de la casa y allí los jóvenes valoran su familia y lo que tienen en ella, y aprenden amar más a Jesús y su Iglesia.

This year 30 young people participated in the IX Basilian Camp for Youth in Cali; this is an important formative experience for the youth. The camp lasts four days away from the comforts of home and there the young people learn to value their families and to love Jesus and the Church more deeply.

Los Jóvenes del grupo juvenil realizaron varias actividades de impacto en la comunidad parroquial como: la Semana Santa Juvenil, la vigilia de Pentecostés, en la navidad la Novena y una misión de Navidad con los niños de la Playa y Puerto Mallarino, sectores menos favorecidos de la Parroquia.

The Young people in the Parish Youth Group undertook activities that had an impact in the Parish community: the Young Peoples' Holy Week, the Vigil of Pentecost, and the Christmas Novena. They also offered a ministry to the children of *Playa* and *Puerto Mallarino*, less favored areas of the parish.



Este año preparamos a 145 niños para la Primera Confesión y Comunión, y al mismo tiempo 55 jóvenes para la confirmación.

This year we prepared 145 children for First Confession and communion as well as 55 young people for Confirmation.

INSA: Este año nos alegramos y damos gracias a Dios por nuestros nuevos 47 egresados (*foto abajo*) de este colegio Basiliano; es un honor saber los frutos de tantos esfuerzos de los hermanos Basilianos por brindan una excelente educación y también la de los padres de familia que acompañan a los jóvenes durante todo el proceso integral. Los jóvenes vivieron toda una semana de trabajo social en las veredas de Trujillo, Valle y en la Ecoaldea Mandivá de Fundamor. Allí ellos interactuaron con los campesinos y aprendieron mucho para sus vidas.



INSA: This year we thank God for our 47 graduates (*photo above*) from this Basilian school; it is wonderful to see the fruits of Basilian effort and the support of the parents who are involved. This year the graduates spent a week of social work in Trujillo, Valle, and in the Eco-village of Mandivá de Fundamor. They interacted with the people of the countryside and learned much from them.



Los padres de los estudiantes en el INSA están comprometidos a la educación de sus hijos.

Parents of the students at INSA are involved in the education of their sons and daughters.

A nivel pastoral se logró consolidar un convenio con el SENA para capacitar jóvenes en alto riesgo en bodega, direccionado por el Padre Rafael y las religiosas Hijas de Jesús de Kermaria. También se logró realizar un curso de huertas caseras para aprovechar los espacios en las casas y cultivar comida saludable sin químicos.

Another pastoral activity was the Project to train high risk young people in warehouse management. This was directed by Rafael Lopera and the religious community of the Daughters of Jesus. We also offered a course about how to have a household garden and grow healthy food without chemicals.

Del mismo modo, y con el deseo de consolidar la fe y el trabajo pastoral, vivimos en varios momentos del año, las Asambleas Retiro con todos los ministerios y Casas católicas concretamente en el tiempo de Cuaresma y Pascua y al terminar el año antes de la Navidad en el tiempo del Adviento.

Another effort and with the desire to build up the faith and pastoral labors, we held Retreat Assemblies during the year with all the ministers and the Casas Católicas during the time of Lent leading up to Easter and later in the year during the season of Advent leading up to Christmas.



El Colegio y la Parroquia de **Nuestra Señora de la Asunción** siguen con el ministerio netamente Basiliano: la educación y la evangelización desde 1822.

The College and the Parish of **Nuestra Señora de la Asunción** continue with the ministry that is so essentially Basilian: education and evangelization since 1822.

Casa San Basilio

Medellín, Colombia

Después de la celebración de la fiesta de nuestro Santo Patrón, San Basilio, el 2 de enero, y del tiempo de las visitas familiares, se inició el nuevo año en la Casa San Basilio con la presencia del padre **Robert Barringer** como superior-maestro de escolásticos y el padre **Pedro Miguel Mora** como párroco de la Parroquia San Basilio. Los miembros escolásticos eran **Carlos Rodríguez, Javier Higuera, Eduard Padilla, Wilson Tovar, Anderson Usuga, Luis Suárez**, y los postulantes **Osman de la Hoz, Wilmer Vargas y Marlon Rincón**. El séptimo escolástico, **Edilson Belisario Gómez**, fue a Cali por su año de pastoral en el INSA y en la parroquia de la Asunción. En la Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana los escolásticos y postulantes seguían cursos de teología o de filosofía en el contexto de sus programas de grado en la teología y de la Licenciatura en Filosofía y Letras.

After the celebration of the feast day of St. Basil, our patron saint, on the 2nd of January, and the following period of visits to the families of the house members, the new year in St Basil's House was launched under the direction of Father **Robert Barringer** as Superior and Master of Scholastics and Postulants and Father **Pedro Miguel Mora** as Parish Priest of St Basil's Parish in the barrio of Olaya. The scholastic members of the house were **Carlos Rodríguez, Javier Higuera, Eduard Padilla, Wilson Tovar, Anderson Usuga** and **Luis Suárez**, and the three postulants were **Osman de la Hoz, Wilmer Vargas** and **Marlon Rincón**. The seventh Basilian scholastic, **Edilson Belisario Gómez**, had been appointed at the beginning of the year to Cali in order to do a pastoral year in the INSA and in the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption. Towards the end of January, in the Pontifical Bolivarian University of Medellín, the scholastics and postulants resumed their degree programs in Theology or in the Licentiate in Philosophy and Literature.

El 30 de enero los hermanos **Carlos Rodríguez, Javier Higuera y Eduard Padilla** recibieron en presencia del Padre **Francisco Amico**, Superior Local en Colombia, el ministerio del acolitado.

(foto a la derecha)

On the 30th of January in the parish church of St Basil, the scholastics **Carlos Rodríguez, Javier Higuera** and **Eduard Padilla** received the Ministry of Acolyte from Father **Francisco Amico**, Superior of the Basilians in Colombia.



Durante el mes de junio, y aprovechando el tiempo de vacaciones universitarias, se llevó a cabo del 3 al 9 de junio la misión vocacional en Jericó (Antioquia) en donde participaron los postulantes y los escolásticos en compañía del padre **Oscar Gómez**. Se realizó además una segunda experiencia de misión en Pitalito (Huila) del 18 al 22 junio.



During the month of June, and taking advantage of the university vacation period, a vocational mission was conducted from June 3rd to 9th in Jericó (Antioquia) with the participation of the postulants and scholastics

accompanied by Father **Oscar Gómez**, the Promotor of Vocations in Colombia. A second mission was also undertaken in Pitalito (Huila) from the 18th to the 22nd. *(foto arriba / photo above)*

En compañía de la comunidad parroquial de Medellín se celebraron las fiestas patronales de San Basilio haciendo memoria en el 14 de junio de la antigua fecha de celebración de la fiesta. Fue un tiempo en que se aprovechó para visitar a las familias de la parroquia y celebrar la Eucaristía en cada uno de los múltiples sectores. Dicha misión se efectuó en la segunda semana de junio.

