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Greetings from the Superior General and from the Editor of the *Annals* 2019

Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

I am happy to present you with the *Basilian Annals* for 2019. In my Message to the Congregation in March of this past year I wrote: "For a Basilian, diversity is not an option. Our religious DNA is based in the diversity of our ten founders. It is very clear that the ten founders had very different personalities and perspectives, but that diversity produced a much greater result than any one of them could have achieved individually." Read through these pages and you will see the diverse ways that Basilians are ministering with others and to others. This is our Congregational history for 2019; this is our snapshot 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 careful attention. I want to thank God for bringing us all together in the Congregation of St. Basil.

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. They have left us a legacy of diversity and devotion to ministry; you will find this diversity and devotion expressed in the pages of the *Basilian Annals*. We start by reading about the newly ordained and we end the volume by reading about our faithful departed. In between is a chronicle of Basilian ministry to the People of God. I hope that you enjoy paging through this 2019 edition. J'espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales des Prêtres de Saint Basile* de 2019. Espero que Uds. disfruten la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2019.

In the Lord's peace,

Jack Hanna, CSB
Secretary / Treasurer General

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Holy Father Basil remember your Congregation, which has belonged to you from the beginning. Stir up, O Lord, in your Church the Spirit which Blessed Basil served, so that filled with the same Spirit, we may be eager to love what he loved and to put into practice what he taught. Amen.

2019 - Priesthood Ordination - Ordenación Sacerdotal

José Alberto Juárez Sandoval CSB

Ordenado el 5 de enero, 2019, Tehuacán

Pertenecer a la comunidad de los Padres Basilianos ha sido una bendición en mi vida cristiana, ya que he aprendido de ellos lo importante que es el servicio a los demás, entregándose con generosidad y autenticidad de persona. Los Basilianos son una luz en mi caminar cristiano.

Durante el tiempo de formación fueron llegando muchas bendiciones que hicieron cada vez más grande el deseo de querer ser uno de ellos. Llegó finalmente la ordenación presbiteral, la cual fue una verdadera fiesta compartida con mis hermanos basilianos, mi familia y mis amigos.

Ahora mi experiencia de presbítero basiliano está centrada en hacer por otros basilianos lo que ellos hicieron por mí: seguir compartiendo mi manera auténtica de ser y de seguir sirviendo al pueblo de Dios. Dentro de mi ministerio en la parroquia de San Lorenzo, en Tehuacán, he aprendido que lo más importante es ser fraterno con todas las personas, ya que eso es vital al querer servir a mis hermanos como Jesús lo hacía.

Doy gracias a Dios y a mi comunidad basiliana por este hermoso regalo de caminar juntos en el proyecto de Dios, de contribuir juntos al reino de Dios. ¡Gracias, familia basiliana por estos años juntos!



Belonging to the community of the Basilian Fathers has truly been a blessing in my Christian life, as I have learned from them how important it is to give service to others, giving generously and authentically. The Basilian Fathers are and have been a light in my Christian journey.

During the time of formation, many more blessings came that strengthened my desire to want to be one of them. Finally came priestly ordination, which was a true feast shared with my Basilian brothers, my family and my friends.

Now my experience as a Basilian priest is focused on doing for other Basilians what they did for me: to continue to share myself and to continue to serve God's people. In my ministry in the parish of San Lorenzo, in Tehuacán, I have learned that the most important thing is to be fraternal with everyone, since that is vitally important in wanting to serve my brothers as Jesus did.

I thank God and my Basilian community and for this beautiful gift to walk together in God's project: to build up together to the kingdom of God. Thank you, Basilian family, for these years together!

Alejandro Estrada Pérez CSB

Ordenado el 5 de enero, 2019, Tehuacán

En este año de recién ordenado las experiencias que he vivido han sido numerosas y vertiginosas. Desde cambiar de lugar de residencia dos veces, estar dentro del Consejo Local de la comunidad mexicana, cambiar del trabajo de una capilla para ir a la parroquia, y pasar por momentos muy difíciles dentro de mi familia. Pero no se preocupen mucho, estoy yendo a mi dirección espiritual. Confío en la voluntad de Dios y mi disposición a seguir por donde tenga que ir.

Ha sido por momentos retador el hecho de mantener la parroquia caminando por sí misma; hay tantos proyectos. Algunos hermanos ya no pueden tener un papel sumamente activo en la parroquia. Con las cinco capillas en San Lorenzo en conjunto con los movimientos parroquiales y la actividad dentro de la diócesis, sería arriesgado decir que el año ha sido (como dice el padre Daniel Porter...) *like peaches and cream*. Habrá que esperar con paciencia y discernimiento claro.

No obstante, hay una esperanza con los novicios. Esta misma entró en mi corazón al verlos en el encuentro de novicios de este año. Fue edificante escucharlos. Cada uno de ellos está inspirado en nuestra forma de vida y a su vez quiere invitar a más jóvenes. El joven Hugo Medina ha sido para nosotros un aliciente en medio del trabajo pastoral de este año. No es el hecho de que entren jóvenes, sino también la fuerza que encuentran dentro de nuestra Forma de Vida, sus propias expectativas y su capacidad de trabajar juntos en sus diferencias.

Finalmente, en el ámbito espiritual, me ha ayudado el estar en oración con el santísimo para poder hacer acopio de fuerzas en medio de estas realidades para poder guiar al pueblo de Dios. Les deseo, y añoro, un año 2020 lleno de claridad y paz en nuestra comunidad.



In this first year of being newly ordained I have had numerous and dizzying experiences. I have moved twice, I was elected to the Local Council of the Mexican community, I changed from the ministry of a chapel to go to the parish, and I have gone through difficult times within my family. But don't worry too much, I'm going to my spiritual direction. I trust in God's will and willingness to go wherever I need to go.

It has been a challenge at times to keep the parish progressing on its own; there are so many activities. Some brothers can no longer play an extremely active role in the parish. With the five chapels in San Lorenzo along with parish groups and activity within the diocese, it would be optimistic to say that the year has been (as Daniel Porter says...) *like peaches and cream*. We will have to wait with patient discernment.

However, there is hope with the novices. This hope entered my heart when I saw them at this year's meeting of novices. It was uplifting to hear them. Each of them is inspired by our way of life and in turn they want to invite more young people. The Associate Hugo Medina has been an incentive for us in this year's pastoral work. It is not just inspiring that young people enter. I am also inspired by the direction they find in our Basilian Way of Life, how they adjust their expectations, and how they work together through their differences.

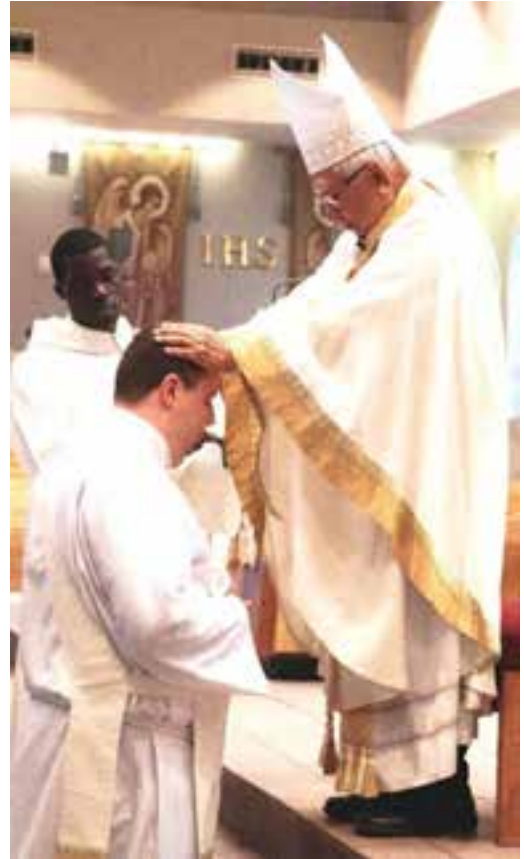
Finally, in the spiritual realm, I was helped by prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament so that I can gather strength to be a shepherd to God's people. I wish for everyone a year 2020 full of clarity and peace in our community.

Stephen Gerard Huber CSB

Ordained February 9, 2019, Albuquerque

I was ordained on February 9, 2019, at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church in Albuquerque, NM. I was fortunate to be able to have my Ordination at the Parish I grew up in. It was a blessing to have so many people that I have known over the years present at my Ordination and First Mass! It was wonderful to have Bishop Ricardo Ramirez CSB, preside at my Ordination, since he was my Bishop for the five years that I was in University in Las Cruces, NM. I am also incredibly grateful for the many Basilians who made the trek to Albuquerque to be present at my Ordination and First Mass.

As I write this reflection, I have just completed 10 months of Priestly Ministry. I am consistently amazed at the ways in which God has guided me and has helped me to learn what Priesthood is truly about. I owe a debt of gratitude to the many confreres, family members, friends, lay associates, parishioners, and others who have accompanied me in my journey, and have helped me to grow into my priestly role. These past 10 months have been a whirlwind, but I also know that there are lots more good things in store!



Recibí la ordenación sacerdotal el 9 de febrero de 2019 en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Anunciación en Albuquerque, NM. Tuve la suerte de poder tener mi ordenación en la parroquia en la que crecí. ¡Fue una bendición tener a tanta gente que he conocido durante los años presentes en mi ordenación y la primera misa! Fue maravilloso tener al Obispo Ricardo Ramírez CSB presidir mi Ordenación, ya que fue mi Obispo durante los cinco años que estuve en la Universidad de Las Cruces, NM. También estoy muy agradecido por los muchos basilianos que llegaron a Albuquerque para estar presentes en mi Ordenación y Primera Misa.

Mientras escribo esta reflexión, acabo de completar 10 meses de ministerio sacerdotal. Estoy constantemente asombrado de las formas en que Dios me ha guiado y me ha ayudado a aprender de qué realmente se trata el Sacerdocio. Tengo una deuda de gratitud con los muchos hermanos Basilianos, familiares, amigos, laicos asociados, feligreses y otros que me han acompañado en mi viaje y me han ayudado a crecer en mi ministerio sacerdotal. ¡Estos últimos 10 meses han sido un torbellino, pero también sé que hay muchas más cosas buenas que me esperan en el futuro!

Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros CSB

Ordenado el 13 de julio, 2019

Paz y bien a cada uno de los que leen estas palabras.

Me gustaría compartir como he vivido mi sacerdocio. Primero, tengo claro que “es un tesoro que se lleva en vasijas de barro” (2 Cor 4,7). Es un don gratuito que se pone al servicio de todos, en especial de aquellos que sufren lo trágico de la vida.

Como el barro es frágil, nos muestra que este don sólo puede venir de Dios; por lo tanto, sólo Él es mi fuerza y esperanza. En sus manos pongo mi humanidad, para que me dé la gracia de ser verdadero signo visible de la bondad del Padre. De ahí que no se entienda el sacerdocio si no es a partir del servicio a los demás. Es un regalo gratuito; luego, se debe ejercer gratuitamente.

En el sacerdocio, como toda vida en Dios, se viven cachitos de cielo en la tierra, momentos plenos con el Dios de la vida, que quisiéramos que no terminaran. Un momento que yo viví fue mi cantamisa. Mi familia organizó una celebración en la que compartimos la vida, el pan y una alegría sincera; pero como sólo es una prueba de cómo va a ser el cielo, la celebración terminó. Aun así, yo guardo memoria con un corazón agradecido de lo mucho que mi familia ha hecho por mí. Que Dios les bendiga siempre.



Peace and wellbeing to all who are reading these words.

I would like to share with you how I have lived my priesthood. First of all, I fully understand that this is a treasure that is carried in clay containers (2 Cor. 4,7). It is a gift freely given that is put at the service of others, especially those who are suffering through the tragic times of life.

Since the clay is fragile, it demonstrates that this gift can only come from God; for that reason, only he is my strength and my hope. In his hands I put my humanity. So that he gives me the grace to be a true visible sign of the goodness of the Fathers. The priesthood is not understood if it is not seen as service of others; it is a free gift. Therefore, it must be exercised freely.

Being a priest, like everything in life that comes from God, there are little moments of heaven on earth. That we wish would never end. One moment like that was my First Mass. My family organized a ceremony in which we shared life, the bread, and a sincere sense of joy; but like everything that is a taste of what heaven will be like, the celebration ended. Even so, I still hold the memory and my heart is full of gratitude for everything my family has done for me. May God bless them always.

Rafael Ignacio Lopera M. CSB

25 años de ministerio sacerdotal

Acción de gracias a Jesús al celebrar mis 25 años de sacerdocio.

- 1) Por permitirme nacer y crecer en una familia paisa católica con profundas raíces y tradiciones cristianas, por el amor recibido en mi hogar y el buen ejemplo de mis padres.
- 2) Por recibir una formación integral sólida en una escuela católica conducida por los hermanos cristianos de la Salle. Gracias a los hermanos que me inspiraron para querer ser un educador cristiano.
- 3) Por darme la dicha de haber sido acogido como miembro de la Congregación de San Basilio en 1984 siendo nuestro Superior General el P. Ulisse Paré. Por la formación recibida en Medellín, Cali, Houston y Roma para ser sacerdote basiliano.
- 4) Por la gracia de mi ordenación sacerdotal el 2 de enero de 1994 en Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Cali, entregando la vida a la construcción del Reino de Dios como sacerdote basiliano.



Estas son mis convicciones por las cuales acogí esta opción de vida y hoy me mantengo firme en ella:

- 1) Dentro de mi historia personal descubro la acción del Señor que siempre me ha acompañado y de una manera especial me invita hoy a continuar celebrando su acción amorosa en mí. Hoy siento el deseo de entregar mi vida a Jesús acogiendo su amor para conmigo y dispuesto a comunicarlo a los demás.
- 2) En la acción amorosa del Señor en mi vida descubro algo muy significativo, la oportunidad que he tenido como basiliano en Colombia de compartir con otros hermanos la experiencia de realizar un trabajo pastoral de evangelización con los más pobres desde la comunidad parroquial y educativa y allí descubrir la presencia y el rostro de Jesús en la vida y el sufrimiento de la gente.
- 3) El testimonio de los primeros basilianos que llegaron a Colombia y la intuición inicial de querer vivir como hermanos al servicio del pueblo de Dios en sectores populares. Hoy doy gracias a Jesús por el P. Francisco Amico y el P. Roberto Seguí, compañeros de camino, amigos, hermanos y maestros espirituales. El apoyo fraterno recibido en momentos cruciales de mi vida de mis hermanos basilianos especialmente del P. Ken Decker y el P. Gordon Judd.
- 4) La oración personal y comunitaria, el tiempo de silencio y contemplación delante de Jesús en el sagrario, la dirección espiritual y el regalo de poder celebrar la eucaristía cada día han sido los medios para que hoy pueda decir a Jesús: "Aquí estoy para adorarte, dejarme amar por ti, alegrarme por todos los regalos que me das en las personas que me rodean y agradecerte hoy y siempre porque eres la razón de mi existir que me conduce a seguir entregando mi vida a ti en el servicio al pueblo de Dios."

Thanksgiving to Jesus in celebrating my 25 years of priesthood (summary in English):

- 1) For allowing me to be born and grow up in a Catholic family with deep Christian roots and for the love and good example received in my home.
- 2) For receiving a solid formation in a school conducted by the Christian Brothers. Thanks to the brothers who inspired me to want to be a Christian educator.

3) For giving me the happiness of being accepted as a member of the Congregation of St. Basil in 1984, our Superior General being Fr. Ulisse Paré. For the formation I received in Medellin, Cali, Houston and Rome.

4) For the grace of my ordination on January 2, 1994, in Cali, giving my life to the building up the Kingdom of God as a Basilian priest.

My reasons for choosing this way of life and why I stand firm in it today (summary in English):

1) I have discovered the action of the Lord that has always accompanied me and invites me today to continue celebrating his loving action in me. Today I desire to give my life to Jesus and to communicate his love to others.

2) In the loving action of the Lord in my life I discover the opportunity that I have had to share with other brothers the experience of carrying out a pastoral work with the poorest from the parish and educational community and there discover the presence and face of Jesus.

3) The testimony of the first Basilians who arrived in Colombia and wanted to live as brothers in the service of the people of God in popular sectors. Today I thank Jesus for Father Francisco Amico and Father Roberto Seguin, fellow travelers, friends, and spiritual teachers. I am thankful for the support I received at crucial moments from my Basilian brothers, especially Father Ken Decker and Father Gordon Judd.

4) The personal and community prayer, the time of contemplation before Jesus in the tabernacle, the spiritual direction and the gift of being able to celebrate the Eucharist are why I can say to Jesus: "Here I am to adore you, to let me be loved by you, to rejoice for all the gifts you give me, and to thank you today and always because you are the reason that leads me to continue giving my life to you in the service of God's people."