*(foto a la derecha /
photo to the right)*

Together with the parish community of Olaya, we all celebrated the patronal festival of St. Basil, keeping alive the memory of June 14th as the former date for the celebration of his feast day. The festival provided the opportunity to make visits to the families in the parish and to celebrate the Eucharist in each of the sections of the parish. This took place during the second week in June.



El apostolado realizado por los escolásticos y los postulantes durante el año llegó felizmente a su meta en la celebración de los sacramentos de la confirmación el día 24 de noviembre y las primeras comuniones el 8 de diciembre.

The apostolate carried out during the year by the scholastics and postulants reached its happy conclusion with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 24th of November and the First Communion of the younger children on the 8th of December.



*Parroquia y Escolasticado de San Basilio
Medellín
Parish and Scholasticate of San Basilio*



Más tarde, en la segunda semana del mes de octubre, tuvimos la alegría de recibir la visita de nuestro nuevo Superior General, el Muy Reverendo **Kevin Storey** y del nuevo Superior Local en Colombia, el Padre **Rafael Lopera**. **Pedro Mora** y **Eduard Padilla** habían asistido al Capítulo General que eligió al padre **Storey**. *(foto arriba / photo above)*

Later in the year, during the second week of October, we had the joy of hosting a visit from our new Superior General (and former member of the local community in Medellín) the Very Reverend **Kevin Storey**, and of our new Basilian Superior in Colombia, Father **Rafael Lopera**. At the General Chapter of 2018 which had elected Father **Storey**, there were two delegates from the Medellín house, Father **Pedro Mora** and scholastic **Eduard Padilla**.

Los postulantes **Osman de la Hoz**, **Wilmer Vargas** y **Marlon Rincón**, que se alistaban para iniciar el año de noviciado en 2019, tomaron sus visitas familiares anuales del 7 al 22 de noviembre. Su viaje a Bogotá se efectuó el 30 de diciembre al lado del padre **Robert Barringer** quién será el maestro del noviciado en la Casa Annonay ayudado por el padre **Pedro Mora** y el nuevo Diácono **Javier Higuera**.

The three postulants, who were preparing to begin their novitiate year in Bogotá in 2019, made the annual visit to their families from the 7th to the 22nd of November and then travelled to Bogotá on December 30th together with Father **Robert Barringer** who was appointed to be the Master of Novices in the Casa Annonay, helped by Father **Pedro Mora**, and the soon-to-be-ordained Deacon, **Javier Higuera**.

Como preparación para los votos perpetuos, los escolásticos, **Javier Higuera**, **Eduard Padilla**, y **Carlos Rodríguez** hicieron su retiro espiritual del 26 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre en el priorato benedictino El Rosal en los alrededores de Bogotá (Cundinamarca). Los votos perpetuos fueron celebrados el



domingo 9 de diciembre en las horas de la mañana delante del Superior en Colombia, el padre **Rafael Lopera**, de los padres **Robert Barringer** y **Pedro Mora**, de los escolásticos y postulantes, y de la numerosa comunidad parroquial.

Left to right: Eduard Padilla, Javier Higuera y Carlos Rodríguez

As preparation for the taking of their final vows, the scholastics, **Carlos Rodríguez**, **Javier Higuera** and **Eduard Padilla**, made a spiritual retreat at the Casa Annonay in Bogotá and the Benedictine priory of El Rosal, located outside the city. The final vows ceremony was celebrated on Sunday the 9th of December at the early morning parish Mass in the presence of Father **Rafael Lopera**, the Basilian Superior in Colombia, Fathers Robert **Barringer** and **Pedro Mora**, the other scholastics and postulants and a large number of the parish community of St Basil.

Escolástico **Luis Suárez** ayuda a animar al Grupo Juvenil de la Parroquia de San Basilio. El ministerio a la comunidad es algo importante en la Casa San Basilio.

Scholastic **Luis Suárez** helps to guide the youth Group of the Parish of San Basilio. Ministry to the community is important in Casa San Basilio.



Parroquia San Basilio Medellín

Durante este año la Parroquia San Basilio fue enriquecida por las dos prudencias formativas, el Escolasticado y Postulantado. Fueron un total seis Escolásticos (Javier Higuera, Eduard Padilla, Carlos Rodríguez, Wilson Tovar, Luis Suárez, and Anderson Usuga) y tres Postulantes (Marlon, Wilmer, y Osman) Ellos fueron acompañados por el P. Roberto Barringer CSB como formador el P. Pedro Miguel Mora Medina CSB como Párroco.



During this past year, the Parish of St. Basil was enriched by two groups of men in formation, the Scholastics and the Postulants. There were six Scholastics: (Javier Higuera, Eduard Padilla, Carlos Rodríguez, Wilson Tovar, Luis Suárez, and Anderson Usuga) and three Postulants: (Marlon Rincon, Wilmer Vargas, and Osman De la Hoz). They were guided by Robert Barringer CSB, the formator and by Pedro Miguel Mora, the pastor.



Durante este año se logró continuar con la “Basiliada,” y la propuesta de la promoción humana en los proyectos alrededor del templo, siguiendo el Ejemplo de San Basilio. Estos proyectos son: Taller de Artesana “Arte Joven San Basilio” y el Taller de Confecciones en convenio con el SENA, capacita a más de 150 personas al año. También existe el Centro Medico y Odontológico que atiende a más de 1000 personas al año. La Sala Virtual Basilnet atiende a más de 5000 niños y jóvenes. El Comedor Teresita Ramírez (*foto a la izquierda*) atiende a 50 ancianos y 50 niños con desayuno y almuerzo todos días. Normalmente en cada proyecto hay un Basiliano atendiéndolo espiritualmente para garantizar el crecimiento espiritual y humano en cada uno de ellos.

During this year we have carried on the “Basiliada,” concerted efforts for the progress in human development in the areas around the church, following the example of St. Basil. Some of these projects are: the Artisan Workshop “St. Basil Youth Art” and the Sewing Workshop, sponsored with help from SENA, A government agency. We also sponsor a Medical and Dental Clinic that attends to 1000 patients a year. The Basilnet Sala Virtual serves over 4000 children and youth a year with healthy use of the internet and resources for school work. The Teresita Ramírez Dining Room (*photo above*) serves 50 elderly people and 50 children a healthy breakfast and lunch every single day. Normally there is a Basilian present at all workshops to make sure that here is spiritual growth as well as human growth in each one.



Blessing of the Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word
Bendición de los Ministros de la Eucaristía y los Ministros de la Palabra →

Los movimientos laicales son un fuerte en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Tenemos: Pequeñas Comunidades, Ministerios extraordinarios de la Palabra, Casa, Eucaristía; Catequista, ministerio de Música, Grupo Juvenil Basiliano, Grupo Pre-juvenil. Este año se inició una nueva experiencia de Pastoral Social para acompañar a los hermanos más necesitados de nuestra parroquia.