Bob Seguin,
Rafael Lopera,
John Malo,
Francisco Amico

Vincent Joseph Dulock CSB

50 years of Priestly Ministry

The Apostles followed Jesus even when they didn't fully comprehend where they were going or why. Like Mary, when she said: *"Let it be done to me as you say"*, she wasn't saying *"This is wonderful, of course, I'll do it!"* Instead she was saying, *"This is not what I had planned for my life, and I'm not sure I understand, but I'll do my best to do what the Lord wants"*. Something similar happen to me 60 years ago when I made my first vows. I didn't know the full extent of what it meant. How could I? I was only 19 years old and with little experience of religious life.

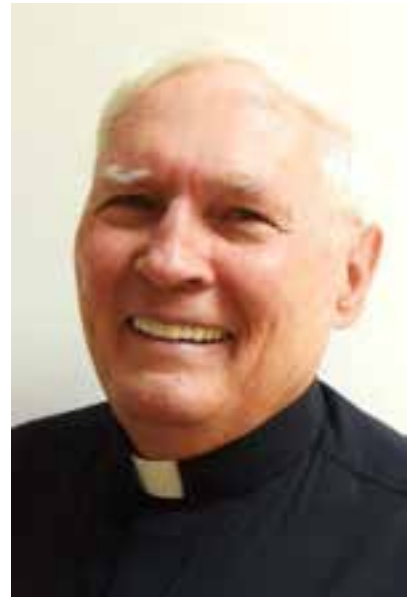
I was a little more aware of what I was getting into ten years later in 1969. Most people remember the US landing on the moon on July 20, 1969. Well, what I remember is I was ordained, and it felt like I was walking on the moon. I was sky high. In St. Anne's Church in Houston, I lay face down on the floor in an act of total submission to the Father's will. But I had little idea of how it would all turn out. Oh, I had my plans. But the Lord had his plans, too, and his plans, I must say, as it turned out, were better.

Jesus said: *"There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life"*. It seems incredible to me now, but I have houses and lands, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers coming out my ears. I'm not saying that there have not been hard times. And I'm not saying that the Lord didn't have to knock me to the ground a few times to get my attention. But ultimately, I think God has given me much more than I could have asked for or imagined.

I don't know how my life could have been more fulfilled than it has been. But the important thing is that it was not my doing. It was God's doing. You don't have to be perfect; I certainly am not. You just have to be trustful and willing to give up your own will in favor of a better one, God's.

Years ago, I came upon the phrase *"The Lord gives the best to those who leave him the choice"*. I have found these words to be true. Most of my appointments as a religious and a priest I did not seek or choose. Although there was some fear and trepidation on my part in the beginning, my appointments always worked out for the best, in my opinion. They worked out better than I could have worked them out for myself.

This is one of the main reasons I wanted to celebrate this anniversary; not for anything I have done but what God has done and will do in all who trust him and his will. I feel I have done that, and I am grateful to God for all these years!



Neil Byron Hibberd CSB

50 years of Priestly Ministry

In my years of Theological training, Theology itself was undergoing renewal and shifts. For example, a new Code of Canon Law was ready for publication. My classmates Gordon Judd and Joe Mitrano met Father Orsini at the classroom door with three suggestions: (1) that lectures be suspended temporarily, (2) that we “familiarize” ourselves with the Code and (3) that we write a paper. They said that Father Orsini’s shoulders relaxed and he went back to his office carrying his tomes of the old Code.

Some highlights of Theology were Father Terry Forestall demonstrating a typical Palestinian dance; dust was puffing up from the floorboards as he stomped away with a passion. Then there was Father Leonard Boyle, a Dominican, writing on the blackboard with his white habit cuffs blue with billiard chalk. I remember Father Bill Irwin, fresh from the Holy Land, beaming with fresh Scriptural gems. I wish I could take it all over again, drinking more deeply from its depths.

My ordination by Bishop Francis Allen was plain, simple and profound; he was not a demonstrative or dramatic man. We ordinands were caught up in its beauty and power, uncomplicated and clear. Prostrate before the altar, we were suspended in a sweet wave of remarkable poignancy, with which I can still connect these 50 years later.

Many memorable moments of my life as a priest come to me from different family occasions. For example, I recall my elderly parents, hands upraised to receive the body of Christ from their son. I ministered the Eucharist to countless nieces and nephews as well. Being with my family and with all God’s people has been a source of great joy to me as a person and as a priest.

In these later years of service, I am learning over and over to love in the way Jesus loved: freely and without reserve. I am an unlikely purveyor of Christ’s life and grace. I will try to be a worthy priest until we are all together and dine at the heavenly banquet.



Gordon James Judd CSB

50 years of Priestly Ministry

Jack Hanna encouraged me to write something for the Basilian Annals this year. It's been years, likely decades, since I submitted anything to the Annals. As many confreres already know, I have been dealing with multiple myeloma since the spring of 2011, and the end now seems to be closing in. It appears that I will likely have to make a choice about continuing a chemo that has very mixed results and a lot of unpleasant side effects or moving straight to palliative and hospice care.

These past eight years have been a revelation to me of God's supreme goodness and kindness, but also the overwhelming love and support I've had from my family and friends. I have wanted for nothing during all this time. I've had a wonderful family with caring parents and four delightful siblings (Ralph, Ann, Mary Jane, and Tom). In addition, I've had a great abundance of friends from my work and various ministries. I've also had 50 years of priestly ministry and 60 years as a Basilian; I've had one blessing after another.

I am especially grateful that the community allowed me to reach out into new ministries, especially in the area of retreat work and that of justice and peace. I learned so much about myself, the world, and the abundance of good and courageous people who are working to build a just world and who have a special care for God's most vulnerable children. What I most want to say is that my life has been a delightful surprise.

I've had experiences, learnings, and terrific eruptions of grace that have been revelatory. Most surprising is that in every instance I knew that I was being held in God's hand. Never did I ever feel far from the Lord. What is life however, without challenges, disappointments, and even hurts. I won't dwell on those sometimes sorry experiences because I have had so many great friendships, both within and outside the Basilian community. I especially want to note my friendship of 60 years with Bob Seguin, my high school and ordination classmate. Also, that with my ordination classmate, Neil Hibberd, who has kept me laughing and retaining a somewhat balanced perspective about life. Other Basilians who have been very important in my life are Ron Schwenzer, Michael Brand, Paul Rennick, Francisco Amico, Joe Redican, and especially two of my deceased novitiate classmates Don Benwitz and Jim Morro, one of the greatest raconteurs to be called a Basilian. Indeed, my life has been a surprise, but what has never been surprising is God's love, which has never been in doubt for a moment.



Gordon Judd entered eternal life on December 13, 2019, the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Robert Joseph Seguin CSB

50 Years of Priestly Ministry

I grew up in Detroit in a Maltese American family in a Benedictine parish. When I was 6 years old, my mother survived an operation for cancer and went on to live a very saintly life until she died at 103. My father died before she did at 93. After high school at CC I entered the Basilian Novitiate in 1958 and was professed in 1959. After studies in Windsor and Toronto I was ordained to the priesthood in Detroit with Gordon Judd, Tom Bales and Tom Amlin at St. Scholastica Church on the feast of St. Lucy, December 13th, 1969. Bishop Walter Joseph Schoenherr, an auxiliary bishop of Detroit ordained us.



The Lord has blessed my years of priestly ministry – as a teacher, as a parish priest, working in formation and as a missionary. During all these years, my confrères have very much been a part of my life supporting me, guiding me and energizing me through their examples. All I have tried to do is to be present to others and to try to love them as Jesus taught us.

My years in Colombia have enriched my faith in the Lord by seeing people live out their faith in situations of poverty and violence. It is a spirit of vengeance, which gives rise to so much of the violence in Colombia. Many people have opted to forgive and to work for justice and peace instead of entering into the vicious circle of violence. The poor continue to teach me to live simply and to trust in the Lord. They have showed me how to serve them as a priest, to accompany them with love and compassion, to laugh with them and cry with them, to enter into their suffering and their mourning, to forgive them and to seek their forgiveness, to sing and to dance to the rhythm of “the Lord of the Dance”. In Taganga the people dance to lively music with the statue they have carried in procession. This is a very typical custom of the people on the coast, which is very expressive of their life and faith.

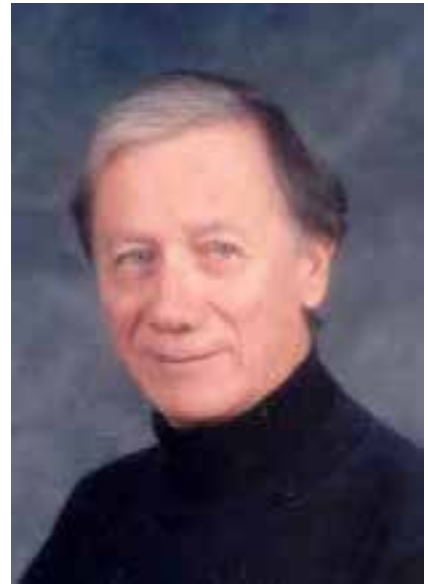
I have discovered repeatedly the grace of God active in so many ways and through so many people, confrères, men and women, young people and children wherever I have been and in all of the different contexts in which I have worked. For my many and varied experiences, I am most grateful. I thank the Lord for my health, which has allowed me to continue to labor in his vineyard. His strength continues to manifest itself in my weakness.

Gordon William Walker CSB

50 Years of Priestly Ministry

Gordon Walker has been living in the Memory Unit of Providence Health Care Centre in Scarborough for the past several years. Joe Walsh CSB, who visits Gordon faithfully, says that his dementia has progressed to the state that Gordon is disoriented and unsettled most of the time.

Gordon Walker was born in Toronto and attended De la Salle High School and De la Salle College. He studied for a short time at the Salvatorian Seminary in St. Nanzianz, WI. He also studied at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Before entering the Basilians he worked for several years and taught elementary school for two years. He entered the Erindale Novitiate and made first profession in 1962. After profession he obtained a BA degree from the University of Windsor in 1965. He then taught for one year at Assumption High School in Windsor and then began his Theology courses at St. Basil's Seminary. He was ordained by Bishop Thomas Fulton on December 13, 1969, at Holy Rosary Church in Toronto.



Gord ministered at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, at Michael Power High School, and in parishes in Western Canada. On the 50th anniversary of his profession, Gordon wrote, "I thank God for my vocation, and I thank the Basilians for the inspiration and the opportunity for further studies after graduating from the University of Windsor."

Joe Walsh writes that he visited Gord recently "so that he would continue to recognize me as a friendly face. He was better than usual this last time because he spoke in almost complete sentences even though they didn't make much sense. He still doesn't understand after a year of trying to convince him that I live in the big red building (Presentation Manor) that you can see from the windows of the Providence Health Care Centre."

Joe continues: "Gordon is still a friendly and upbeat individual. Everyone that knows him will vouch for this. I lived with him for about five years at Michael Power, about five years at Orsini and Anglin houses, and visited him regularly at the Houses of Providence since he moved there. Sometimes he is angry and agitated when I first arrive, but most often he calms down. I am fairly sure that he doesn't remember that he is a priest. However, he reacts very favorably when I give him a blessing and place my hands on his head. Somehow he knows that this is a religious act."

Gordon was a gentle man and a good and faithful Basilian priest.

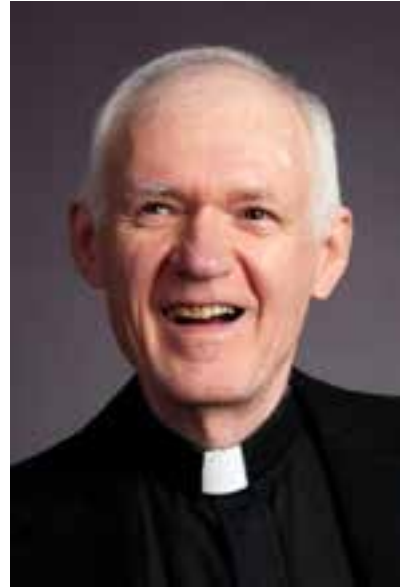
This article was prepared by Jack Hanna CSB and Joe Walsh CSB

John Joseph Hurley CSB

50 years of Consecrated Life

Born in Stratford, Ontario, Jack first met the Basilians while doing his undergraduate degree at Assumption University, Windsor. On graduation Jack went to the Ontario College of Education for his teaching certificate and afterwards taught at Napanee District Secondary School for four years.

On applying to the Basilians Jack was sent to teach at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie. He very much enjoyed that community where he lived and worked with Joe Walsh, Brian Higgins, Ed O'Reilly, Frank McCabe, Jim Rent and Moe Pierce. Jack describes this time as one "where I had another great experience, feeling as if I were in heaven".



Jack decided that he would like to be part of the Basilian work and ministry. He wrote to Father Joseph Wey CSB: "My present way of life has left me unsatisfied and unfulfilled. I feel that I have a vocation to the religious life. I gravitate towards the Basilian Fathers because I feel that I could best serve Christ in the Basilians because I love teaching and learning. Also, I feel that the spiritual life would enrich and sanctify my teaching and learning." So, from St. Mary's Jack went to the novitiate at Erindale.

On July 2nd, 1969, Jack professed First Vows. After studying theology and being ordained, Jack had opportunities for ministry in various areas of the Community. He also served as a chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy and spent 17 years as chaplain at McMaster University in Hamilton.

Jack currently lives at Presentation Manor and continues to support the Congregation and our apostolates with his prayers. He said recently "I want to be in a Basilian House and do active priestly ministry but that is not to be. However, I know that I can pray for the other Basilians. That is my ministry."

This article was prepared by John Reddy CSB and Jack Hanna CSB.

60 years of Basilian Priestly Ministry



William Henry Irvin CSB

Bill was born in Houston Texas and graduated from St. Thomas High School. He entered the Basilian Novitiate in 1951; Father James Embser was the Master of Novices. Bill did his undergraduate studies at the University of St. Michael College and lived most of the time at St. Basil's Seminary. When Bill finished his Theology studies in Toronto, he went to Rome and Jerusalem for graduate studies. With his doctorate in hand, Bill returned to Toronto and began a distinguished career as a professor of Sacred Scripture. Bill enjoys preaching and his homilies are thoughtful, scriptural and, like a good teacher, he does not go on too long. While living at Presentation Manor, Bill began a study group to explore the prophet Isaiah. It was quite popular with the residents.



Thomas Joseph McReavy CSB

Tom is a native of Owen Sound and he attended school in Owen Sound, Blind River and graduated from St. Michael's College School in Toronto. He came from a family of seven boys and two girls. Tom studied for a Business and Management certificate and worked successfully for several years. Tom was 27 years old when he made his first profession at the Richmond Hill Novitiate. He received a BA degree from Assumption University in 1956 and later received a MA in Religious Studies from the University of Windsor. Tom was a beloved Basilian parish priest in Amherstburg, ON; Windsor, ON; Calgary, AB; Richmond, TX; Missouri City, TX; Manvel, TX; and St. Anne's parish in Houston. He now resides at Presentation Manor in Toronto.



Clarence Ervin Watrin CSB

Clare is originally from High River AB; He studied in Calgary at St. Mary's Boys High School and at St. Michael's College School in Toronto. Clare entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate and was professed in 1952. He received his BA from the University of Toronto in 1955. In 1969, Clare received an MA in Counselling and Psychology from the University of Detroit. During his ministry as a Basilian, Clare was a teacher, a chaplain, a parish priest, and a retreat preacher. He worked in Toronto, Sudbury, Lethbridge, Windsor, Ann Arbor, Saskatoon, St. Lucia, Edmonton, and the "Way of Holiness Retreat Centre" near Hinton AB. Presentation Manor in Toronto is his home now.

The Curial Office Staff in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre



Ms. Carolina Klapp



Ms. Elizabeth Contreras



Ms. Amanda Parcher



Ms. Laura Steeves

Carolina Klapp was born in Santiago, Chile and serves as the Congregational Financial Officer. She has been employed by the Basilians for 11 years. She works closely with the Treasurer General to manage the finances of the Congregation. They also supervise the finances of the Sugar Land Mission Center. She provides financial reports, prepares the yearly budget, and ensures compliance with regulatory agencies. Carolina enjoys helping Basilians and is good at what she does.

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

Amanda Parcher is a lifelong Torontonion and she has worked at the Flahiff Centre for 8 years. She receives donations and pensions, oversees health and car insurance, is responsible for the accounting of the building costs, and is the on-site IT person. Amanda is essential to the operation of the Curial Office. Outside of work, she likes to play football and enjoys travel.