The involvement of the laity is a strong point in the parish community. We have: Small Communities, Ministers of the Word, of Hospitality, of the Eucharist, of Music, and Catechists. There is a Youth Group and a group for younger children. This year we have begun a new Pastoral-Social outreach to take care of the most needy of our parish community.

Durante el año se vivieron varias asambleas parroquiales para los ministros (*foto a la derecha*) y se culminó con una asamblea general para dar gracias por el servicio de los distintos ministerios y movimientos apostólicos.

During the year several parish assemblies took place for the ministers (*photo above*) and the year ended with a general assembly to give thanks to the different ministries and apostolic movements.



También se da inicio a la construcción de una capilla en el sector de Colinas de Calasanz con el apoyo de los Padres Basilianos y la comunidad del sector.

During the past year we began the construction of a chapel in the Colinas de Calasanz with the support of the Basilian Fathers and the local community.



Los jóvenes vivieron el III Campamento Juvenil Local buscando generar líderes entre los mismos jóvenes que impactan en la comunidad parroquial.

(*Photo to the left / foto a la izquierda*)

The youth groups took part in the III Youth Camp which seeks to empower leaders from the youth themselves who will impact the Parish community.



En la Parroquia de San Basilio, no se les olvida a los niños; son el futuro de la Iglesia.

(*Photo to the left / foto a la izquierda*)

The children of the Parish of San Basilio are not forgotten; they are the future of the Church.

San Francisco de Asís

Taganga, Colombia



After being in Taganga for three years Bob Seguin CSB will be leaving the “quasi-parroquia” San Francisco de Asís on the 15th of January 2019. He will be in charge of the Basilian Scholastics in Medellín and an assistant in the parish to the new pastor, Oscar Gomez CSB along with one of our deacons, Carlos Rodriguez. We hope that with the ordination of three young Basilians in the coming year the Basilians will be able to return and establish a Basilian House in Taganga in the Diocese of Santa Marta.



Después de estar en Taganga por tres años, Bob Seguin CSB abandonará la “cuasi parroquia” de San Francisco de Asís el 15 de enero de 2019. Él estará a cargo de los escolásticos Basilianos en Medellín y un asistente en la parroquia con el nuevo pastor, Oscar Gómez CSB, junto con uno de nuestros diáconos, Carlos Rodríguez CSB. Se espera que con la ordenación de tres jóvenes Basilianos en el próximo año los Basilianos puedan regresar y establecer una Casa Basiliana en Taganga en la Diócesis de Santa Marta.

Bob writes: In 2018, we continued with the different projects. thanks to the Basilian Development Fund, we continued working with the young people and with the children’s choral group. We also established a group called the “Apostolate of the Sea” working with the Pastoral Social Office of the Diocese of Santa Marta. This has been a very important development in the Diocese – bringing together different groups of fishermen whose livelihood depends on fishing.

Bob escribe: En 2018, continuamos con los diferentes proyectos, con los jóvenes y con el coro de niños, gracias al Fondo Basiliano para el Desarrollo Humano. Nosotros también establecimos un grupo llamado “Apostolado al Mar”, trabajando con la Oficina Pastoral Social de la Diócesis de Santa Marta. Este ha sido un desarrollo muy importante en la Diócesis, porque reúne a grupos de pescadores cuya subsistencia depende de la pesca.

For the novena before Christmas – each night there is a presentation of the different events leading up to the birth of Jesus followed by different cultural presentations each night of singing groups and dance groups. We have had many visitors in the course of this year including my sister Annie Beaver who for the first time visited Colombia. She came with me to Cali for the Renewal of Vows of Edilson Belisario Gómez CSB. *(photo at the right)*

Para la novena antes de Navidad, cada noche hay una presentación de los diferentes eventos previos al nacimiento de Jesús, seguidos de diferentes presentaciones culturales cada noche de grupos de cantantes y grupos de baile. Tuvimos muchas visitas este año incluyendo a mi hermana, Annie Beaver, que hizo su primera visita a Colombia. Me acompañó a Cali para la renovación de votos de Edilson Belisario Gómez.

(photo a la derecha)



Basilian Lay Associates – Houston TX Area

Coordinators: David Zapalac CSB and Barbara Bishop

Our year began with the celebration of the Feast of St. Basil on the 2nd of January with Mass at St. Anne's Church. Our recommitments were made during the Mass. A dinner followed in the Parish Center. As always, it was a lovely evening!

Father Tom Rosica was in Houston in late January. We were so fortunate that he had an evening to spend with us. We had a dinner and he gave a talk about Pope Francis and shared many of his experiences with us. What a wonderful evening! We invited members of St. Anne's Guild to join us and it was very well attended. During Lent, Sylvia Salinas led us in a Stations of the Cross at our monthly meeting. We met after Mass on a Saturday and had a pot luck dinner.

Father David Bittner talked with us about his preparations for Chapter in King City, near Toronto, in July. His talk was very interesting and we all learned a lot about this very important meeting.

In May we held our meeting at Dillon House and had a pot luck lunch with the retired priests. They really enjoy having us come to their house. We plan to do that more often. Father Chris Valka came to talk with us about his work at UST. He is a very busy and effective young man. We all enjoyed his talk.

The priests always hold a Mass and dinner on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Our Fourth of July annual picnic was attended by only the few who could get there due to more street flooding in Houston. Seems we have way too much of that! We hosted a dinner for Father Kevin Storey before he left for Toronto. It was a very nice gathering. We were so thankful that his busy schedule allowed. It was very well attended by BLA's and our Basilian priests.

Father Joseph Pilsner spoke to us at our September meeting about the history of St. Basil and his sister, Macrina. It was an extremely informative talk. Again in November, he led our annual day long retreat. In October we met at Dillon House and Father David Bittner spoke about Chapter. A very enlightening talk! Again, we had a pot luck lunch with our retired priests. Our annual Christmas party was held in December! Dinner on Sunday evening was enjoyed by all. Everyone brought a dish and the food was wonderful! Food and company were enjoyed by all!



We are looking forward to 2019! We have three Come and See`` people who are really enjoying being part of our group. We will meet monthly and plan more gatherings at Dillon House and Keon House. We all enjoy going to different places and the priests are most welcoming!

Basilian Lay Associates – Rochester NY Area

Coordinators: Paul English CSB and Cathy Poirier

The Rochester area BLA's look back fondly on a year in which they have been active in the parish ministries at St. Kateri Tekakwitha of Irondequoit with our pastor, Father Paul English CSB and at the St. John Fisher community under the leadership of Father Kevin Mannara CSB. The Come and See program remains active under the supervision of our Lay Associate, Larry Ansini; he has been meeting with three candidates.