Laura Steeves is from Salisbury, New Brunswick; she began working in the Curial Office in 2019. As the Administrative Assistant her duties are varied: she answers the phone, greets visiting Basilians and guests, oversees Basilian mailings, reconciles the portfolio report, and does multiple other Curial Office tasks. Laura is an avid reader and enjoys crafts; she does paper crafts, T-shirts graphic design, and card making among other “crafty” activities.



Rebecca Campbell is from Georgetown, PEI (Prince Edward Island); this is her seventh year at the Flahiff Centre. She became the Assistant to the Superior General in 2019 supports him in his day-to-day administrative duties, including managing his very complex schedule. One of her important roles is recording the minutes of the General Council meetings. She also assists the Secretary General with projects such as the *Basilian Directory* and the *Basilian Newsletters*. She manages communications with the Basilian Lay Associates. She has had extensive culinary training and is an accomplished chef and a confectioner of gourmet sweets.

Ms. Rebecca Campbell

The Basilians in the Curial Office

Superior General, Vicar General, Secretary - Treasurer General



Kevin Storey and the David Katulski are the two members of the General Council whose work is centered in the Curial Offices. As Superior General, Kevin 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 regular 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 issues like excommunication, incardination, 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 has two areas of responsibility. As Secretary General, Jack is responsible for communication within the Congregation and translates Basilian documents into Spanish. With Rebecca Campbell, 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. This General Council has expanded the role of General Council Retreats. The retreats before each council meeting have a spiritual aspect as well as a time for working and discussion. The Council members all agree that these retreats are beneficial.

David and Kevin meet each day for Morning Prayer. Kevin, David and Jack gather for lunch and time together. Kevin, David and Morgan have Community Mass and supper together each Thursday.

The Congregational Archives

James K. Farge CSB, Director of the Archives

Michelle Sawyers, Archivist



The quiet hallways of the Flahiff Centre serve as a reminder that it will eventually be necessary to move the archives to temporary storage while the new space is constructed. There is much to do to prepare.

To that end, I started the year by taking stock of what we have in the archives. There are about 1500 boxes and growing, plus a few filing cabinets. The largest collection of material from an individual Basilian is that of Father Scollard, who has 58 boxes in the archives. The largest collection of material from a Basilian institution is the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies with 33 boxes. The next step in the process will be working to make sure everything is packed and labelled properly for a new home. In the spirit of proper packing, I tackled a large project that has been sitting on my shelves for a few years: an accession of records from Texas needed some sorting. The boxes originally took up more than a wall of shelves in my processing room. I was able to pack 14 oversized boxes into 29 archival boxes and start a file list. Now all I need is someone to write a book about the Texas Basilians!

Another object that was properly packed was the gold chasuble that Saint John Paul II wore on Strawberry Island. When I learned that it was in the building, I ordered an archival quality box for it and moved it to climate-controlled storage so that it will be more carefully preserved.

Lots of research happened in the archives this year. The project on Father Bauer that started in 2018 continued. Father Farge has been working diligently on an addition to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography*. There were questions about the Newman Club at the University of Toronto, the stained glass at Holy Rosary Church, Toronto, the Basilians who worked in Rochester, and Rose Edworthy, who was a cook at St. Basil's Novitiate, to name a few.



Once again, I was lucky to be able to attend the Catholic Archivist Group conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was interesting to see where Cardinal Flahiff served as Archbishop and to learn about the city's unique Catholic history as a place with three distinct communities: Ukrainian, French, and English. At the conference I was asked to serve as a member of CAG's outreach committee, so I'll be administering the group's message board and updating their website.

We continued to have fun with Throwback Thursday on Basilian social media. It's a good way for me to learn little details about the people and places that make up the story of the Basilian Congregation. This photo of Father Peter Swan riding a donkey up to the top of Santorini was one of hits of the year. In 2020 I plan to be helping to support the Bicentennial Committee in planning 2022 celebrations.

Basilian Communication Coordinator

Jillian Kaster Miller

I went on parental leave in September 2018 to care for my daughter Eleanor who was born on September 7. I truly appreciated having this time to bond with her. It's been a great joy to watch her grow during these months. I would like to thank Amanda Parcher for her hard work to keep the Communications Office running while I was away. Among her many responsibilities, she ensured that Basilian social media audiences were treated to weekly Throwback Thursday posts and she compiled the ***Basilian eBulletin*** each month.



I resumed my role at the beginning of October and during my time away, there have been many administrative changes, including a new General Council. It was a pleasure to work with the General Council to create a video on the Basilian Vision for 2022. In the video, Father Storey, CSB shares how the Council consulted members of the Congregation and arrived at its vision with statements on the Common Life, the Basilian Educator, and the Basilian Priest.

I have been working with the vocations team to launch the Basilian Vocations Office on two social media platforms. The vocations Facebook and Instagram pages feature content that would be of interest to someone discerning a vocation to the priesthood and includes news articles, prayers, and news of the Basilian men in formation. I'm looking forward to help with the Congregation's preparations for its bicentennial, as well as many other exciting new projects for 2020.

Connecting our past to our present

One of the inspiring things that was communicated to the Congregation via the ***Basilian eBulletin*** lately was the celebration of 50 years of priesthood by Father Bob Seguin, Father Gordon Judd, Father Neil Hibberd, Father Gordon Walker, and Father Vince Dulock; 250 years of service in all. This was linked to the priestly ordination in January of 2020 of three Basilian Deacons in Colombia: Eduard Padilla, Javier Higuera, and Carlos Rodríguez. May these new Basilian priests also enjoy many years of service to the People of God.



Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice

Robert Holmes CSB, Director

"Act Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)



YOUTH: Most of the engagement with young people has involved Gospel Peacemaking ministry: school Presentations, retreats, Camp Micah, and Peacemaking Workshops. Inspired by the young Afghan peace volunteers, we have organized *Blue Scarf* Walks in Toronto marking Earth Day in April and the International Day of Peace in September.

ACTIVITIES: Other activities undertaken by the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice include: editing and producing *Stirrings*, planning and leading the *Holy Land Peace and Justice Pilgrimage*, Investment Justice as a board member of the *Canadian Alternative Investment Cooperative* (CAIC), staff person for the *Basilian Human Development Fund* and co-hosting the annual *Voices of Peace* Conference with the *Henri Nouwen Society* and Redeemer Church at the Flahiff Centre.

PARTNERS: The Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice was involved in co-sponsoring events with partner organizations: Pax Christi, Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), KAIROS Canada, Development and Peace Canada, and Catholics for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land (CPJHL). We participated in the Canadian Religious Conference Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Conference (CRC-JPIC) We were pleased to represent the CRC at the Churches' Forum on Middle East Peace.

NEW INITIATIVE: A new Basilian Peace and Justice Committee has been formed by inviting members from each Basilian school, college and parish to gather twice yearly by SPARK (Webex system) to share what each is doing in the area of peace and justice and dream together about what could be done.

VISION TEAM: Father Kevin Storey has initiated a team to envision what direction the Basilian Peace and Justice Ministry could/should/would move in during the next decade. The members are Terry Kersch, Paul English, Kevin Mannara, Maurice Restivo and Bob Holmes. We have met in August and December and will meet again in February. We hope to have a "Vision" to put forward by March 2020.

PHOTOS: Here are three peacemakers that the Holy Land pilgrims met this year. Left to right: Sameeha Hureini, a Palestinian Muslim, who has returned to her village after being evicted years ago. Daoud Nassar, a Palestinian Christian who "refuses to be enemies" with the Israeli settlers. Ruth Edmonds, a Jewish Israeli who works for peace between Israelis and Palestinians.



La Communauté Basilienne à ANNONAY

Bernard Buisson écrit: L'année 2019 ne fut pas forcément de tout repos au berceau de la Communauté Basilienne à ANNONAY. Il y eut d'abord les aléas climatiques: plusieurs périodes de canicules qui se sont accompagnées de grandes sécheresses en juillet, août et surtout septembre qui ont mis à mal les pelouses et les arbres fruitiers. Mais les fortes pluies d'octobre et de novembre ont plus que comblé le déficit annuel.



Déjà que depuis trois ans la pyrale a mangé tous les buis, le paysage bucolique autour de la maison St-Joseph en a pris un sérieux coup et mes deux bucherons bénévoles vont avoir du travail en janvier ou février pour débiter tout le bois qui est tombé. Comme cela, on aura moins de remords, lorsque les travaux à venir pour implanter à St-Joseph la future école primaire catholique de Montalivet et ses espaces de stationnement et de circulation vont devoir raser une partie des espaces arborés déjà bien mis à mal.



Ce projet de transfert de l'école de Montalivet chez nous avance, sans doute moins vite que prévu. Les plans sont à peu près réalisés. Il reste à opérer le transfert de propriété entre l'AFEC (association propriétaire des Pères Basiliens) et l'ASSEC (association propriétaire du collège), à demander le permis de construire, à lancer les appels d'offres aux entreprises, à caler le financement du projet avec une certaine solidarité diocésaine. Le début des travaux était prévu pour septembre 2020, mais je pense que cela sera retardé quelque peu et que la rentrée dans la nouvelle école déplacée sera plus probablement en septembre 2022 qu'en septembre 2021. En tous cas, je reste sur place tant que les travaux

n'ont pas commencé, pour éviter autant que faire se peut toute intrusion ou tentative de squat qui seraient hautement probables dans une maison vide. *(Photo ci-dessus: Maison St-Joseph)*

Parlons maintenant des deux confrères basiliens formant la communauté locale. Père François MORFIN, 73 ans, a le projet de revenir au début du printemps 2020 sur Annonay, pour entrer à l'EHPAD (Etablissement d'Hébergement pour Personnes Agées Dépendantes) de St-Joseph de Varagnes sous la tutelle des Soeurs Trinitaires. J'ai commencé à remplir le dossier de demande d'admission et à réunir les papiers nécessaires. Quand une place se libérera, François laissera donc la villa Ste-Marthe où il résidait à Aubenas depuis plus de 7 ans. Même si globalement, François ne va pas trop mal, sa vue baisse de plus en plus et il a perdu une partie de sa motricité et de son élocution. Ce sera en tous cas plus facile pour aller le voir souvent.

Quelques mots sur le Collège du Sacré-Coeur qui connaît cette année, sous la direction de Michaël BOUVIER, un grand chantier. Le collège poursuit donc sa cure de beauté...en prévision de la célébration à

venir en novembre 2022 des 200 ans de la fondation des Pères Basiliens à ANNONAY. Les résultats au DNB (Diplôme National du Brevet) 2019 en fin de 3ème ont été plus qu'excellents: 164 admis sur 164 candidats (dont 24 mentions Très Bien, 58 mentions Bien, 64 mentions Assez Bien et... seulement 18 sans mentions). On ne peut guère rêver mieux!

Pour ma part, je suis toujours curé "in solidum" sur la paroisse St-Christophe (13 clochers pour 17 000 habitants) et je fonctionne aussi comme "prêtre auxiliaire" sur la paroisse Ste-Claire (10 clochers pour 22 000 habitants). Les 2 paroisses travaillent de plus en plus ensemble. Au total, pour les desservir, nous sommes 5 prêtres à temps complet. Personnellement j'assure surtout la pastorale paroissiale "habituelle" (en cette année 2019, j'ai présidé 86 baptêmes, 20 mariages et 124 funérailles!) et des messes dominicales.

On a apprécié le passage à St-Joseph des confrères "parisiens" Joseph HUNT en mars et Warren SCHMIDT en mai, venu en même temps que John HUBER, second conseiller général.

The Basilian Community in Annonay

Bernard Buisson CSB writes: The year 2019 was not necessarily easy here at the cradle of the Basilian Community in Annonay. First there were the climatic abnormalities: several heatwaves that were accompanied by severe droughts in July, August and especially September that have damaged lawns and fruit trees. But the heavy rains of October and November have more than filled the annual deficit.



For the last three years a boring caterpillar called "la pyrale" has eaten all the boxwood; the bucolic landscape around the Maison Saint Joseph has taken a serious hit and my two volunteer lumberjacks will have to work in January or February to clear all the wood that has fallen. This way, there will be less sadness when the workers come to install the Catholic primary school of Montalivet in Maison Saint Joseph; because of its parking and traffic spaces they will have to clear some of the wooded spaces.

This project to transfer the elementary school from Montalivet (across the street) to us is progressing more slowly than expected. The plans are pretty much done. What remains is to complete the transfer of ownership between the AFEC (Association Owner of the Basilian Fathers) and ASSEC (Association Owner of the College). Then we apply for the building permit, call for bids from companies, and set up the financing of the project with a certain diocesan guarantee. Work was scheduled to begin in September 2020, but I think it will be delayed somewhat and the new school will probably open its doors in September 2022 than in September 2021. In any case, I remain on site until the work has begun, to avoid as much as possible any intrusion by squatters who would be very likely to occupy an empty house.

Now let's talk about the two Basilians who make up the local community. Father François MORFIN, 73, plans to return in early spring 2020 to Annonay, to enter the EHPAD (Accommodation Establishment for the Dependent Elderly) in St. Joseph de Varagnes under the sponsorship of the Trinitarian Sisters. I began to complete the application for admission and to gather the necessary papers. When a room becomes available, François will leave the villa Ste-Marthe where he lived in Aubenas for more than 7 years. Even if overall François is not doing too badly, his eyesight is getting worse and he has lost some of his motor skills and his speech. In any case, it will be easier for me to go and see him often.

A few words about the College of the Sacred Heart: under the direction of Michael BOUVIER it has begun a major construction project. The college continues its upgrades and beautification in anticipation of the upcoming celebration in November 2022 of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Basilian Fathers here in Annonay.



(Photo above: Maison St-Joseph in the foreground where Bernard continues to live. The Collège du Sacré- Cœur is the building at the top right.)

The results at the DNB (National Patent Diploma) 2019 at the end of the 3rd year were more than excellent: 164 admitted out of 164 candidates (including 24 ratings of Very Good, 58 ratings of Good, 64 ratings of Rather Good and only 18 without special ratings). You can hardly dream of doing any better!



For my part, I am still a priest “in solidum” at the parish of St. Christopher (13 bell towers and 17,000 inhabitants) and I also function as a priest “parochial assistant” at the parish of St. Clair (10 steeples and 22,000 inhabitants). The two parishes are working more and more together. In total, to serve them, there are five priests full time. Personally, I mainly provide “usual” parish pastoral care; this year, I presided over 86 baptisms, 20 marriages, and 124 funerals and innumerable Sunday Masses.

We appreciated the visit to St. Joseph of our “Parisian” brothers: Joseph HUNT in March and Warren SCHMIDT in May, who came at the same time as John HUBER, the Second General Counselor.

In the Basilian Cemetery at Annonay is the grave of Patrice (Patrick) Molony CSB, one of the first Basilians to come to Toronto.

BASILIAN FATHERS OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Windsor, ON

2019 has been a whirlwind of activity for the Basilian community at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Windsor. Our house hosted area Basilians and Lay Associates on January 2 to celebrate the Feast of St. Basil. January kept Steven Huber busy making his final preparations for his Priestly Ordination, which took place on February 9 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both Maurice Restivo and Mark Gazin were in attendance, as were several parishioners from Assumption. The weekend after his Ordination, Assumption Parish welcomed Steven back as a priest, by hosting a celebration after each of the weekend Masses. After celebrating, Steven wasted no time getting right to work. In addition to his responsibilities at the parish, he continues to sing in the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Steven has also taken on the role of Chaplain of Campus Ministry at Assumption University/the University of Windsor. Paul McGill stepped down from Chaplain duties in April, after serving as Chaplain for six years. Paul is now working with Sr. Janine Rocheleau snjm at Marie Rose Place in Windsor. Paul helps Sr. Janine with the day to day operations and serves as a presenter for some of the workshops / retreats.



Late spring brought a flurry of activity in the parish, as restoration work began on the 174-year-old Assumption church building. The first phase of restoration saw the installation of a new copper shingle roof, removal of asbestos in the crawlspace, a new hot water heating system, and minor foundational repairs. This first phase of restoration work allowed Masses to resume at Assumption Church for the first time in almost 5 years.

July brought many changes: The diocese of London asked the Basilians at Assumption to assume responsibility for neighboring St. Alphonsus Parish in downtown Windsor. Maurice was named Administrator of St. Alphonsus, in addition to continuing as Pastor of Assumption. Also, in July, Leo Walsh retired after 16 years as Pastor of St.

Paul's Church in LaSalle, Ontario, and moved into the rectory at Assumption. He has found retirement to be anything but boring! He regularly assists with Masses at both Assumption and St. Alphonsus.

Restoration work on the church progressed enough to enable a re-opening Mass on September 8, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Fabbro, CSB; around 1000 people were in attendance. Bishop Fabbro commented: "Well I was here five years ago when we closed the doors and it was a very sad day. To be here today, to open the doors and welcome people back was just a phenomenal experience."