Over the past months it has been our pleasure to prepare and serve dinner to Father Paul English and the neighboring diocesan priests who come together regularly for enjoyment at their various sites. Cathy does the honors of head chef while others participate in setting up, serving and cleaning up afterward.

Bimonthly, the Lay Associates and our parish priests also get to enjoy dining and praying with the Basilian Fathers who now reside at the Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House in Fairport. It's always a happy time of sharing stories and catching up on recent events. On December 16th everyone



gathered at Mario's for our yearly Christmas celebration. It was so good to have some of our Basilian Fathers from Toronto join us for the festivities as you can see in our photo above.

As we look forward to 2019, we are saddened by the departure of our Basilian Fathers and our ordained coordinator, Father Paul English, from St. Kateri Parish in Rochester. Over many years, and recently with Father Paul, the Basilian Fathers led our faith community through our growing years, through our pain and joys, "many ups and downs" and many struggles. We want to help continue their legacy that has become so much a part of us in Rochester: "Lord, teach us goodness, discipline and knowledge."

We are delighted to have Father Kevin Mannara who will be assuming the role of the ordained coordinator of the Basilian Lay Associates upon Father Paul's departure in June. We will certainly miss the compassionate, pastoral leadership of Father Paul but we are confident that Father Kevin will shine his own light on our ministry as Basilian Lay Associates. We are so grateful to be part of the Basilian community, and will be praying that all may find joy in their ministries.

Basilian Lay Associates – Toronto ON Area

Coordinators: Norm Tanck CSB, Bernardine Ketelaars, and Connie Paré



The Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates currently have a total of 27 members and one participant in “Come and See.” Michael Fitzgerald joined us in early 2018 and has become important to our group. We are hopeful that Michael will make his first commitment in 2019. In July, Bernardine Ketelaars and Connie Paré completed their second year as lay co-coordinators and Father Norm Tanck completed his first year as the ordained coordinator. It has been a joy for all of us to journey with Father Norm.

During this year, BLAs have continued to learn more about each other within the context of the *Basilian Way of Life (BWL)*. Father Norm has led us through the *BWL* while helping us concentrate on how we can adapt the *Way of Life* to our lives as lay associates. We have covered topics such as St. Basil and the spirit of the founders, the call of Christ, the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and community life.

A special highlight in 2018 was our Day of Reflection held on April 21. Flowing from desire to learn more about the charisms of the Basilian community we concentrated on the charism of hospitality. Father Norm invited Grace Paolucci, a member of St. Basil Parish and a leader in the “Out of the Cold Program” to share with us how she practices hospitality through serving people who are often invisible. Grace first presented an overview of the program at St. Basil’s and shared with us how “Out of the Cold” deepened and enforced faith lessons about hospitality and connecting with others by opening eyes to the suffering in the community, deepening compassion for others and serving others. Grace emphasized that we cannot fear another’s suffering – this puts up a barrier. We need to move beyond fear and go to feelings of compassion.

Other important events included:

- June 9, 2018: The Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates hosted the Toronto Basilian Fathers at the Annual Afternoon Tea. This was our last tea at Cardinal Flahiff Centre.
- September 14 – 16, 2018: Toronto BLA members, along with members from Windsor participated in the annual retreat led by Father Thomas Rosica.
- December 8, 2018: The Toronto Area BLA members held their Annual Christmas Party.

We are very thankful for all the good work God has done through us this past year



Left to right: Arcangel Cruz, Corazon Bueno, Mabel Favela, Father Norm, Father Kevin Storey, General Superior, Sally Lianko, Simone Minalabag, Alisia Sabatini, Michael Fitzgerald, Maria Silva, Brenda Holz, Mary Rose Te, Nancy Strader, Connie Paré,

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Basilian Lay Associates – Windsor ON Area

Coordinators: Paul McGill CSB, and Anne-Marie Handsor



We are very fortunate in the Windsor Area. The BLA group in Windsor continues to flourish and our numbers continue to increase. At this time we have twelve members in our group. We welcomed two more members this past year: Rose Marie Ruston and Mike Denunzio. We have three “Come and See” that we are welcoming into our group at this time.

BLA Coordinators Paul McGill CSB and Anne-Marie Handsor are on either side of Rose Marie Ruston and Michael Denunzio.

We are so blessed in Windsor because of the number of Basilians that are so welcoming and open to us. We were sad to see Father Jim Stenberg leave in July. We will always remember him for his kindness, his sense of humour and his insightful yet sometimes very witty and hilarious sermons. We welcomed into our Parish Deacon Steven Huber in July. We are all looking forward to his Ordination in February. We were also pleased to meet Father Mark Gazin. He came to us this past summer. Our Pastor, Father Maurice Restivo, has been so welcoming with the BLA. As busy as all these Basilians are, they always find time to spend with us at our monthly meetings. We continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Rectory. We appreciate Father Paul McGill, our Ordained Coordinator who has always been very faithful to our group. I don’t know where he gets all his energy with his full time job as Chaplain of Assumption University. He is still able to guide us spiritually. We always welcome Father Q Johnson to our meetings and functions whenever he is able to attend.

This past summer Mary Anne Seguin hosted a dinner for our group. All the Basilian Fathers attended as well as all the Lay Associates. I am sure you all know Mary Anne Seguin and Angela D’Amore. If you don’t, please watch the Salt and Light Program entitled **“The Golden Girls of Essex County.”** It is wonderful.



Annual BLA Retreat: We were thrilled that Father Thomas Rosica CSB was our Retreat Master. The Retreat was awesome and we were all impressed with all that we learned. It was quite an experience. We continue to pray for all Basilians and all Lay Associates. Please keep us in your prayers as well.



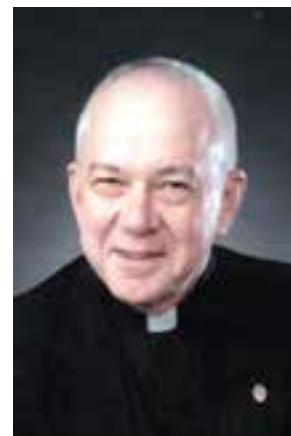
Robert William Crooker CSB

February 21, 1925 – January 6, 2018

Rev. Robert William Crooker CSB, 92 years old, died at Anglin House, Toronto, ON. He was a Basilian for 68 years and a priest for 64 years.

Bob was born in Houston, TX, to John Henry Crooker and Marguerite Malsch. Bob was predeceased by his elder brother, John H. Crooker Jr.

After graduating from St. Thomas High School in Houston in 1946, the Basilians in Houston suggested to Bob that he study at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. After three semesters, the idea of becoming a Basilian was taking root in Bob's mind.



Bob entered the Basilian Novitiate in Rochester, NY where he was professed on August 15, 1949. He then returned to St. Michael's College in Toronto where he finished his studies. Bob earned a BA and MA in Philosophy at the University of Toronto. He studied at St. Basil's Seminary and then attended the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome to earn his Doctorate of Canon Law.

Bob was ordained a priest on June 29, 1953 in St. Anne's Church, Houston by Bishop Wendelin J. Nold of Galveston. Others ordained that year were: *David Bauer, George Beaune, David Belyea, John Egsgard, Michael Goetz, Leon Hart, Bernard McCarron, Gerald McGuigan, George O'Gorman, Edward O'Reilly, Joseph Penny, James Poupore, Peter Sheehan, John Stortz, Cyril Udall, and Claude Vincent*. Bob's First Mass was celebrated in St. Anne's Church, Houston on July 4; Father Louis Bondy CSB preached.

After ordination, Bob taught at St. Basil's Seminary, and then became Secretary (1961-1971) of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS). For two years (1973-1975), Bob was the "Officialis" of the Matrimonial Tribunal in Toronto. When Bob was appointed Basilian Treasurer General in 1977 by James Hanrahan, CSB, he took it upon himself to take and pass *The Canadian Securities Institute Course*. Then, two years later, it was back to PIMS, this time as Treasurer.

In 1980, Bob left Toronto for the University of St. Thomas in Houston, where he served as the Dean of the School of Theology (1980-1981), and later the V.P. of Finance (1984-1987). He also served for many years on the UST Board of Directors.

Robert Crooker had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester, NY	1948 - 1949
St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1949 - 1951
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1951 - 1954
Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, IT	1954 - 1957
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1957 - 1961
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, ON	1961 - 1977
Congregation of St. Basil Curial House, Toronto, ON	1977 - 1979
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, ON	1979 - 1980
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1980 - 1987
St. Joseph's Mission Center, Sugar Land, TX	1987 - 1989
Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces, Las Cruces, NM	1989 - 1992
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1992 - 2013
Basilian Fathers of Anglin House, Toronto, ON	2013 - 2018

A Wake Service was held on held on January 9 in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre in Toronto; Jack Gallagher CSB presided. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 10; George T. Smith CSB presided and Michael Buentello CSB preached. Bob was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

Claude Gravely Arnold CSB

November 15, 1925 – February 18, 2018

Rev. Claude Graveley Arnold CSB, 89 years old, died of complications from pneumonia. He was a Basilian for 63 years and a priest for 59 years.

Claude was born in Detroit, MI to Claude G. Arnold and Sarah Gertrude McCulloch, both from Windsor. Claude was an only child; his father, a banker, died five months before he was born. Claude and his widowed mother lived with her sister in Windsor.



Claude entered Assumption High School in Windsor, graduating in 1947 at the top of his class. It was at Assumption that Claude met the Basilians; E. Carlisle LeBel CSB and Ernest J. Lajeunesse CSB influenced him greatly. In 1949 Claude was received into the Catholic Church.

Claude continued his education at Assumption College (University of Western Ontario) where he earned his B.A. in English Literature and Philosophy (1952), and his M.A. in Philosophy (1953). He then entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Rochester, NY where he made his First Profession on October 24, 1954. Claude then received his STB from the University of St. Michael's College (1957).

Claude was ordained to the priesthood in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, ON on June 29, 1958 by James Cardinal McGuigan. He offered his first Mass in Assumption Church, Windsor. E. Carlisle LeBel preached. Others ordained that year: *Peter Beaton, Edmund Brennan, James Burns, William Coughlin, John Farrell, Dennis Foy, Patrick Gallagher, David Heath, Christopher Iredale, Raymond Jackson, Lawrence Janisse, Wilfrid Janisse, Arthur Knowlton, Stanley Kutz, Charles Lynch, Patrick McCabe, Donald McCarthy, John Menner, Kenneth O'Keefe, James Rankin, Neil Smith, Frederick Zakoor, and Michael Zolondek.*

Claude then attended the University of Michigan where he obtained a PhD in Renaissance Literary Theory in 1964. Claude spent the rest of his active life teaching English; first at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX and then at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. Claude served as the Moderator of Scholastics at the Basilian House of Studies in Houston, TX and then Superior of the Basilian Fathers at the University St. Michael's for six years (1993-1999).

Claude Arnold enjoyed listening to classical music throughout his life. In 1998, Claude was named the recipient of an ARSC Award for Excellence (Association for Recorded Sound Collections) for his monumental work, *"The Orchestra on Record, 1896-1926: An Encyclopedia of Orchestral Recordings Made by the Acoustical Process."*

Claude Arnold had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester, NY	1953 - 1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1954 - 1958
Graduate Studies, University of MI, Ann Arbor	1958 - 1964
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1964 - 1966
University of St. Thomas, House of Studies, Houston, TX	1966 - 1967
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1967 - 1969
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1969 - 1970
Sabbatical, St. Basil's College, Toronto, ON	1970 - 1971
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1971 - 2010
Anglin House	2010 - 2018

A private Wake Service was held on February 21. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre in Toronto; George Smith CSB, presided and Jack Hanna CSB preached. Claude was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

John McDermott Wilson CSB

January 22, 1919 – March 29, 2018

Rev. John McDermott Wilson CSB, 99 years old, died of complications from pneumonia at Anglin House, Toronto. He was a Basilian for 77 years and a priest for 71 years. At the time of his death he was the oldest Basilian.

John was born in Rochester, MN. to John Henry Wilson and Catherine McDermott Wilson. John is predeceased by his three siblings, Mary Catherine Wilson, Joanne Elizabeth McCune, and Bernard William Wilson. He is survived by his nieces and nephews.



John grew up in Scotsguard, SK. After three years he moved to Medicine Hat, AB to finish his secondary schooling at St. Teresa's Academy. John then spent a year at Campion College, Regina, under the Jesuits, winning a Knights of Columbus scholarship in History.

Leaving the west, Jack came east to St. Michael's College in Toronto. He entered the Tweedsmuir Novitiate in August 1940 with Father Edward Tighe CSB as Novice Master. After First Vows on August 15, 1941, he returned to St. Michael's to complete his Arts course and to receive his B.A. at the University of Toronto (1942). This was followed by pedagogical training at the University of Detroit, a Provisional Teacher's Certificate for the State of Michigan, and a M.Ed. from the University of Rochester.

On June 29, 1947, Jack was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Francis P. Carroll in Sacred Heart Church in Calgary, AB, along with *Robert Finn*. Others ordained that year: *John Cherry, Leon Brezik, Francis Monaghan, Clifford Crowley, Thomas Thompson, James Collins, Leo Adams, Peter Etlinger, Edward Sullivan, Robert Flood, and Robert Whyte*.

Jack taught at English at various Basilian high schools with great success. In 1980, Jack retired from school ministry and went to St. Paul's University in Ottawa, where he obtained the degree of *Licentiate in Canon Law* (JCL), and then a Master's Degree in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa (1982). Jack had a distinguished career in the Tribunals of Calgary AB, Lethbridge AB and Las Cruces, NM.