In September we also bid farewell to Mark Gazin, who was asked by the Diocese to assist at St. Anne's parish in Tecumseh, ON. Mark writes:

"This has been a most interesting year. The Diocese of London is combining its many parishes into about 30 Families of parishes and I have been involved with six of them: Assumption, St. Alphonsus, St. Theresa, St. Vincent de Paul, Ste. Anne and Good Shepherd. Additionally, I have been assisting the London branch of the Toronto Regional Marriage Tribunal with nullity cases. In October, I was asked to work with two young diocesan priests in two large parishes in the Windsor-Essex County area. Sainte Anne Parish in Tecumseh has strong French roots; Good Shepherd parish in Lakeshore has a growing population of young families and elderly folks."

Mark is also exploring the possibility of working in his area of training, which is Canon Law.

With the reopening of Assumption Church, regular Masses are no longer held at Holy Name of Mary church. However, with the November launch of "Assumption Cares," the parish's new outreach initiative, the old Holy Name of Mary Church has become a centre through which the parish can provide much needed assistance to the residents of Windsor's West End. Programs include a weekly community meal, weekly produce distribution to those in need, exercise classes for those suffering with chronic pain, health screenings, and other social events. The Assumption Parish community wishes to thank the Basilian Fathers of Toronto for their financial support of this initiative. The result is making a name for Assumption and the Basilians as an important service provider in the area.



The community at Assumption Church continues to host the Windsor area Lay Associates for their meetings on a monthly basis. Confrères and BLAs alike enjoy each other's friendship and hospitality.

Back row, left to right: Claude Marchand, Lionel Walsh ("Come and See"), Maurice Restivo, Mary Anne Seguin, Diane Aversa, Rose Portillo, Steven Huber.

Front row, left to right: Jay Handsor, Anne Marie Handsor, Ricardo Portillo, Rose Marie Ruston, Marilyn Morrison.

Basilians Associated with Assumption Parish

Tunney Hathaway celebrated his 93rd birthday in February. He continues to receive excellent care at Sunrise Retirement Residence. Mark Sikich is the local Circle of Care Coordinator and provides a level of service that is unequalled.

Q. Johnson is still serving the elderly at Devonshire Home; he offers Mass on Friday and on Sunday. He celebrates Mass at Amica where he resides on Wednesday. He is on call at three hospitals every Monday from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Q. Serves on the Board of Governors for Assumption University and is a member of the Alumni Group of Assumption High School. Assumption High School will celebrate 150 years in 2020. Q. prayed the grace before meals at Amica on Thanksgiving Day.

In August Ken McKernan, who was associated with the Assumption community and living at Sunrise Retirement Residence, died after a long illness. He was given loving care by his sister, Marilyn Venney.

Franklin Mizzi continues doing Marriage and Family Counselling – but not on the schedule as in the past. Says Frank, “Having from five up to seven clients and/or couples a week seems to be enough. It is a matter of being in touch with the needs of the local community. I’m happy to still be able to do this.”

Bernard Pinsonneault provides priestly ministry for those with whom he lives at Kensington Court, Mass and Confessions for the Blue Army members at Rosary Chapel, Assumption Parish, and Mass in the homes of the sick who are unable to attend Mass in their parishes.



Assumption Parish

1728 – Established by the Jesuits as a mission church, Our Lady of the Assumption Among the Hurons

1767 – The first Jesuit pastor was assigned.

1842 – The cornerstone of the present church was laid.

1870 – The Basilian Fathers began their ministry at Assumption.

The Basilian Fathers in Edmonton AB

St. Joseph's College in the University of Alberta

With **Brian Inglis** and **Don McLeod** moving to Presentation Manor and with the Whitemud house on the market prior to **Terry Kersch's** planned move to St. Alphonsus Parish in 2020 with **David Bittner**, **Glenn McDonald**, and **Jim Stenberg**, this is the last entry for the Basilian Fathers of St. Joseph's College.

Terry Kersch began his 9th year as president of St. Joseph's College in July 2019 and will spend his 10th year on Sabbatical. He has decided not to seek a third term and following his Sabbatical he will be reappointed to another Basilian apostolate. During the past year, he continued to serve as a presenting priest with Retrouvaille leading retreats in Edmonton and Anchorage Alaska. He had the privilege of leading a retreat for the Tlicho (Dog Rib) people at Russell Lake outside of Behchoko, Northwest Territories where he returned at Christmas to serve at St. Michael's Parish in Behchoko while the local pastor took care of Our Lady of Providence some 3 hours away.



While continuing to serve on the board of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), Terry attended the Spring meeting in Paris where he met up with **Joe Hunt** and **Warren Schmidt** for a meal together. The fall meeting took place in Rome where he chaired a session with keynote speakers from the USA and Australia on the future of Catholic health care education. In a private audience, he had the privilege of meeting Pope Francis. Serving on the Basilian ad hoc visioning committee for social justice, Terry attended two meetings in Toronto along with **Paul English** (chair), **Kevin Mannara**, **Maurice Restivo** and **Bob Holmes**.

Warren Schmidt spent part of his summer teaching two on-line courses at St. Joseph's College: *Catholicism: An Introduction* and *Dimensions of the Christian Faith*. He returned to Edmonton for the Christmas break and he and Terry got together with Warren's family for a meal. Warren writes: "2019 saw continued progress on my doctoral dissertation at l'Institut Catholique de Paris. I continue to hear confessions and preside at Mass at St. Louis d'Antin where Joe Hunt CSB, is Vicar and a valued Basilian fraternal presence. I am also on the team of Retrouvaille France, ministering to married couples in difficulty."



Jim Stenberg serves as Chaplain at the College where his focus is on the permanent (non-Student) worshipping community and the sacraments. He works closely with the people in Campus Ministry. August saw the completion of a full year at St. Joe's, and so he is noddingly familiar with the rhythms of the place, and especially the local traditions and procedures around Christmas and Holy Week. In January Jim is looking forward to teaching a 200-level philosophy course on the Human Person.



St. Joseph's College will continue to develop its identity as the Catholic college in the heart of the University of Alberta, ensuring that the treasure that is the Catholic Intellectual Tradition continues to be promoted in higher education in Alberta and in Canada. Rooted in faith, we are a sacred space open to all, where dialogue, learning and worship unify our community.

The Basilian Fathers in Edmonton AB

St. Alphonsus and St. Clare Parishes

In 2019 the two Basilian houses in Edmonton became one. With Father Don McLeod's departure from St. Joseph's College in late March, only Father Terry Kersch (the local rector) remained at the residence at 4808 Whitemud Road. On September 23 the rector of the Basilian Fathers of St. Alphonsus/St. Clare, Father Jim Stenberg, was informed the Superior General that Terry was now a member of his house. In due course the newly enlarged community had house elections and Father Dave Bittner was elected first councilor by acclamation. For more information on Terry, please see the final entry for the Basilian Fathers of St. Joseph College. Despite busy schedules, everyone tries to dine out together two nights a week.



Father Dave Bittner completed his renewal program at Southdown on March 12, after which he returned to Houston to begin the move to St.

Alphonsus and St. Clare parishes in Edmonton. He made the move in two stages, arriving first on April 24. It snowed a bit on the ride from the airport to the parish, an indication that he was once again living at the closest Basilian house to the North Pole. He returned to Houston in mid-May to participate in Eduardo Rivera's Final Vows and Diaconate Ordination, and to complete the final aspects of the move from Houston to Edmonton. Upon arrival back in Edmonton, he began a quick apprenticeship in parish ministry. On July 1 he officially became the pastor of both parishes. The time since then has been filled with first experiences of the complexity of the role of pastor, re-acquainting himself with cold weather, and reconnecting with old friends from his 18 years at St. Joseph's College. He was able to make a quick trip to Maui in late July for some scuba diving, and to touch base with good friends there, both of the human and the oceanic variety.

Father Ron Griffin, who is associated with the Edmonton House lives in Saskatoon and work at St. Thomas More College. He is a member of the Basilian Human Development Grants Committee. Father Brian Inglis has moved from St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton to Presentation Manor in Toronto.

Father Glenn McDonald is a Division Chaplain with Edmonton Catholic School Division. The work keeps him quite busy and no two days are the same. He also serves as Associate Pastor of St Alphonsus/St Clare and is a board member of L'Arche-Edmonton. Father Glenn called upon his engineering background to draft the renovation of several rooms at the St. Alphonsus rectory to make them suitable for new Basilians to be assigned there. We hope this project will be done by Valentine's Day of 2020, so that Terry can move in before the Whitemud house is sold.

Father Jim Stenberg works as Chaplain at St. Joseph's College. Jim is the rector for the Basilian Fathers of St. Alphonsus/St. Clare, (Now the Basilian Fathers in Edmonton) but the support, initiative and general competence of his confrères make the position practically a sinecure. Although he works at St. Joseph's College, he lives at the St. Alphonsus rectory.

Frassati House

Toronto ON

The members of Frassati House are **Norm Tanck CSB** (rector), **Bob Holmes CSB**, **Jack Hanna CSB**, and **Doug Hilmer CSB**. **Neil Hibberd CSB**, who lives apart, is associated with the house. Neil often comes to Frassati House for dinner.

The membership and daily routine of Frassati House has not changed much from the past few years. During the week the confrères start drifting down from their rooms a little after 5:00AM and by Morning Prayer and Mass at 7:30AM everyone is gathered in the chapel. The coffee is ready before the first confrere comes down and those hours before Mass are spent reading, catching up on the news and in personal prayer. Sometimes in winter there may be a need to get a start on clearing the snow off the sidewalks. Frassati House has small front and back yards and gardens that in warmer weather are tended to by the members.



Monday through Thursday the confrères take turns shopping for and cooking dinner, which is followed by Evening Prayer. There are no prepared evening meals on the weekend, although it is not unusual for the confreres to bring something to the TV room or enjoy a takeout pizza or hamburgers while watching a game together. There is a tradition, as in many Basilian Houses, to go out for dinner together on or near a member's birthday. The community enjoys entertaining dinner guests, among whom have been Bishop Bob Kasun, CSB, Kevin Storey, CSB, Jim Farge CSB, and members of the General Council.

Although things haven't changed much at Frassati House, the neighborhood is changing. There is still a mix of private, subsidized and social housing, but new high-rise condo buildings are springing up all around. Most of them are multiple use and multiple income buildings, but there are still many poor people in the neighborhood and homeless on the streets.

Norm Tanck, continues his ministry as part-time Associate Pastor at St. Basil Church. Besides the work at the parish, Norm and Morgan Rice, CSB, the pastor, are actively engaged in the Archdiocese of Toronto, attending the priests zone meetings and the annual four-day priest's workshop. Norm is Director of the Basilian Associates. He lost four-fifths of his job this summer when four of the five young men in the Associate Program went to the Basilian Novitiate at Keon House in Houston. In March he attended a workshop for Basilian rectors and superiors in Houston. Norm is also the ordained coordinator for the Toronto-London Basilian Lay Associates. And he is on the St. Michael's College School and Assumption University's boards of trustees.

At the end of June Norm took part in the receptions and Mass marking the Basilians withdrawal from St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in Irondequoit (Rochester), New York. He returned to Rochester in September for the dedication of the Fr. Joseph A. Trovato, CSB Campus Ministry Center at St. John Fisher College. In July he was able to spend several days with friends at the Chautauqua Institution, south of Buffalo, New York. Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM led the morning prayer and gave the afternoon lectures to about 3,000 people that week.

This year Norm was a member of the teams that presented two weekend discernment retreats sponsored by the Toronto Sisters of St. Joseph at Invermara on Lake Simcoe. He occasionally presides at Mass for the sisters in Toronto. He provides spiritual direction for several people.

(The photo at the right is Frassati House in the springtime with the Japanese Magnolia in bloom.)



Bob Holmes handles the finances of Frassati House. He enjoys sharing in the culinary adventures, welcoming our many guests, our daily community prayer and Eucharist and discussion arising from our varied ministries. His own ministry is Basilian Coordinator for Peace and Justice (see report elsewhere in the Annals) and he is the Basilian liaison with the Association of Former Basilians. He also has a monthly Sunday ministry with a Vatican II community which has been gathering weekly for over 50 years. Bob is also involved with Pax Christi and several social justice groups in Toronto. He loves to spend time in mountains and on rivers – this year a 10-day canoe trip down the Teslin and Yukon Rivers in the northern territories.

Doug Hilmer continues to be an active member of the house, participating in all of the liturgical and community events as well as helping with some of the maintenance and groundskeeping duties. He is continuing his studies in Gerontology at George Brown and hopes to graduate next April. His placement this school year was at Presentation Manor, so he was able to minister to the Basilian community there while participating in his school assignments. It has been a challenging and fruitful experience and he is grateful for the patience of the confreres at Frassati House as his schedule often does not coincide with that of the house. When it is his turn to cook Doug is always ready to try new recipes and, bakes pound cakes and Rice Krispy squares for the house.

This past year Doug and his family welcomed the first of their next generation and Doug became a great uncle for the first time. He celebrated 30 years of priesthood in September and his parents are looking forward to 60 years of marriage next November, so plans are underway for a great celebration. Frassati House was pleased that Doug's parents and Steven Huber, CSB and his brother were able to join us for Thanksgiving dinner in October.

Jack Hanna is in his seventh year at Frassati House. He continues to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer General of the Congregation. He enjoys working with the staff in the Curial Office. For years, Jack taught Spanish at the University of St. Thomas and at St. Thomas High School and he still uses his Spanish daily. He translates all the Basilian documents that go out to the Basilians in Colombia and Mexico into Spanish. Jack, along with Vince Dulock CSB 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 growing little by little. Donations to the Missions are steady; the Association of Former Basilians are consistent donors to the Instituto de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción in Cali. Jack and Aron collaborate in the editing and distribution of the ***Newsletter of the Latin American Apostolate*** which is published twice a year. Copies are mailed to the donors to the Basilian Missions along with a return envelope that will hopefully be sent back with a contribution. The ***Newsletter*** is distributed to the Basilians electronically.



Jack has a great interest in Art History, and he visits museums whenever he can. This past year he made a visit to the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa and, closer to home, visited an excellent exhibit of the works of Peter Paul Rubens at the AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario). Jack says that one art highlight of the past year was seeing Diego Velázquez' portrait of Innocent X in the Doria Pamphilj Gallery in Rome (*photo at left*).

At Frassati House Jack takes his turn cooking; one of his specialties is paella. Jack helps tend to the grounds along with Norm and Doug. 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 and ice.

Neil Hibberd is associated with Frassati House, but lives in the Avondale Retirement Home which is a short streetcar 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 enjoys proximity of the "Beaches" boardwalk in east-end Toronto, where he was born and grew up. The homes of his brother's family as well as those of many other relatives are nearby. Neil still occasionally plays golf with his brother and enjoys walking on Queen St. East visiting the many shops and chatting with folks.

Neil is always a welcome dinner guest at Frassati House and when he is there the conversation is never boring.



In the middle of winter, the Frassati House Basilians remember spring and know that it will come again.

Michaelmas Hall

Toronto ON

This year of grace 2019 has been one of blessings indeed. Father Andrew Leung, CSB, the School President, the Board, the Administration, the faculty, the staff, and the students have wholeheartedly embraced the process of renewal at St. Michael's College School. All thirty-six recommendations of the External Review Committee are being acted on. Both Andrew Leung and Bill May thank all the people who have prayed, thought good thoughts, and offered advice during what was a most difficult time. The enrollment at the school is hopeful, if not what we're used to. That is not a surprise after last academic year's difficulties. Continued prayers for the important ministry that the Basilians, Board of Directors, current students, parents, faculty, staff and administration are engaged in are always appreciated.



Andrew, always thinking of the students, brought in two therapy dogs to relieve the students' anxiety during the December 2019 exams. The effort was much appreciated by the students and even Andrew himself took advantage of the calming presence of the dogs.

Andrew Leung has started a curling team at St. Michael's College School; though unable to coach because of his responsibilities as President he is their chief supporter. The first team practice drew a good number of interested participants and two of the lay teachers volunteered to coach. A good time was had by all and the novice curlers learned a thing or two and are ready to take on the responsibility of representing St. Michael's College School in the newest addition to the school's fine athletic tradition.

Bill May has been assisting with the school's theatre program by providing voice-overs when needed for their productions. The St. Michael's College School Robotics Team continues to win honors. Bill encourages the team and is proud of their success.



As rector Bill May has been ably assisted by Andrew Leung in discovering and solving any small but important needs of the physical plant at 5 Oriole Parkway (Michaelmas Hall). It is always good to have a confrere who notices "things" and brings them to the attention of the local superior or rector. Both Andrew and Bill have assisted at St. Basil's Church when needed and Andrew assists monthly at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

Associated Basilian:

Jeff Thompson spent the first half of 2019 on spiritual renewal. He began his appointment as Assistant Pastor at Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver in July. This is Jeff's first experience of parochial ministry. He says, "It is invigorating and always a blessing."

Basilian Fathers at Presentation Manor

Scarborough ON

The end of November marked the close of our first year in Presentation Manor. Despite the fact that the confrères are quartered in different parts of the building—some in “Assisted Living” and others in “Independent Living”—we form a single community, with John Reddy and John Malo as superior and assistant superior, respectively. Daily Mass, open to all residents, is celebrated in the main chapel; as well, the Basilians meet occasionally for evening prayer in our community room. Current members of the 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, Brian Inglis, William Irwin, Raymond Jackson, Wilfred Janisse, Gordon Kennedy, Kevin Kirley, Donald McLeod, James McConica, Thomas McReavy, John Malo, Wallace Platt, John Reddy, Leo Reilly, Thomas Rosica, Joseph Walsh and Clarence Watrin. Associated with the House are Ian Boyd, Joseph Hunt, Edward Johnson (who resides on his family farm), and Gordon Walker (who lives in the Memory Unit at Providence Healthcare Centre).



The Basilian tradition of generous hospitality has been continued. On January 16 we hosted the Toronto Basilians, with drinks followed by a meal in the main dining room. The other residents were appreciative of being included in the banquet. Other such events took place on September 17 and on November 12. the latter with the General Council in attendance.



In February Giancarlo Romero was hired as a Circle of Care Co-ordinator. His manifold talents have been widely drawn upon by the confrères. Visitation, conducted by Kevin Storey and Morgan Rice, took place on May 2 and 3. All seems to be going well. From June 2 to 8 there was a house retreat for residents of Presentation Manor. Talks on the theme, Unity and Presence, were given by John Reddy and Eileen Power, CND.

On July 25, Owen Lee died. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 10 in St. Basil’s Church with James Farge preaching. Substantial and highly appreciative obituaries appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Globe and Mail*. On 19 October Presentation Manor was officially opened. Bishop Robert Kasun CSB and George Smith CSB participated in the ceremony.

In December, the staff from the Flahiff Centre came to organize the annual Christmas tree trimming. This is a wonderful tradition that had its origins in Anglin House and Orsini House and has continued, better than ever, at Presentation Manor.



Dan Callam is a board member of Catholic Insight, Society for Catholic Life and Culture and The Chesterton Institute. He provides regular supply at Holy Rosary Church, Holy Redeemer Church and the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. He also says a Latin Mass twice a week for students at the Mediaeval Centre, University of Toronto.

Jim Carruthers continues to provide Spiritual Direction for a few people. He is also chaplain to the Contemplative Women of St Anne (out of St. Basil's Church) and a member of the Gibbons-Daley Board.

Don Finlay keeps occupied reading current novels on his Kindle; every now and then he asks Jack Hanna to order something new since they share the Kindle account. Don always enjoys visiting with his brother John, and occasionally goes to his house via Wheelchair Taxi.



Jack Gallagher continues writing, his most recent book being *A New Dawn, or a Fading of the Light? Evangelization and Culture Today* (Bloomington [IN]: WestBow Press, 2019). On Wednesdays he celebrates the noon Mass at Saint Basil's.

Brian Inglis, experiencing increasing difficulty in walking and driving, decided it was time to give up his driver's license and his commitments to active ministry; and so, in July he retired to Presentation Manor. With two pianos in the building and a keyboard in his room he has been able to continue his exploration of the classical piano repertoire.

For **Bill Irwin** 2019 has been an eventful year. While adjusting to Presentation Manor after the November 2018 move, he taught his Hebrew poetry course in the spring for the Faculty of Theology downtown but didn't attract enough students for the fall Exodus course, and it was cancelled. A good thing as it turned out because his long-time refusenik stance against colonoscopy caught up with him and he had cancer surgery on October 24, the day before his eighty-seventh birthday. "The only souvenir I kept of my hospital stay was the menu for the birthday lunch the next day in intensive care at Toronto East General. They sang 'Happy Birthday' to me and had a sweet roll as a birthday cake." Very low risk of recurrence, the doctors who got it all say, so he's happily regaining his strength at the Manor and getting ready to resume after the first of the year the course in Isaiah he was teaching out there before his hospitalization. He is grateful for all the prayers.

Ray Jackson: "I take this opportunity to give thanks for all the help and prayers that have brought me to this time of my religious and priestly life. I wish to make special mention of the help and protection that I received in the novitiate where I discovered and made the total consecration to Jesus through Mary of St. Louis de Montfort."



Wilfrid Janisse: "Each day I give thanks to God for the Basilian Fathers who have supported me in my vocation and ministry. Now that I have retired, I offer thanks for the wonderful experiences here at Presentation Manor where many different religious communities, as well as married couples and single people, offer a variety of missionary experiences and spiritual insights. All this is thanks to the Basilian Fathers. *DEO GRATIAS!*"

Kevin Kirley has maintained his interest in the history of the Congregation. His sermons as main celebrant at the daily Mass are much appreciated.

Jim McConica: In my first year of full retirement I am enjoying catching up on my reading and one or two neglected hobbies.

Don McLeod: The year 2019 marked a significant shift in Don's life, as he moved from Edmonton to Toronto, following a total of twenty-two years in various assignments in Western Canada and the U.S. Since May, he has been a member of the community at Presentation Manor and is getting acclimated to a new rhythm of life in Toronto. Although no longer teaching, Don continues his involvement in Catholic Higher Education, serving as Chair of both the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College and the Board of Governors of Assumption University. He is also a Trustee and Director of the Canadian Religious Self-Insured Retention Plan (CRSIRP). Finally, he continues in his role as Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare (and in spare moments, piloting a Cessna 172 from place to place, and trying to master at least some of the intricacies of Biblical Hebrew—although not both at the same time).

John Reddy continues as superior of the community, assisted by John Malo. He regularly presides at Sunday Mass at Providence Centre. John is the confessor for the retirement residence of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto. One thing he very much enjoys is teaching at RCIA. He has done so at St. Basil's Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish. Being on-call chaplain at one of the Toronto funeral homes gives him the opportunity to minister to people who might be somewhat estranged from the Church. A trip to Ireland for a family wedding in July was the highlight of the year for John.



Leo Reilly serves on the Basilian Human Development Fund committee. He is an invaluable help to Bob Holmes as they publish and distribute *Stirrings*, the newsletter from the Basilian Office of Justice and Peace.

Tom Rosica moderated a televised panel discussion on the Women Diaconate at Fordham University's Department of Faith and Culture in New York City on January 15, 2019. In January and again in February, Tom lectured on Scripture in the Diocese of London's Program for Lay Formation and the Permanent Diaconate. At the end of January, he gave a public lecture on Pope Francis at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. On February 8, he delivered the Von Hügel lecture on "Catholicity: Crises and Opportunities" at St. Edmund's College in the University of Cambridge in England. From February 18-22, Tom served on the English language communication team at the Vatican's International Summit on the Protection of Minors. At the end of May 2019, Tom preached the retreat to the US Province of the Priests of St. Sulpice (Sulpicians) in Seattle, Washington. In June, Tom completed 16 years of his founding CEO role at the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation in Canada. After a six-month sabbatical, Tom joined the Basilian Community at Presentation Manor in Scarborough, Ontario. Tom continues in his role as Procurator General of the Congregation of St. Basil.

Joe Walsh's skiing career came to an end in early March 2019 owing to a fall on his shoulder. This meant that the rotator cuffs (tendons connecting arm to shoulder) for both arms were then both severely injured by similar accidents. We'll see if shoulder exercises might allow golf again in 2020. In the meantime, Joe appreciates a slower, more meditative, lifestyle at long last.

Clarence Watrin: "Now that I am retired, I still have a ministry to perform. I send out e-mail blogs of encouragement, instruction and prayer to help people grow in holiness. I am also helping a person who is

publishing a book of talks I have given as well as my instructions and my testimony. The most important thing that I do is to pray for the Church, for our country and for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit to further the new evangelization.”

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

Ian Boyd is president of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture at Seton Hall University, New Jersey, and editor of *The Chesterton Review*, now in its forty-fifth year. Poor health and several surgeries late in 2018 have required a long convalescence in Edmonton, where he resides with his sister Elizabeth.

ARTICLES: “Chesterton, Journalism and the Sacramental Imagination.” *The Chesterton Review*, vol. 45, nos. 3 & 4 (December 2019)

“Chesterton y la Eugenesia,” *The Chesterton Review*, Spanish edition, vol. 8 (December 2019).

EVENTS: Dramatic readings at Seton Hall University of *The Man Born to be King*, a radio play by Dorothy L. Sayers, and of *The Secret of the Curé of Ars* by Henri Ghéon; and, at Alderton House, New York City, of John Henry Newman’s final sermon as an Anglican minister, *The Parting of Friends*.

A special conference on Croatia was held in Zagreb: *Croatia and the Modern World*. Papers from this conference appeared in the Fall/Winter issue of *The Review*.



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 fellow Basilian Warren Schmidt, and, on occasion, of other Basilians passing through Paris.



The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist at Presentation Manor attracts a large congregation.

St. Basil's Collegiate Church

University of St. Michael College, Toronto ON



Morgan Rice continues to serve as Pastor and **Norm Tanck** as Associate Pastor of St. Basil's Parish. Father Dan Donovan celebrates the weekday 7:30 AM Mass, while the confessions and 12:10 PM Mass are celebrated by Morgan, Norm, and others including Jack Gallagher, who comes in regularly from Presentation Manor to celebrate the Mass on Wednesdays. Leo Reilly also commutes to celebrate a monthly Mass at one of the senior homes within the parish. We are grateful for their assistance.

We have appreciated the collaboration with several Jesuits in formation. James Sand, SJ continued to assist liturgically as a deacon throughout the spring semester until his presbyteral ordination on June 8. Also ordained on June 8, Christopher Grodecki SJ assisted with confessions and Masses from September until his departure after Christmas. Scholastic Trevor Rainwater, SJ coordinated the large RCIA programs. Ordained a deacon in October, Kevin Kelly SJ has been assisting liturgically and will continue into 2020. We appreciate their ministry and they are grateful for the pastoral experience they receive.

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. St. Basil's also provided a space for other musicians including University of Toronto Faculty of Music organ and voice students and the University of St. Michael's College Schola Cantorum, which offered Lenten, Michaelmas, and Advent concerts.



A highlight of this year was a concert to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Casavant Frères organ. After more than a year of planning, the magnificent concert took place on November 22 with the world-renowned organist Olivier Latry, one of the three titular organists at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris. The concert included works by Boëly, Franck, Vierne, Gigout, Bach, Mozart, Litaize, Dupré, and Latry. After the concert, Brian Inglis and Jack Hanna both said this was a world class concert and it showed off the artistry of M. Latry and the splendor of the recently refurbished Casavant organ.

In addition to music, faith formation and outreach are major pillars of St. Basil's. The Atrium, which houses the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program, continues to form some of our youngest members and prepare them for sacraments. With the help of a new Social Justice Coordinator, we expanded our outreach this autumn by offering meals on Thursdays in addition to Tuesdays (Out of the Cold) and Sundays (The Miller Group). The day-long social justice retreat for high school students continues this year as an extension of our outreach programs. In addition, our very active Society of St. Vincent de Paul group delivered over \$91,000 in assistance to area neighbours in need.

Basilian Fathers of University of St. Michael's College

Toronto ON

The year under review had its usual vicissitudes for the Basilian community on the campus of the University of St. Michael's College. Wildlife created some interesting and unpleasant experiences for us, as we sustained extensive damage to all three of our cars from squirrels, endured the malodorous presence of a skunk that died under the house porch, and swatted innumerable wasps who had found a way into the basement. Though we now number only four, we are happy to represent the Congregation here at its original North American institution. House members minister in various capacities to the student body, faculty and staff on campus, not to mention elsewhere in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Basilian Fathers Common Room, on the third floor of Brennan Hall, has become a great success since its inauguration in 2017, used by faculty and staff of the USMC for regular afternoon coffee, tea and conversation as well as special celebrations and academic events; occasionally it serves as an ersatz dining room for us. We made a significant donation to the University to establish the Basilian Fathers Professorship in Early Latin Theology at the Faculty of Theology, as well as a large donation to the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario (CEFO). The Rector, Rev. T. Allan Smith, joined the Superior General, Very Rev. Kevin Storey, at a special dinner hosted by the University of Toronto where the Congregation was enrolled in the University of Toronto Chancellors' Circle of Benefactors in recognition of our exceptional contributions to the University of Toronto. The name "Basilian Fathers of Toronto" will be engraved on the donors' wall at Simcoe Hall.

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. 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*. His review of Rémi Jimenes, *Charlotte Guillard: Une femme imprimeur à la Renaissance*, préface de Roger Chartier (Rennes: Presses Universitaires de Rennes; and Tours: Presses Universitaires François-Rabelais, 2017) appeared in the *Sixteenth Century Journal* (Summer 2019). He is Director of the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers; the day-to-day tasks are done by a part-time professional archivist. He is also working on a supplement to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography* that will include all Basilian priests and former Basilian priests who have died since 2002. Its publication is planned for 2022 or 2023. Much of the past year has been devoted to finding information on the careers of priests who left the Congregation or who were incardinated into a diocese. The list of obituaries is currently about 170 Basilians deceased since 2002, 40 of whom were former Basilians. 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 the Brennan Hall chapel of USMC. He assists with the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Basil's Parish, where he also celebrates the Tuesday noon Mass and fills in for other functions when Father Morgan Rice or Father Norm Tanck are away or otherwise occupied.



2019 found **Michael Lehman** once again with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as Chaplain and involvement in Adult Faith Development with all employees of the Catholic Board. He spends many of his days in one or more of the 200+ schools of the system where he celebrates the Eucharist, Memorial Services, and Reconciliation Services, facilitates classroom discussions, gives presentations, and provides staff support. He is regularly called upon to facilitate retreats and days of reflection for administrators, staffs and students on various days and evenings. Michael's ministry takes him across the greater Toronto area, and he is often called upon by other Catholic school boards for facilitation of retreats, Masses, and presentations. In addition, Michael has been working with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association in Joint PD and Religious Affairs. Most weekends Mike provides assistance with celebrating the Eucharist and preaching in various parishes in the Archdiocese. Mike is completing 18 seasons as Chaplain to the St. Michael's Buzzers Junior A hockey team based out of St. Michael's College School. His pep talks and prayers before each game have become a favourite with players, coaches, and support staff. A regular season of 55 games plus playoffs sees him in arenas from Buffalo to Kingston most weekends. And with what time remains, Mike enjoys evenings at home with confreres, a crossword puzzle and a Montreal Canadiens Hockey game.



Morgan Rice continues as Pastor of St. Basil's Parish. (Refer to the St. Basil's entry for more information in that regard.) He also continues to serve the Congregation on the General Council as Third Councillor. In the local house, he is the guest master and infirmarian and has responsibility for vehicle maintenance. Morgan was re-elected to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Council of Priests for a two-year term. In May, he made his first visit to France including travels to the Basilian historical sites in the Ardèche. He celebrated his 10th anniversary of ordination in November.

T. Allan Smith is Rector of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College. In July he began his thirteenth year as Registrar of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, his twenty-second year at the Faculty of Theology, and was renewed as an Associate Faculty member (status-only) at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto. From January until the end of June, Fr. Smith was on a semester sabbatical during which time he completed his translation of Sergii Bulgakov's *Philosophy of the Name*, which is currently under review for publication. He delivered a paper, "What's in a Name? Bulgakov's *Filosofia imeni*," at the Eighth Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture [ASEC], held at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 21-23 February 2019. He published "In the Afterglow of the Silver Age: Sergii Bulgakov's 'Judas Iscariot – Apostle-Betrayer'," *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies* 2.2 (2019): 179-198. He continues to teach for the Faculty of Theology, USMC, this year offering his doctoral course on Origen; he is supervising two doctoral candidates for the Faculty and participated in two doctoral defences in the late summer. He taught "Old Church Slavonic" at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and is a member of two doctoral supervisory committees in that department. He enjoyed his annual trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake to take in some plays at the Shaw Festival in August; during the fall, the Canadian Opera Company and the National Ballet of Canada provided memorable cultural experiences, and in December, he paid his first visit to Lincoln Center where he saw a favourite opera, "The Queen of Spades."



Basilians Associated with USMC

Tim Scott concluded his service as Executive Director of the Canadian Religious Conference in July 2019. Over almost five years, it was a rich and inspiring experience. He is now in residence in St. Patrick's Basilica in Montréal and helps out there regularly. His ministry is divided between teaching at the Grand Séminaire de Montréal and work in on-going formation for clergy in the Archdiocese. Tim was asked to continue representing the CRC 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. As well, he is in his sixth year on the Roman Catholic-Lutheran Church Canada dialogue and he serves as President of the Société catholique de la bible (SOCABI).