John Wilson had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto, ON	1940 - 1941
St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1941 - 1942
St. Thomas High School, Houston, TX	1942 - 1943
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	1943 - 1944
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1944 - 1948
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	1948 - 1950
Aquinas Institute, Rochester NY	1950 - 1958
St. Francis High School / Catholic Central High School, Lethbridge, AB	1958 - 1980
St. Basil's Church, Ottawa, ON (Graduate Studies)	1980 - 1982
Basilian Fathers of Calgary, Calgary, AB	1982 - 1988
Basilian Fathers of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB	1988 - 1995
Basilian Fathers of Las Cruces, Las Cruces, NM	1995 - 1996
Basilian Fathers of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB	1996 - 2003
Basilian Fathers of Dillon House, Houston, TX	2003 - 2010
Basilian Fathers of Anglin House	2010 - 2018

A Wake Service was held on Tuesday evening, April 3 in the chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre; Owen Lee CSB spoke. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day; George Smith CSB, presided and +Robert Kasun CSB preached. John was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.

Thomas Paul Broadhurst CSB

August 17, 1932 – June 15, 2018



Rev. Thomas Paul Broadhurst, CSB, 85 years old, died at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Rochester, NY. He was a Basilian for 67 years and a priest for 58 years.

Paul (as he was called) was born in Toronto, ON. to Thomas Broadhurst and Mary Agnes Shea. Paul was the second of four children; his siblings are William Broadhurst, Carole Broadhurst Guzmán and David Broadhurst.

Paul grew up in Toronto, ON, attending Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School and St. Michael's College School in Toronto. He entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate where he was professed on August 15, 1951; his Novice Master was Thomas McGuire CSB. Following graduation in 1955 with a B.A. from the Honour Philosophy course at the University of Toronto came a year of teaching and then first year Theology then a second year of teaching. In the fall of 1959, he received an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Toronto.

On June 29, 1960, Paul was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Francis V. Allen in St. Basil's Church, Toronto. At his First Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Toronto. George B. Flahiff CSB preached. Others ordained that year: *William Brown, Charlie Christopher, Al Cylwicki, Cy Doherty, Thomas Dugan, Al Gaelens, Jack Gallagher, Al Genca, Jim Jordan, James McGinn, Bob McKinnon, Bob O'Halloran, John Quinn, Leo Sands, Charlie Smith, Frederick Wajda and Conrad Wieczorek.*

In 1964, Paul entered the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome to begin his Graduate Studies. Paul then taught at St. John Fisher College in Rochester. Later, he went south to teach at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. He returned to Rochester NY where he eventually retired. Paul Broadhurst had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto, ON	1950 - 1951
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1951 - 1952
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1952 - 1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1954 - 1955
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1955 - 1956
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1956 - 1957
Aquinas Institute, Rochester NY	1957 - 1958
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1958 - 1961
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1961 - 1964
Graduate Studies: Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome, IT	1964 - 1967
Basilian Fathers of St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY	1967 - 1974
Graduate Studies: The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, IT	1974 - 1981
Basilian Fathers of St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY	1981 - 1983
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1983 - 1986
Basilian Fathers of East Rochester, Rochester, NY	1986 - 2016
Associated with the Basilian Fathers of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish with residence at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Rochester NY	2016 – 2018

A Wake Service was held on Tuesday, June 19, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse; Michael Buentello CSB presided. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day in the St. John Fisher College Chapel, Joe Trovato CSB presided and Michael Buentello CSB preached. Morgan Rice CSB represented the General Council. Paul was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, NY.

Javier de la Rosa Luna CSB

January 13, 1970 – October 28, 2018

Javier de la Rosa Luna CSB passed away in his room at the Scholasticate in Tlalpan in Mexico City. In the opinion of the physician who came to examine him postmortem, he had suffered a heart attack, perhaps caused by diabetes. Javier professed his first vows in 2015. In the October General Council meetings Javier was called, by unanimous vote, to profess final vows in the Congregation.



Javier was born in Domingo Arenas, a village in the State of Puebla. His first memories are of living in Mexico with his mother and three brothers. They lived in a poor sector where drug addiction, delinquency and prostitution were everywhere. Javier, who eventually got himself out of that very negative situation, shows how a person can respond to the call of God even in the midst of adversity and make progress with dedication and will power.

As a young boy, Javier worked and at the same time, went to primary school and high school. He was baptized as a child and confirmed later in life. He began to become involved in his parish community and participate in activities with other members. It was then that he began to study his religion more deeply and to consider serving God as a priest and religious. This desire led him eventually to the Basilian Fathers. He lived for a while as an Associate in the Scholasticate in Tlalpan and entered the Basilian Novitiate in Tehuacán in 2014 and professed first vows on July 25, 2015. After that he returned to the Scholasticate in Tlalpan to continue his studies.

The courses in Philosophy and Theology were not easy, but Javier, with the perseverance that was a part of his personality, continued and did not give up. He was in the second-to-last semester of his studies and for his major paper at the end of the courses, Javier was preparing a study of the motto and the crest of the Basilian Fathers. Michelle Sawyers, the Congregational Archivist, sent him some material in English which he found very useful.

His intensive studies in English had begun this past summer in Toronto. Javier lived at the Flahiff Centre with the Orsini Community and went every day to classes at a language school that was nearby. Javier was very outgoing and he fit in with the other students very easily. Javier was a great help during the General Chapter of 2018. Before the Chapter, he helped to proofread and correct the documents that had been translated into Spanish. During the Chapter, he was always at the service of the delegates.

Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros CSB, who was with Javier in the Novitiate and the Scholasticate, directs these moving words to Javier: "Dear brother, dear friend, we walked together in this adventure of life for more than five years with the Basilian Fathers. I know that you will pray for me and for our Basilian brothers, who, with all our limitations and faults, truly love you."

The Basilian community waked Javier in the Escolasticado, beginning in the early hours of Monday morning. On Tuesday, October 30, Javier was taken to Tehuacán to the church of San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir. The funeral Mass on Wednesday was crowded with Basilians, parishioners, religious men and women, and many friends. Beto Rojas CSB, the pastor of San Lorenzo, presided and Paul Walsh CSB, Superior of the Basilians in Mexico and the Director of Scholastics, preached the homily. John Huber CSB represented the General Council. Alberto Ferrara CSB gave the Final Commendation at the end of Mass. After that, everyone processed through the streets of Tehuacán to the Cemetery to say a final farewell to Javier. René Espejel CSB led the prayers at the graveside.

Marvin Walter LaBute CSB

April 25, 1937 – November 13, 2018

Rev. Marvin Walter LaBute CSB, 81 years old, died of complications from kidney disease at Anglin House, Toronto. He was a Basilian for 62 years and a priest for 52 years.

Marvin was born in Tecumseh, ON to Alex LaBute and Stella Desjardins. He is predeceased by his two sisters, Rose Marie Lindquist and Annabelle Fauteaux.