George Smith began the year in a new position as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Theology of St. Paul University in Ottawa. What was originally a six-month appointment has turned into eighteen months. During this time, he has continued to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors of Presentation Manor. He was also named Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Toronto School of Theology for a two-year term, and he continues his service as a Trustee of St. John Fisher College. In May of 2019, he received the degree of Doctor of Letters, *Honoris Causa*, from the University of St. Thomas, and was awarded life membership on their Board of Directors.

Walter Werbylo is working and living at St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, where he teaches New Testament courses and is one of seven priests who serve as spiritual directors for the seminarians and who give various talks on matters concerning the spiritual life and priestly formation. Living at the seminary are thirteen priests who work at full-time ministry in the seminary. There are forty three seminarians living in the seminary in either years 1 through 4 of theology or in the initial spiritual year, plus twelve 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.

Basilians Associated with the Curial Community

Jim Blocher writes: "I am currently in residence at the Vianney Renewal Center which is located about an hour from St Louis MO. The Center is comfortable and well managed. Prayers and visits are welcome."

+Robert Kasun writes: "I think the Lord spoke to me a little more clearly this year. In December of 2018 I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I was given a six-month medical leave for the purpose of receiving chemotherapy. I am now in remission, but for how long, is anyone's guess. It could be for a considerable number of years; on the other hand, it might not. I go for blood tests every month. I am grateful that God has given me a second chance to try to get my life in order."

Joe Redican writes: "The year 2019 saw me as more retired and spending much time being a living experiment for cardiologists, endocrinologists, ophthalmologists, retinologists and pharmacists. When not being poked, prodded and pilled, I traveled and did occasional Sunday ministry as well as directing 12 step retreats in Toronto and Chicago. I continue to oversee the Retirement Fund of the Basilian Fathers of East Rochester. In October I moved from Toronto Island to an apartment in the city and am appreciating the greater convenience as I grow in wisdom and grace."

Basilian Fathers in New Mexico

David Sharp

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. A photo of an aging but happy David is included.



Ed Heidt

Ed Heidt helps out with Masses at Saint Albert's Newman Center. He was happy to journey to Rochester for the St. John Fisher 50th reunion. The photo is of a dinner that Mike Piehler and his wife Kahti gave at Oak Hill Country Club. Seated are Joe Trovato and Dennis Noelke. Standing, left to right: **ME!!!** - Ed Heidt, Kevin Mannara, Ted Baenziger, Brian Hogan, Al Cylwicki and Mike Piehler. It was a delightful evening.

David Klein

David Klein continues his hospital ministry twice a week at the Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico. This is a 298-bed acute care facility that serves the Rio Grande valley and surrounding areas. David also helps with confessions, anointings and Masses in the diocese and has been faithfully going to Saint Isidore's Mission Parish in Doña Ana for many years. He enjoys his ministry very much.



Don Hyatt

Don served at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Truth or Consequences until June 2019. Since he was nearly 80 years old, he felt he finally needed to retire. He still assists with the Sunday liturgies in Array, Garfield, and Rincón. He also celebrates a weekly Mass at the New Mexico Veterans' Home and leads a Bible study. He leads the prayer at the meetings of the Sierra County Electric Cooperative stockholders' meetings.

+ Ricardo Ramírez

Although Bishop Emeritus +Ricardo Ramírez of Las Cruces is retired, that does not mean that he does not keep active in ministry. Until a new Bishop was named for Las Cruces in May 2019, +Ricardo celebrated Confirmations and other liturgies in the Diocese. He continues to assist the parishes in Las Cruces on weekends. He was often called to preside over funerals. In September he preached the retreat for the priests of the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania.

+Ricardo has blessed the Basilian Fathers this past year by ordaining four Basilian deacons to the priesthood. He ordained José Alberto Juárez and Alejandro Estrada in Tehuacán in January, Steven Huber in Albuquerque in February, and Arturo Jerónimo in Tehuacán in July. His presence and his words were inspiring for everyone. He also served with Father Kevin Storey and Father José Alberto Juárez on the special visitation team to the Basilians in Colombia.



The Basilian Fathers of Novi

Novi MI (Serving at Catholic Central and Cristo Rey Detroit)

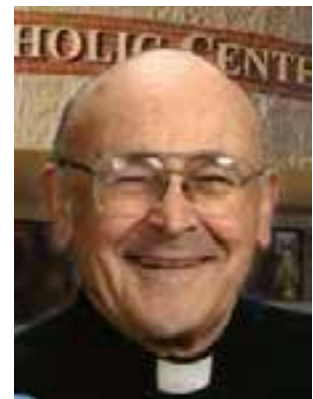
Though growing older, the confreres do not let age or retirement slow them down.

This year saw some significant changes for Basilian Life. After ten years serving as Principal and then President, John Huber left ministry at Catholic Central for UST in Houston. This necessitated a search for a new President for the school and resulted in the first layman as President. Dennis Noelke also announced his plans for retirement which resulted in a search for a Principal. Patrick Fulton was chosen as the 21st Principal of the school.

Michael Buentello joined the house in the summer for his second tour of duty at CC. He was named as the Director of Mission and Ministry.

Besides working full time at teaching and pastoral ministry at Detroit Cristo Rey, **Jose del Toro** completed his master's degree and began a doctorate in Educational Administration at Madonna University in Livonia MI. He is one of the few original teachers remaining from the beginning of Cristo Rey and is muchly respected by the school community.

Like the proverbial stone that gathered no moss, **Richard Elmer** rolls along and in fact is hard to keep up with. Working in CC's Advancement office, he also serves on the boards for St. Catherine of Siena and Divine Mercy schools and says regular masses at St. Catherine's.



As previously mentioned, **Patrick Fulton** finished his career as a teacher at CC and became principal. He also tries to serve as the local Superior. As you can tell from the photo a left, he does not let the stress of two important jobs wear him down.

Dennis Kauffman is the Director of School improvement at CC and his eye for details makes him perfect for accreditation work. He also assists with Student Activities and is the Senior Class moderator which keeps him busy. Many an evening he is out supporting student athletics.

Like the wizard behind the curtain, **Rob Moslosky**, serves in the important position of school webmaster, a thankless but necessary task. Given his skills, he also picks up a number of miscellaneous items that are required in the technical world to operate a school in the twenty-first century. Speaking of thankless tasks, he also serves as the house treasurer and is the sober voice of fiscal responsibility.

Jim O'Neill entered what will be his final year of teaching. He is very creative in teaching his biology classes, hatching salmon eggs and tapping Maple Trees and illustrating how to make maple syrup. Jim is a mainstay at all sporting events even at the thinly populated spectator sport of skiing.

Dennis Noelke completed his term as Principal of CC and is enjoying a more moderate pace. He helps with school retreats, masses and is the local BNENE director. As well, he continues in the position as Fourth Councilor on the General Council: work that sees him in meetings, conference calls and visitations.



Although he has struggled with health issues this last year, **Ray Paramo** actively participates in community life. He can be relied upon for keen political commentary and observations about the state of things. Although slowed down a bit, he keeps an active social calendar. He has accommodated to this by hosting his discussion groups in his apartment. Various groups (both American and Canadian) that used to meet elsewhere now bring in lunch and participate in discussions that Ray has led for many years. To his writing on current events he has added works of fiction. With his first publisher's check he plans to take the local community out to lunch.

John Wheeler is well known throughout the Archdiocese and is busy with assisting with masses and confessions for many parishes. Often, he can be found as a volunteer usher with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra showing guests their seats and taking in a free performance. He helps at school with confessions and keeps up regular contact with alumni, particularly honing the lyrical talents of the alumni glee club.



Bill Riegel continues to minister at a pace in both the school and parishes. He is much beloved in the parishes where he is a regular presider. He continues to help at the school as a guest teacher, on school retreats and as an Addictions Counselor in Guidance. He can be relied upon to show up at non-varsity sports which is deeply appreciated by the student-athletes and to make dinner conversation stimulating with his theological observations.



Mitch Dowalgo, Howie Keon, +Ron Fabbro, Dennis Noelke, Tom Bales
Rochester Novitiate 1976

Dillon House

Houston TX

Our recuperating guest, a very enlivening presence among us, Jess Owens, got rehabbed enough from injuries sustained in a fall, to return to Mexico. Dan Porter also a guest when he was dealing with medical concerns.



Bill Frankenberger moved from St. Dominic's Nursing Home into a "Memory Unit" and then into another facility, where he will be in a safer environment. Bill lives in the moment and takes falls, cracked ribs and new surrounding in stride. We visit him there.

Wilf Canning is at St. Dominic's since it became too difficult for him to manage at Dillon House. *(In the photo at right he is at Methodist Hospital getting a cast for a broken ankle.)* Wilf spends a large part of his day reading and resting and praying. He is, as they say, sharp as a tack. "O tempora, o mores ..."



The Dillon House community is served by the men who live there ...

Phil Acquaro is First Councilor. He is the designer of our remarkably beautiful landscaping. He is a sympathetic listener and has good sense, and a good sense of humor. He contributes to our conversations with wit and the wisdom of experience.

Carl Belisch is Second Councilor. He is a tireless presence as a priest in convents, parishes, and confessionals all around Houston. His homilies at our community liturgies are always simple and profound at the same time. His authentic spirituality and humble compassion are a substantial benefit to his confreres here.

Bob Glass is our Guest Master, Exercise Manager, trash attendant (he wheels the trash bins to the curb each week, not a negligible task). He helps at various parishes and convents. And when he sees a problem that he might be able help with, he helps. He has recently been appointed to the Board of the Shalom Center, a facility for healing for clergy and religious.

Jamie Abercrombie sees to House Security, making a nightly tour to see that all doors are locked and the lights are dimmed. He is a frequent St. Dominic's visitor and celebrant of liturgies there. He urges us to eat a healthy diet. He is keenly aware of the dangers of climate change.

Richard Wahl regularly visits our confreres at St. Dominic's: Jim Gaunt, Joe Roussel, Wilf Canning, Roy Oggero, and Les Schaefer. Richard Wahl is a working man: at the Diocesan Tribunal, as a lecturer on Canon Law at St. Mary's Seminary. He is a priestly presence at Engaged Encounter Weekends and provides a helping hand at various parishes around Houston. Also, he is a lively conversationalist and has a ready sense of humor. Just think of his laugh. He is serious thinker and expresses a deep appreciation of Catholic spirituality and prayer.

Bob Klem has, happily, returned to the House from St. Dominic's after a spell of physical therapy to recover from a broken hip. He now glides around the house in a sporty electric vehicle and is growing in strength. His ebullient spirit of celebration has wheels now.

Al Gaelens is also generous with his time and energy in responding to calls for help with confessions in the Diocese, at St. Anne's and at St. Thomas High School. He remains aware of St. Thomas High School graduates and attends wakes and funerals and reunions when he can. He deals with all the mail that floods into our mailbox each day. He is vigilant in making sure if any confrere might need attention. He keeps active with a disciplined walking regime. He tells us about his parents who immigrated from Belgium and managed a farm in Rochester that provided milk and meat to St. Mary's Hospital back in the day.

John Boscoe is our sacristan. He has created a wonderfully ordered space for us in the sacristy and innovates details of beauty in our chapel. He assists the elderly celebrants, and that is all of us, at each liturgy with style and grace. He has a dog, Pearl, that is very well behaved and lovable. We like to see her around and she responds to our affection, especially if we have a doggy treat for her.

Paul O'Connor CSB is the Superior at Dillon House. He depends on his confreres and the resourceful and diligent Plant Manager Andrés Romero and his son, Andrew Romero - to make this a healthy and comfortable and Christian Community.



Our neighborhood here has been changing very quickly. The old house across the street from Dillon House has been torn down. A new house has gone up there, reported to be a two million dollar plus dwelling. It is something to behold. *(Here, at the left, is a picture of that new house decorated for the Christmas season.)*

The Dillon House community is blest to be where we are. God is good.

Basilian Fathers of Keon House

Houston TX

The Basilian community at Keon house experienced many changes in 2019. The year began with one canonical house of Basilian priests and men in formation. Chris Valka served as superior and Director of Associates. Chris also served as Campus Minister and Chaplain at the University of Saint Thomas. After much discernment he chose to leave the Congregation and the university in the summer of 2019.

With the establishment of a Canonical Novitiate on the formation side of the house, Keon House began with two canonical houses in July. The Novitiate is led by Paul English as Director of Novices, and the Priests' side of Keon House with John Huber as rector. The Novitiate maintains its own schedule for prayers and mass but joins the rest of the house on Mondays for community mass and dinner.

With the departure of Chris, the duties of chaplaincy are shared by Ron Schwenzer, Ted Baenziger and John Huber. Paul English also helps with sacramental ministry at the Chapel of Saint Basil in addition to his primary duties as Director of Novices. The confreres are in good health and continue to serve the People of God in several capacities.

Ted Baenziger stayed very busy in his "retirement" from the University, offering his regular sacramental ministry at the Chapel of St. Basil, leading a research team and teaching a genetics lab for the biology department, tending to his hobby of orchids, and serving the French speaking community, which continues to thrive with many families from several different countries. Under Ted's leadership, two Sunday masses have been celebrated per month, and well over a hundred children are enrolled in catechism. There are also faith sharing groups for couples, called "Équipes Notre Dame", and Ted serves as the priest advisor



to one of two groups. The archdiocese has approved the establishment of an official parish to serve the French speaking community, with Ted as pastor. The current "Chapelle Saint-Basile" will be joined by an African French-speaking community. Ted also began his service as Assistant Director of Novices and he is faithful to the schedule of the Novitiate, sharing his wisdom and sacramental ministry with our novices.

Joe Pilsner continued his ministry as Professor at the University of Saint Thomas' Department of Philosophy as well as selflessly offering his sacramental services to the Chapel of Saint Basil. Joe left Keon House in the summer on a leave of absence, returning to his parents' home in Long Island to assist with their care for the year. Joe was recently named by the University's Board of Directors as "Professor Emeritus" due to his generous scholastic and pastoral service to the University for many years.



Jim Murphy serves as the very busy president of Saint Thomas High School. Since the number of Basilians at the high school has been reduced to just two, Jim is very busy not only with his presidential duties, but also as a consistent and reassuring Basilian presence for all aspects of the high school community: students, parents, faculty and staff, alumni, and others. Work among the alumni necessitates his ministry at many funerals and wakes. Jim is also a regular celebrant at Sunday masses at St. Anne's Parish, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Regis School.

Mitch Dowalgo continues his service at Saint Thomas High School, focusing on tutoring foreign languages to students in need of assistance. Mitch also celebrates mass for the school as well as for teams and other groups within the community. He is also in a training program for Spiritual Direction. Mitch was elected First Councilor and especially serves the local community during John Huber's frequent absences.

Ron Schwenzer spent the first six months of the year helping out Paul English at St. Kateri Parish in Rochester before the Basilians turned the parish back to the bishop after serving the people there for 43 years. After returning to Houston at the end of June, Ron picked up where he left off in January – celebrating the Eucharist and Reconciliation at the St. Anne mainly on weekends, and during the week and on weekends at the Chapel of St. Basil at University of St. Thomas. Since there is no Basilian chaplain or campus minister this year, he is a regular visitor at the Campus Ministry Center. In addition, since the new school year began, he celebrates Mass one day and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on another at St. Thomas High School.

In November the first three Presidents of St. Thomas High School – Ron Schwenzer, Kevin Storey and Jim Murphy – were honored at a Gala. In December Ron celebrated in a fitting fashion the fact that he is beginning his eighth decade of life and thanked God that he is in good health to be active in ministry and also find time to do two things he enjoys – gardening at Keon House and baking for his confreres.

John Huber arrived at Keon House in June. In addition to serving as rector, he plays several roles. John continues to serve on the General Council, attending meetings in Toronto five times a year, and traveling to France, Colombia and Mexico for canonical visitations and celebrations. He also is the Director of BNENE and the 2022 Committee. He serves as the Director of Catholic Education in the School of Education and Human Services at the University of Saint Thomas, a Masters' Degree Program for administrators and future administrators of Catholic Schools. He helps out in campus ministry and sacramental ministry at the Chapel of Saint Basil. He assists Ted Baenziger with the French speaking community, celebrating mass in French and accompanying one of the "Équipes Notre Dame" faith sharing



teams for couples. John serves on five Boards of Directors, for the University of Saint Thomas, Incarnate Word Academy, Aquinas Institute, Detroit Catholic Central High School and the Archdiocesan School Board for Galveston-Houston. John also celebrates Sunday Mass once a month at Saint Anne Parish.