Marv (as he was always called by his confrères) attended St. Anthony's Grade School in Tecumseh and then Assumption College School in Windsor, ON, graduating in 1955. He then entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate in 1955 with Father John H. O'Loane CSB as Novice Master. After First Vows on August 15, 1956, he entered St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto. After one year of studies at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, and three years at Assumption University in Windsor, ON, he obtained a B.A. in 1960.

During the summers of 1960 and 1961, he attended the Ontario College of Education in Toronto and received a Teacher's Certificate for Ontario. After teaching for three years at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, he returned to St. Basil's Seminary to begin his Theology studies before being appointed to Maison Saint-Basile, a Basilian residence in Paris, France for Theology II and III. Following two years of studies at Séminaire Saint-Sulpice, he returned to St. Basil's Seminary for Theology IV.

On December 10, 1966, Marvin was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop C.L. Nelligan in Assumption Church in Windsor, ON, along with *Kenneth McKernan*. Others ordained that year: *Quentin Johnson, Gordon Kennedy, Gerald Lalonde, Raymond Páramo, Robert Power, +Richard Ramírez, William Sheehan and Edward Sullivan*.

Marvin served the Congregation as Secretary General from 1982 – 1989. He was a devoted teacher of French; wherever he was sent to teach, he was soon at home with the Basilians and the school community. He taught in Canada and in the USA; he cared for his students and they learned from him.

Marvin LaBute had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON	1955 - 1956
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1956 - 1957
Assumption University, Windsor, ON	1957 - 1960
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1960 - 1963
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1963 - 1964
Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux, FR	1964 - 1966
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1966 - 1967
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1967 - 1975
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1975 - 1982
Curial House, Toronto, ON	1982 - 1986
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1986 - 1988
Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland,	1988 - 1995
Assumption College School, Windsor, ON	1995 - 2001
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	2001 - 2007
Basilian Fathers of O'Connor House, Windsor, ON	2007 - 2014
Orsini House and Anglin House, Toronto, ON	2014 – 2018

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, December 1, in the Chapel of Presentation Manor, Scarborough, ON. Kevin Storey CSB presided and Jim Carruthers CSB preached. Marvin was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.



Peter Julian Michael Swan CSB

May 21, 1919 – November 15, 2018

Rev. Peter Julian Michael Swan CSB, 99 years old, died at Anglin House, Toronto after a brief illness. He was a Basilian for 79 years and a priest for 75 years.

Peter was born in Folkestone, Kent, England, seven miles from Dover on the English Channel to Henry Peter Swan and Edna Henson Green. He has a brother, Conrad Swan. After moving with his family to Duncan, British Columbia in 1920, Peter attended Anglican schools, as there were no Catholic schools in Duncan.

Peter was first introduced to the Catholic Intellectual tradition when he enrolled in the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, in 1935. He received a scholarship in 1936 and the McBrady Silver Medal; he graduated with a BA in 1938. Peter continued his studies in Philosophy and received an MA ('42) and a PhD ('45).

Peter entered the Tweedsmuir Avenue Novitiate in Toronto in 1939 and was professed on August 15, 1940. Father Edward Tighe was his Novice Master. On December 18, 1943, Peter was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John R. MacDonald of Peterborough (and later Antigonish) in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, ON, along with *Frankie Firth*. Others ordained that year: *Francis Kelly, Cyril Bergeron, Robert Lamb, John Meyers, Richard Wood, William Brown and Robert Miller*.

Peter devoted his career to the advancement of Catholic higher education, chiefly through administrative positions in four institutions. He was Registrar of Assumption College (later Assumption University) from 1949-1961, and Vice President Academic, 1958-61. He was Principal of St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan from 1961-77. During these years, the College's enrolment and facilities tripled and its academic role broadened. He later persuaded the provincial government to fund the University of Saskatchewan's federated colleges on the same level as it did its Faculty of Arts and Science. Peter was Vice President, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of St. Michael's College from 1978-84. He helped negotiate federation between the Toronto School of Theology and the University of Toronto, and later the Memorandum of Agreement between U of T and its federated universities.

Peter Swan had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto, ON	1939 – 1940
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1940 – 1944
The Institute House, Toronto, ON	1944 – 1945
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1945 – 1946
Assumption College / Assumption University, Windsor, ON	1946 – 1961
St. Thomas More College, Saskatchewan, SK	1961 – 1977
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1977 – 1985
St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, AB	1985 – 1994
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1994 – 2004
Anglin House Toronto, ON	2004 – 2018

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, November 30 in the chapel of the Flahiff Basilian Center in Toronto. Kevin Storey CSB presided and Bill Irwin CSB preached. Peter was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON.



William John Sheehan CSB

January 1, 1937 – November 25, 2018

Rev. William John Sheehan, CSB, 81 years old, died of cardiac arrest in Houston, TX, following several strokes. He was a Basilian for 62 years and a priest for 52 years.



William (Bill) Sheehan was born in Syracuse, NY, the only child of the late William Jeremiah Sheehan and Margaret Mart Horrigan. After one year at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Bill entered the Rochester Novitiate and was professed on August 15, 1956. Bill continued his education at USMC and received a BA in Philosophy and English. He taught at the Aquinas Institute, Rochester and at Catholic Central High School in Detroit, MI.

Bill began his studies in Theology at St. Basil Seminary, Toronto, in 1963. Bishop David F. Cunningham ordained him priest in Blessed Sacrament Church, Utica, on December 10, 1966. Others ordained that year: *Quentin Johnson, Gordon Kennedy, Marvin LaBute, Gerald Lalonde, Kenneth McKernan, Raymond Páramo, Robert Power, Richard Ramírez and Edward Sullivan.*

Bill received his MLS from Case Western Reserve University. Bill later served as Librarian at the University of St. Thomas in Houston TX. He worked at St. Thomas More College in Saskatchewan for one year. Later on he worked as Assistant Librarian at Georgetown University in the Woodstock Theological Center Library.

Bill Sheehan's longest and most fruitful tenure as Librarian was at the Vatican Library. He will always be remembered for the valuable work he did on the catalogue of the Vatican's collection of incunabula (books printed before 1501). In 1997 Bill published *Bibliothecae Apostolicae Vaticanae Incunabula*; this listed most of the incunabula holdings of the Vatican Library. In addition to his work at the Vatican Library, Bill was appointed Procurator General for the Congregation of St. Basil in 1997.