Keon house hosted a reunion for Aquinas graduates who live in the area; it was enjoyable to see familiar (and not so familiar) faces. The group was grateful for the Keon House Hospitality. *(photo at left)*

We hosted two alumni events at Keon House; besides the one for Aquinas we hosted one for Detroit Catholic Central. The President of Saint John Fisher in Rochester, Gerry Rooney, serves on the Board at the University of Saint Thomas, and he hosted a St. John Fisher reunion in Houston the day after a UST Board meeting in December. It's interesting to note that every Basilian priest in Keon House this year is a graduate of St. John Fisher.

Keon House is also graced with the presence of retired Polish priest Janusz Ihnatowicz, who has been retired after decades of service for the University and Saint Mary's Seminary. He is a joy to live with, regularly concelebrates and occasionally celebrates mass both at the Chapel of Saint Basil and the house chapel and shares his wisdom with the confrères.



We live in a comfortable home with several guest rooms. We are happy to welcome confrères who visit Houston for a few days or more.

There are many Basilian lay associates in the Houston area, and this year they joined us at Keon House for Labor Day, and Keon House hosted their annual Christmas party. The Coordinator of Saint Basil's Chapel, Elizabeth Edwards, was recently accepted into the Lay Associate Program, and we are grateful for her service, as well as that of the University's Lay Campus ministers, Nicole Labadie and Max Linville. The dedicated lay people on the faculties and staffs of both Saint Thomas High School and the University of Saint Thomas take seriously their role of continuing the Basilian tradition of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge at both educational institutions.



"Paphiopedilum" – courtesy of Père Ted Baenziger CSB

Basilian Novitiate

Houston, TX 77006

Associates David Semivule, Patrick O'Brien, Charles Borromeo and Sean Ajluni, along with Fathers Paul English and Ted Baenziger gathered at the Sacred Heart Paulist Retreat Center in Houston on Sunday, August 4 to begin a retreat in which the associates would be received into the novitiate. They followed a schedule that worked to form a rhythm of liturgy, prayer, meals, recreation and rest, and a sense of community. The first day's conference was given by Monica Hatcher, on her recent experience with the migrants in El Paso, Texas. Other conferences through the week included the section on Novitiate from the Basilian Way of Life, a brief history of the Congregation and a reflection on "An Ample Sufficiency" regarding having "enough." On Wednesday, August 7, Father Paul English received the four associates into the novitiate, witnessed by Fathers Ted Baenziger and John Huber, during a Mass in the morning.

The novitiate community returned on Saturday, August 10 to Keon House and began the process of establishing itself in its new configuration, including a change of rooms. The Novitiate is in the North (Formation) wing of Keon House. Paul English lives on the second floor, along with Father Ron Schwenzer of Keon House. Father Ted Baenziger lives in Keon House (South wing) but participates otherwise in all novitiate activities.



The novitiate follows a regular schedule which includes morning meditation and the liturgy of the hours: morning prayer, Eucharist, evening prayer and, after compline all observe grand silence. Novices attend a conference each weekday morning, have time for study, prayer and writing and do manual labor in the afternoons. (After January, the novices will go out weekday afternoons for community service.)

Breakfast, lunch and supper are taken most days in the small dining area within the novitiate wing, although the communities share Eucharist and supper on Monday afternoon and evening. *(Pictured above are Charles Borromeo, Patrick O'Brien, Sean Ajluni, and David Semivule.)*

The novices are free of electronic devices such as cell phones, tablets, computers or other gadgets. A common computer is available on Saturdays for simple communication. They may use the telephone "land line" whenever they have the need. The novitiate receives the daily newspaper, the Texas Catholic Herald and various Catholic magazines. There is a time of common recreation daily, and Thursday

morning is the “walk day” followed by an afternoon conference. Thursday evening is a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Charles Borromeo is the eldest by birthdate. He is of Filipino descent; his parents are immigrants who with their family have lived in several places internationally. While studying at the University of St. Thomas, he met the Basilians and has found “what he was looking for.” A very hard worker, Charles is extremely earnest. He is well-versed in Philosophy.

David Semivule, born in Uganda, follows in precedence. He has a great deal of international and domestic travel and experience. He is a long, long distance runner, and has worked out a running schedule. He is a prayerful man, as are the other novices. His sense of humor is much appreciated.

Patrick O’Brien enjoyed experiences as an associate at St. Thomas High School which were very good for him, as was the experience of living in community at Keon House. Patrick takes all with wit and good will. He has a good grasp of community life, liturgy and study, and he has musical talent which he uses for the benefit of the community.

Sean Ajluni is our youngest novice. He is a bright and talented young man with a lot of wisdom. Just before the retreat he fell from a skateboard and broke his hip and fractured his elbow. Fortunately, this did not delay his becoming a novice. Sean gets along very well with all. He has a unique and enjoyable sense of humor.

Father Ted Baenziger is a good partner in the Novitiate endeavor. He has many years of insights, both in North America and in France, and is generous with his knowledge. Ted knows Basilian history and often brings it up, particularly the thinking and activities of the early Basilians in France. He is a joy to collaborate with. He is devoted to the Congregation and to the novices. He is also devoted to his French parish, to the University of St. Thomas and to his beloved orchids. Paul and he have conferred frequently on the novitiate program and his insights and ideas are much appreciated.

After seven years as a pastor at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish in the Diocese of Rochester, NY, **Father Paul English** is taking well to the life of the Novitiate. The 45 minutes of prayer each morning before Lauds is a luxury he has not taken in many years. He would recommend it to all! Paul says that the position of Novice Master is something akin to being both “father” and “big brother” to these young adults. It is an honor to be asked to take up this challenge and a pleasure to watch God work in the hearts of these confreres.

Paul and Ted want to make sure that the men have a hands-on experience of people who are struggling within our society, but also that they have an opportunity to analyze their experience and pray about it. The novitiate has been moving *seriatum* through the Basilian Way of Life and Customs, having excellent discussions. The novices seem interested and raise good questions and points. The novices are part of an Inter-Novitiate group that meets in San Antonio a few times a year. *(Of course, absorbing some Texas History is essential to a full and in-depth formation. A visit to the Alamo in San Antonio is a must.)*



At least two retreats are scheduled during the year, as well as “desert days” and “beach days.” All hope to go to a professional sporting event or two. The novices make periodic visits the Basilians at Dillon House and at St. Dominic’s Center in Houston.



On Sunday, November 17, the North American novices flew to Mexico, where they gathered with the novices from Colombia and Mexico for the Basilian International Novitiate Gathering. They began their experience with a celebration of the Eucharist at the Basilica of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe lead by the Archbishop Emeritus of Mérida, Yucatán, Mons Emilio Carlos Berlie Belauzarán. *(The photo above shows the novices from the USA, Mexico and Colombia and their formators with the Archbishop.)*

They spent four days at the *Santuario de Coyomeapan*, a retreat center in the mountains southeast of San Lorenzo. *(In the photo at the right is Beto Rojas, the USA novices, Kevin Storey, John Huber and Paul English.)* The week provided plenty of opportunities for our brothers to pray together, recreate and get to know each other, to see the important work of Basilians in Mexico. On the final day, they enjoyed the beautiful city of Oaxaca, including the archeological site at Monte Albán. The novices in Houston studied Spanish for several weeks in preparation to meet their brothers, and through a combination of English, Spanish and hand gestures, were able to communicate. All agreed this was a time of blessing. It is essential that the men in formation get to know each other since they are the future of our Congregation.



St. Anne Parish

Houston TX

The Basilian Fathers of St. Anne Community are fully involved in the construction of a multi-level Parking Garage and Commons Building with a Gymnasium and playing field.



Father Al Sinasac has been busy pastoring the large community while participating in all the fund-raising events and eventual groundbreaking. It is exciting for the whole parish to see the construction well underway. The project is expected to be finished in August of 2020

Deacon Eduardo Rivera has been welcomed by the community for his thought-provoking homilies and his involvement with the Religious Education Department. He has brought lots of energy to the Vocations Committee. He is completing his studies and the parish is looking forward to celebrating with him at his Ordination in the spring.

Father Jay Walsh keeps himself occupied with several ministries and travelling. His homilies usually are wrapped up with a bit of his Irish humor that seems to delight the parishioners.

Father David Zapalac is busy with weddings and helping Al support the many active the parish ministries including the Hispanic Ministry. He is the Ordained Coordinator of the Lay Associates and organizes all the Reconciliation Services. David is often complemented for his well-written homilies.



The RCIA accompanied more than 30 Christians to full communion as Catholics and four adults celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2019. The ministry to youths (grades 5 through 12) saw 182 young people enrolled; 77 teens were confirmed and 8 were baptized. There were 252 children enrolled in the CCE program (grades pre-K

through grade 4); 86 received first Communion and 12 were baptized.

The St. Anne Catholic School serves over 500 students and their families from pre-K through grade 8. Fundraising and contributions from the St. Anne School Foundation helps keep tuition as affordable as possible; this enriches the diversity of the student body.

St. Joseph Mission Center

Sugar Land, Texas

The Mission Center is the headquarters for raising funds to support our Basilian ministry in Mexico and Columbia. Currently Father Vincent Dulock CSB is the Mission Procurator and the lone Basilian in the house. There is a Vietnamese priest, Father Khanh Le, living in the Center and studying at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Often priests from the Mexico and Colombia come up and stay for short periods in order to receive medical treatment or conduct other business in the United States.



Father Vincent Dulock does the bulk of the preaching assignments all over the country soliciting funds for our mission apostolates, sometimes preaching in as many as nine masses over the weekend, but more commonly four or five. Other Basilians priests who have helped in this preaching endeavor are: Paul English, Mark Gazin, Kevin Mannara, Kevin Storey, James Murphy, Paul Walsh, Terry Kersch, Joe Redican, James O'Neill, Steven Huber, Richard Wahl, Bob Glass and John Malo. We thank these Basilians for going beyond their ordinary ministries and helping the Latin American Apostolate. Father Dulock is also heavily involved in supplying priestly help in Spanish and English in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, saying Mass, preaching and hearing confessions, especially in Penance Services and First Penance during Advent and Lent, when he is not soliciting funds for the Basilian ministry in Latin America.

Assisting Father Vince is Mr. Aron Fernandez, the very capable Director of Operations, who handles the day to day operations of the Mission Center. Father Vince and Aron serve as the budgetary hub for all missionary activities in Mexico and Colombia. Aron serves the Basilian Fathers in a variety of tasks. Along with the helping hand of our assistant bookkeeper, Ms. Maria Hernandez, and the Treasurer General and the Financial Officers of the Congregation of St. Basil, administering the finances of the Mission Center and the apostolate is Aron's foremost responsibility. Gift acknowledgement, bequest management, real estate maintenance, accounting reconciliation, vendor commissioning, payroll, and tax reporting all help comprise this realm of administration. Additionally, Aron coordinates annual missionary appeals on behalf of the Basilian Fathers. Along with Father Vincent Dulock, who does the lion's share, Basilian priests answer the call by visiting parishes across the USA and Canada asking parishioners to donate in support of evangelization and education in Mexico and Colombia.



Every spring and fall Aron and Jack Hanna publish the Basilian Fathers Missions Newsletter for distribution to our donors. Often Aron handles travel arrangements, technical support, and insurance related concerns for the Basilian communities in Mexico and Colombia. He is also committed to improving the online presence of the Basilian Fathers Missions through web development.

Our donors are very generous, and this ministry is financially sound. Recently donors have given funds in honor of Father Dulock's 50th anniversary as a priest and his 60 years in vows as a Basilian. For this the Mission Center is very grateful.

Basilian Fathers of Saint Kateri

Rochester, NY 14617

Final *Basilian Annals* Submission

After 43 years living and ministering in Irondequoit, New York at Christ the King Parish and later Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, comprised of Christ the King and four other Irondequoit parishes, the Basilian Fathers announced the completion of our ministry to the parish. The announcement was made earlier in the year in order to ensure a full and proper transition to the next pastor provided by the Diocese of Rochester.



Fr. Joseph A. Trovato served in the parish for 30 years. Now 89 years old, he remained in amazingly good health, with a few challenging moments in recent years. He is beloved by countless parish members and by alumni of St. John Fisher College, where he also ministered for 30 years. Joe was sought out for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by many parishioners, but also by religious and priests from around the diocese. It will take a powerful calculator to calculate the number of weddings, baptisms and funerals Joe has celebrated while at Fisher and in Irondequoit. In June of 2019, Joe moved to the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, where he joined Albert Cylwicki CSB and Thomas Dugan CSB, the sisters and several diocesan priests

in a new style of community living. There continues to be a steady, loving stream of parishioners and alumni who seek him out.

Fr. Ronald Schwenzer made a heroic sacrifice in January of 2019; he left the warmth of Houston (Keon House) to bring his skills and indefatigable work ethic to the house and parish. Ron fit right in from the first day, and he received a liberal education on the amount of work that occurs in a parish day to day, including the unexpected and the seemingly chaotic! He handled these challenges



with his characteristic good cheer, and with a few helpful recommendations. Ron, an early riser, aided in maintaining an ample sufficiency of baked goods, particularly chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies for confreres and staff alike. He is a wonderful cook and, since members of the house always cooked for each other, his talents were much appreciated in that area as well. Ron completed his time in Irondequoit in June and returned to Keon House and the summer heat of Houston.

Fr. Paul English, pastor of Saint Kateri, was asked by the General Council to take over as formator for the Basilian novices in the summer. This change precipitated the Basilian decision to withdraw from Saint Kateri. The six or seven months of preparation for this change were a challenge. When an individual moves out, he carts away his few, meager possessions. When a 43-year living arrangement is completed, a few more items need to be dealt with. Paul was blessed to have Joe Trovato and Ron Schwenzer as wise and patient confreres who never shirked hard work or sacrifice. For seven years, Paul wrote a



weekly, 500-word reflection for the parish Bulletin. He oversaw the completion of the parish consolidation from five to one, with the good times and the bad. The local community gathered, at Paul's behest, to pray each Monday, reflecting on the following Sunday's scriptures. Warren Schmidt CSB, former member of the house joined the house each Monday from his studies in France. Paul began formal training for his work in formation, enrolling in the Religious Formation Conference's program "ForMission," a two-year program of intensive reading, reflection, prayer and twice-yearly ten-day gatherings, either in Chicago or San Antonio. Paul attended the initial session in Chicago in May.

The local community was blessed for so many years by the loving presence of **Basilian Lay Associates**. These sisters and brothers were a true part of the local community, sharing in the joys and sorrows, the good times and the challenging ones with faithfulness and real love. They continue to be a blessing in the wider Rochester area, particularly as they continue to collaborate and share with Frs. Kevin Mannara, Joe Trovato, Al Cylwicki and Tom Dugan, all in Pittsford, NY.

The Farewell Eucharist with the Basilians and Bishop Salvatore Matano was celebrated at St. Margaret Mary Church of St. Kateri Parish.



The "completion" of the Basilian ministry at Saint Kateri/Christ the King was a monumental reality, with sadness but also with gratitude to Almighty God and to the good people of the parish and town. May our God continue to bless the many, many friends, brothers and sisters with whom we have collaborated for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The Basilian Fathers in Rochester NY



As this year draws to a close, Joe Trovato, Al Cylwicki, Tom Dugan, and myself (Kevin Mannara) continue to serve the Basilian apostolate in Rochester. Our Congregation is welcomed and highly respected among the local clergy as well as the many people we know through the Aquinas Institute, St. John Fisher College, and the parish of Christ the King/St. Kateri.

2019 brought changes to the Basilian presence locally as we left St. Kateri Parish. Joe moved to the Sisters of St. Joseph (SSJ) Motherhouse with Al, Tom, and a good group of retired diocesan priests. Many Basilians who have served here came for a beautiful celebration given by the parishioners. Associate Sean Ajluni came to town for the closing celebrations, assist with the move, and then spent a couple weeks here. The house I live in next to the Fisher campus has become somewhat of a BBB: Basilian Bed & Breakfast! All are welcome, and many confreres have visited this year.

I continue as the Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College. Additionally, I serve on the President's Senior Staff, providing a Basilian and Catholic voice. Participation in campus ministry continues to increase. From an average of 12 at the evening student Mass, we now average 100. The morning Mass has some students, but is primarily for the larger community of neighbors, alumni, faculty, and staff, with an average attendance of 140.

After the Sunday evening Mass, we always have food, fellowship, and a small service project.

We offer a credited ministry leadership course, preparing students to serve in campus ministry as well as future leaders in their parishes. *(To the right in the photo are several of the peer ministers from the SJFC Campus Ministry.)* We



have ecumenical prayer services, Exposition

and Benediction, a 9/11 Service, and special Masses for athletes, educator majors, and health care students. For this year's alternative spring break service-trip we took 25 students to the Tampa, FL area for various projects. Our liturgical music program includes an All-College Choir that presented a spring choral concert and Advent Lessons and Carols, in addition to a broader program offering weekly music at Sunday Masses and occasional ecumenical services. In April we hosted an Easter Day of Reflection for the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) with a talk by two Salt+Light employees who participated in the Vatican Synod on Youth. In June there was a Mass for the Feast of St. John Fisher, followed by a reception honoring the Basilian Fathers hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Rooney at the President's House.