Bill Sheehan had the following appointments during his life as a Basilian:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Richmond Hill, ON	1955 - 1956
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON	1956 - 1959
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1959 - 1960
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, ON	1960 - 1962
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	1962 - 1963
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON	1963 - 1967
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH	1967 - 1968
University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX	1968 - 1975
St. Thomas More College, Saskatchewan, SK	1975 - 1976
Georgetown University, Washington, DC	1976 - 1984
Ecoles Des Hautes Etudes, Paris, FR	1985 - 1986
Vatican Apostolic Library, Vatican City	1986 - 2012
Dillon House, Houston, TX	2012 - 2018

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anne's Church in Houston on Thursday, November 29; Kevin Storey CSB presided and Al Sinasac CSB preached. Bill was interred in the Basilian plot at the Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Edwin Joseph Kline CSB

August 21, 1927 – November 27, 2018

Rev. Edwin J. Kline, CSB, 91 years old, died at Presentation Manor in Scarborough, ON. He was a Basilian for 67 years and a priest for 62 years.

Edwin (Ed) Kline was born in Grand Rapids, MI, to the late Leonard H. Kline and Irene Theisen. He has two sisters, Jo Ann Adams and the late Janet Quinlan. Ed had just entered kindergarten in Remus, MI, when his father died. His mother then took Ed and his two sisters to live with his grandparents in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The family then moved back to Michigan where Ed graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in Mount Pleasant, MI.



Ed's college course at Central Michigan College was interrupted when, in 1946, he began a 18 month term in the United States Army. After his discharge, Ed returned to Central Michigan to continue Pre-Engineering. He then entered the Engineering program at the University of Detroit. There he took a Theology course taught by Father John Hardon SJ. Father Hardon asked Ed if he ever thought of the priesthood and advised him to give seminary a try. Ed transferred to Assumption University and received his BA. He then entered the Basilian Novitiate in Rochester, NY in 1950. Ed took his first vows on September 12, 1951 and began Theology I at St. Basil's Seminary. Then Ed taught for two years and returned to Toronto to continue his courses in Theology. Ed was ordained on June 29, 1956 in St. Basil's Church in Toronto by James Cardinal McGuigan. Others ordained that year were: *Francis Black, Ken Cashion, Joseph Courtney, Don Furlong, Paul Glynn, A. Robert Howell, Norm Iversen, Bob Klem, Frank Launtrie, John Lee, William Lewis, Peter Mosteller, Harold Perry, Joe Trovato, John Ware, and Jack Wick.*

Ed taught at several Basilian high schools, he was principal at St. Anne's Elementary School, and he taught at Lumen Christi High School in Jackson, MI. Parish work in Canada was also Ed's ministry; he worked in different parishes for 18 years.

Ed Kline had the following appointments in the Congregation:

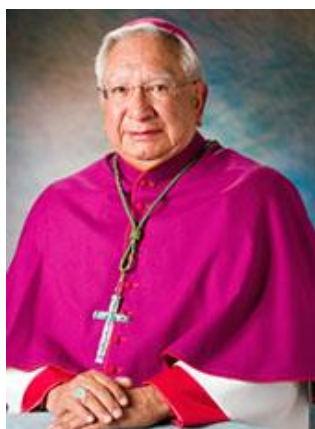
St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester, NY	1950 - 1951
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON (Theo I)	1951 - 1952
St. Thomas High School, Houston, TX	1952 - 1953
St. Michael's College School, Toronto, ON	1953 - 1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, ON (Theo II, III, IV)	1954 - 1957
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, ON	1957 - 1960
Andrean High School, Gary IN.	1960 - 1965
St. Basil's Novitiate, Erindale ON/Pontiac MI	1965 - 1967
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	1967 - 1968
Lumen Christi High School, Jackson, MI	1968 - 1970
Aquinas Institute, Rochester, ON	1970 - 1974
St. Anne's Church, Houston, TX	1974 - 1977
Andrean High School, Gary IN.	1977 - 1979
Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, CA	1979 - 1983
St. Pius X Church, Calgary, AB	1983 - 1986
St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound, ON	1986 - 1989
St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg, ON	1989 - 1992
St. Augustine's Church, Saskatoon, SK	1992 - 2001
Catholic Central High School, Detroit, MI	2001 - 2015
Anglin House and Presentation Manor Toronto, ON	2015 - 2018

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 3, at Presentation Manor in Scarborough, ON. Kevin Storey CSB presided and John Huber CSB preached. Ed was interred in the Basilian plot at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, ON. The Basilian Fathers offer to the family and friends of Edwin Joseph Kline CSB our condolences and prayers.

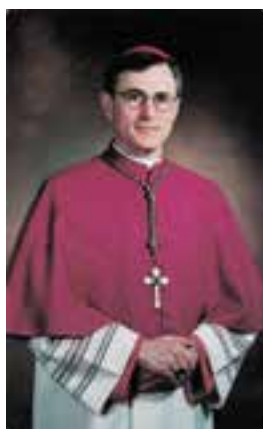
Family Deaths January 2018 – December 2018

January 2, Mrs. Cora Mae May, the mother of Bill May CSB
 March 28, Sister Winifred Grace Wheeler SJ, the sister of John Wheeler CSB
 August 29, Sra. Angelina García, the mother of Óscar García CSB
 November 20, Mr. James Francis Murphy, the father of James Murphy CSB
 December 5, Sister Mary de Paul Dugan RSM, the sister of Thomas Dugan CSB

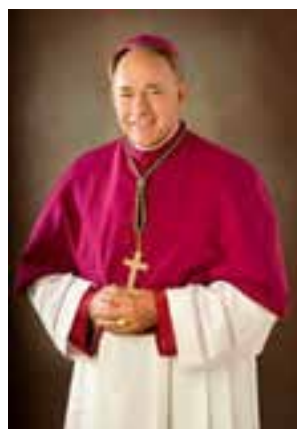
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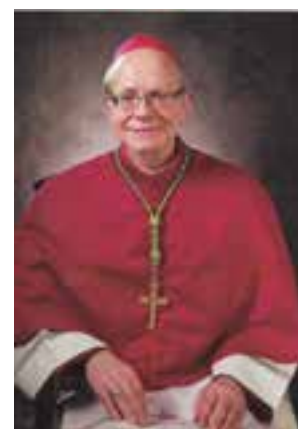
+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB
Bishop Emeritus, Las Cruces NM



+ Ronald P. Fabbro CSB
Bishop of London ON



+ J. Michael Miller CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver BC



+ Robert M. Kasun CSB
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto ON

Community Count of the Congregation of St. Basil as of December 31, 2018

4 Bishops, 142 priests, 3 Deacons, and 14 Scholastics

163 Professed Basilians

France – 4* Canada – 70 USA – 62 México – 11 Colombia – 16

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

Tehuacán, 2 Deacons were ordained Priests on January 5, 2019.

Medellín and Tehuacán, 4 scholastics will be ordained Deacons on January 26, 2019.

Houston, 1 scholastic will be ordained a Deacon on May 18, 2019.

Albuquerque, 1 Deacon will be ordained a Priest on February 9, 2019

Ages of Basilians	Number of Basilians
20-29	4
30-39	13
40-49	11
50-59	14
60-69	26
70-79	42
80-89	44
90-99	9