I serve on the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, representing the religious of the diocese. I regularly celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and occasionally assist in other parishes, campus ministries, Catholic high schools (including Aquinas), and the House of Mercy. I celebrate Mass weekly at St. Joseph's

House of Hospitality, a Catholic Worker House, and assist Fisher students with outreach afterwards. I contribute articles to the local Catholic Worker newspaper.



This past September the Father Joseph A. Trovato CSB Campus Ministry Center was dedicated during Alumni Weekend. The Chapel of St. Basil the Great was filled beyond capacity for the Alumni Mass. Ted Baenziger '69 presided and Jim Murphy '94 preached. Following Mass, Joe blessed the new center that had been given in his name through the generosity of the Mendick Family Foundation. It is located in the Campus Center, one of the most visible places for students.

Al continues to assist with liturgies for SJFC campus ministry, as well as at the Mercy Motherhouse and the House of Mercy. Al, Joe, and Tom assist with liturgies at the SSJ Motherhouse. Joe and I continue to participate in our weekly Saturday Priests Supper club with local priests. Between the four of us, the Basilian presence in Rochester remains strong, impactful, and much appreciated.

This past summer I was named co-director of vocations, along with Eduardo Rivera. Steven Huber was appointed as communication coordinator for Basilian vocations. Steven and I attended a summer workshop on vocations communications. Eduardo and I participated in a weeklong workshop for new vocation directors. *(See the two photos at the right.)* I am also serving on the Peace & Justice Visioning Committee, and the Human Development Grants Committee.



The year included some fun time too. In January and May I traveled to Houston, the latter being for Eduardo's diaconate ordination. My mom and I took a long-awaited trip to Europe in the summer. It was a good incentive to speed her recovery after falling and breaking her hip in the spring. In September I concelebrated the reopening of the historic Assumption Church in Windsor. I will conclude 2019 and welcome the new decade while on retreat at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA.



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Ordenación sacerdotal

Sábado, el 5 de enero 2019, en la Parroquia de San Lorenzo Diácono y Mártir, el Obispo Ricardo Ramírez CSB ordenó a dos hermanos al sacerdocio, José Alberto Juárez Sandoval CSB y Alejandro Estrada Pérez CSB. Fue un día de mucha fiesta con el nuevo templo casi lleno con gente de la parroquia, de Tehuacán y de la ciudad de Puebla y con varios Basilianos. Celebró P. Alejandro Estrada su cantamisa el próximo día en San Lorenzo. El sábado después, P. José Alberto celebró su cantamisa en la parroquia San Jerónimo en Puebla, la parroquia de sus papás.



Foto: Obispo Ricardo Ramírez CSB con el P. José Alberto (izquierdo) y P. Alejandro (derecho) al final de la misa de su ordenación.

Después de las cantamisas, P. José Alberto regresó a Colombia donde estaba pasando su año pastoral como diácono y sacerdote. P. Alejandro siguió en la Parroquia de San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir para cumplir su año pastoral.

Priestly Ordination

On Saturday, January 5, 2019, in the Parish of San Lorenzo Deacon and Martyr, Bishop Ricardo Ramírez CSB ordained two confrères to the priesthood, José Alberto Juárez Sandoval CSB and Alejandro Estrada Pérez CSB. It was a celebration with the new church almost filled with people from the parish, Tehuacán, the city of Puebla and several Basilians. Alejandro Estrada celebrated his first mass the next day in San Lorenzo. On the following Saturday, Father José Alberto celebrated his first mass in San Jerónimo Church in Puebla, his parents' parish.

After their first masses, Father José Alberto returned to Colombia where he was spending his pastoral year as a deacon and priest. P. Alejandro continued in the Parish of San Lorenzo, Deacon and Martyr to finish his pastoral year.

Escolasticado Basiliano – Ordenación

Después de las ordenaciones sacerdotales, el Escolasticado Basiliano y la comunidad basiliana de México celebró la ordenación diaconal de Arturo Juan Jerónimo Cisneros sábado el 26 de enero en la Parroquia de San Lorenzo. El nuevo obispo de Tehuacán, Mons. Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero, lo ordenó. Arturo terminó sus estudios teológicos en IFTIM (Instituto de Formación Teológica Intercongregacional de México), mientras que sirvió cada viernes a lunes en la parroquia de San Lorenzo en Tehuacán. Recibió la ordenación sacerdotal a manos del Obispo Ricardo Ramírez CSB en San Lorenzo el 13 de julio 2019 (*foto en la página siguiente*). Celebró su cantamisa ocho días más tarde en la Iglesia de Santiago Apóstol en Sicuicho, Michoacán, su parroquia familiar.

Basilian Scholasticate – Ordinations

Shortly thereafter, the Basilian Scholasticate and the Basilian community of Mexico celebrated the diaconal ordination of Arturo Juan Jerónimo Cisneros Saturday, January 26, in the Parish of San Lorenzo. The new bishop of Tehuacán, Mons. Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero ordained him.

Arturo continued with and finished his theological studies at IFTIM (Institute of Theological and Intercongregational Formation of Mexico), while serving every Friday through Monday in the parish of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ricardo Ramírez CSB in San Lorenzo on July 13, 2019. He celebrated his first mass a week later at the Church of Santiago Apostle in Sicuicho, Michoacán, his family parish.



El Escolasticado en su nueva ubicación, Tlalpan, Ciudad de México

El Escolasticado se mudó el 10 de junio 2019 de la colonia de Santa Úrsula Xitla, Tlalpan hasta la Calle De Las Fuentes 34, Toriello Guerra, también en Tlalpan. La Congregación compró lo que había sido la casa de jubilación de la Orden Hospitalaria de San Juan de Dios (y anteriormente una casa de las Hermanas de la Caridad de Santa Ana). Gracias a Dios, nuestra casa en Santa Úrsula era demasiado chiquita para nuestros números. ¡Tiene también cuartos para huéspedes!



En septiembre celebramos la bendición de la casa con varios amigos (*foto a la izquierda*), especialmente compañeros de estudios y las Violetas, en cuya casa madre celebran P. Pablo Walsh y P. Juan Carlos Rojas misas diarias. En el nuevo escolasticado ahorita hay dos escolásticos, Antonio Ibáñez (en su tercer año de teología en la Universidad Intercontinental – La UIC) y Juan José Ortiz Torres (en su último año de filosofía en la Universidad Pontificia de México – UPM). También hay cinco asociados: Julio César Martínez Chávez

(segundo año de teología, UPM), César Enrique Hernández Aguilar (Segundo año de filosofía, La UIC), Baruc Abraham Juárez Campos (Segundo año de filosofía, La UIC), Jesús Cisneros Monroy (Último año de filosofía, La UIC) y Alejandro García Cárdenas (Segundo año de teología, La UIC).

The Scholasticate moves to its new home, Tlalpan, Mexico City

The Scholasticate moved on June 10, 2019 from Santa Úrsula Xitla, Tlalpan to De Las Fuentes 34, Toriello Guerra, also in Tlalpan. The community bought what had been the retirement home of the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God (and previously a house of the Sisters of Charity of Santa Ana). Thank God, our house in Santa Ursula was too small for our numbers. The new house also has rooms for a few guests! ¡Bienvenidos!



Photo to the left: Scholastics, Associates and Padre Pablo enjoy their new home.

In September we celebrated the blessing of the house with several friends (*photo on the preceding page*), especially fellow students and the Violetas, in whose mother house Father Paul Walsh and Father Juan Carlos Rojas celebrate daily mass. In the new scholasticate right now there are two scholastics, Antonio Ibáñez Santos (in his third year of theology at the Intercontinental University - UIC) and Juan José Ortiz Torres (in his last year of philosophy at the Pontifical University of Mexico (UPM



There are also five associates: Julio César Martínez Chávez (second year of theology, UPM), César Enrique Hernández Aguilar (Second year of philosophy, UIC), Baruc Abraham Juárez Campos (Second year of philosophy, UIC), Jesús Cisneros Monroy (Last year of philosophy, UIC) and Alejandro García Cárdenas (Second year of theology, UIC).

Photo to the left: A large interior patio and garden offer a place for rest and prayer.

Casa San Felipe – El Noviciado en Tehuacán

Desde enero 2019 hasta junio, la Casa San Felipe fue la residencia para tres sacerdotes: padres Daniel Porter, Beto Rojas y Alejandro Estrada. También había cuatro asociados: Erick Enríquez, José Gómez, Oscar Martínez y Lauro Sánchez. Fue la segunda parte de su año pastoral en la parroquia de San Lorenzo. En abril, se empezaron renovaciones de la casa para agregar cinco habitaciones. También, se instaló un sistema de drenaje para el fondo de la propiedad (donde está la lavandería). Con los cambios hay lugar para huéspedes y varios novicios.

Ahorita hay seis novicios con los cuatro jóvenes mencionados arriba más Jesús Rodríguez y Ángel Vivas. P. Beto fue nombrado director de los Novicios y P. Arturo Jerónimo el asistente. También en residencia

hay P. Jess Owens y P. René Espejel. P. Jess pasa tres días cada semana en las oficinas de la parroquia, confesando y escuchando a personas que vienen buscando a un sacerdote. P. René está trabajando en la Parroquia San José Obrero en el centro de Tehuacán. Padres Beto y Arturo también ayudan en las celebraciones de la parroquia.

Casa San Felipe – The Novitiate in Tehuacán

From January to June 2019, the Casa San Felipe was the residence for three priests: Fathers Dan Porter, Beto Rojas and Alejandro Estrada. There were also four associates: Erick Enríquez, José Gomez, Óscar Martínez and Lauro Sánchez. It was the second part of their pastoral year in San Lorenzo.

In April, renovations of the house began, adding five rooms to the house. Also, a drainage system was installed for the back of the property (where the laundry is located). With the changes there is room now for guests even if we have several novices.



Los Novicios: Óscar

*Martínez, Jesús
Rodríguez, Erick
Enríquez, Lauro
Sánchez, Ángel Vivas,
José Gómez;*

Los padres Basilianos:

*Juan Carlos Rojas,
Alejandro Estrada,
Beto Rojas, José
Alberto Juárez y Jess
Owens.*

This year, there are six novices with the four young men mentioned above plus Jesús Rodríguez and Ángel Vivas. Father Beto was appointed director of the Novices and Father Arturo Jerónimo the assistant. Also in residence there are Father Jess Owens and Father René Espejel. Father Jess spends three days every week in the parish office, hearing confessions and listening to people who come looking for a priest. Father René is working in the Parish San José Obrero in downtown Tehuacán. Fathers Beto and Arturo also help in the parish celebrations.

Padre Arturo, Padre Pablo, los novicios y las Hermanas Clarisas (The Poor Clares) en su capilla en Tehuacán.



Encuentro Internacional de Novicios Basilianos

En noviembre, celebramos el encuentro internacional de los novicios basilianos. El encuentro incluyó una misa en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México, un retiro de cuatro días en la Sierra Negra de Puebla y un día en Oaxaca.

International Meeting of Basilian Novices

In November, we celebrated the international gathering of the Basilian novices. The meeting included a mass in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, a four-day retreat in the Sierra Negra of the state of Puebla and a day in Oaxaca. *(Below: The Novices in the sacristy of the Basilica of Guadalupe)*



San Lorenzo Diácono y Mártir, Tehuacán

En 2019, después de 12 años como el párroco de San Lorenzo, P. Roberto Rojas Peña renunció su cargo para ser el Director de Novicios. En su tiempo como párroco, la parroquia creció en muchas maneras con equipos de ministerio en todas nuestras capillas, un templo nuevo en que se celebran todas las misas dominicales y de fiestas, y varios nuevos centros de ministerio especialmente el Centro Arupe en el Centro de Tehuacán y el Centro de Desarrollo Humano San Basilio. En los últimos años, se fundaron dos nuevas capillas: una en la Colonia Tehuantepec y otra en la colonia de Santa Cecilia (tenemos dos capillas en esta colonia ahora, Santa Cecilia y San Judas Tadeo). En total hay la iglesia principal y siete capillas: San Juan Diego (Vista Hermosa), Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Tehuantepec), Santa Catalina, Santa Cecilia, San Judas Tadeo, y Nuestro Señor de Tejalpa (Manantiales).

P. José Alberto Juárez Sandoval fue nombrado párroco en julio. Fue formalmente instalado el 10 de agosto por Mons. Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero, obispo de Tehuacán. P. José Alberto es originalmente de la ciudad de Puebla. Sus papás son asociados de las Misioneras Catequistas de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María (también conocidas por el nombre las Violetas), y por su conexión con ellas nos encontró. P. José Alberto está acompañado por P. Alejandro Estrada Pérez originalmente de Tehuacán. Padres Jess Owens y Daniel Porter también son curas de la parroquia y el joven Hugo Medina Iniesta es un asociado trabajando en la parroquia en un año pastoral.



Foto: La despedida del padre Beto, la bienvenida al padre José Alberto y padre Alejandro.

La parroquia sigue en muchas maneras como siempre con muchas celebraciones de bautizo, presentaciones de 3 años, quinceañeras, bendiciones y misas de cuerpo presente. Hay un sacerdote en la oficina casi cada día, y P. Daniel visita mucho a los enfermos. Celebramos el 2 de noviembre con nuestro nuevo párroco y después Nuestra Señora de Juquila (el

8 de diciembre) y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (el 12). Terminamos el año con posadas y las celebraciones de la Noche Buena y el Año Nuevo.

Dios es bueno, y nos ha bendecido mucho. Que nos siga bendiciendo a todos los Padres Basilianos en Francia, Canadá, los Estados Unidos, Colombia y México.



Oraciones al cementerio el 27 de octubre, primer aniversario del fallecimiento de Javier de la Rosa. P. Pablo bendice las tumbas del escolástico Javier de la Rosa y P. Isidro Castillo CSB, (m. 1996).

Father Paul Walsh blesses the tomb of the scholastic Javier de la Rosa on October 27, the first anniversary of his death. He also blesses the tomb of Father Isidro Castillo CSB who died in 1996.

The Parish of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, Tehuacán

In 2019, after 12 years as the pastor of San Lorenzo, Father Roberto Rojas Peña stepped down to become the Director of Novices. In his time as parish priest, the parish grew in many ways with ministry teams in all our chapels, a new church in which all Sunday and holyday masses are celebrated, and several new ministry centers especially the Arupe Center in downtown Tehuacán and the San Basilio Human Development Center. In recent years, two new chapels were founded: one in Tehuantepec and a second in the Santa Cecilia (we have two chapels in this area now, Santa Cecilia and San Judas Tadeo). In total there is the main church with seven chapels: San Juan Diego (Vista Hermosa), Our Lady of Carmen, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Tehuantepec), Santa Catalina, Santa Cecilia, San Judas Tadeo, and Our Lord of Tejalpa (Manantiales).

Father José Alberto Juárez Sandoval became pastor on July 1. He was formally installed on August 10 by Mons. Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero, bishop of Tehuacán. Father José Alberto is originally from the city of Puebla. His parents are associates of the Catechist Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (also known by the name the Violetas), and because of their connection with the sisters he got to know us. Father José Alberto is accompanied by Father Alejandro Estrada Pérez originally from Tehuacán. Fathers Jess Owens and Dan Porter are also priests of the parish and the Associate Hugo Medina Iniesta is an associate working in the parish on a pastoral year.

The parish continues in many ways as always with many baptism celebrations, presentations of children of three years of age, quinceañeras, blessings and funerals. There is a priest in the office almost every day, and Father Dan visits many people who are sick. We celebrated November 2 with our new pastor and then Our Lady of Juquila (December 8) and Our Lord of Guadalupe (the 12th). We ended the year with “posadas” and the celebrations of Christmas Eve and the New Year.



**God is good, and he has blessed us greatly.
May he continue to bless all the Basilian
Fathers: in France, Canada, the United States,
Colombia and Mexico.**

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CALI, VALLE DEL CAUCA

Parroquia e Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción



Durante el año 2019, la comunidad local estuvo integrada por los padres Francisco Amico CSB, Rafael Lopera CSB y Carlos Andrés Gutiérrez CSB, y el diácono Eduard Alberto Padilla CSB. Durante este año cada uno de los hermanos de la casa local trabajó con dedicación en el ministerio asignado y es así como cada una de las diferentes actividades marcaron el ritmo de vida de la casa local.

La labor pastoral que se desarrolló en la Parroquia contó con la presencia y acompañamiento de tres

comunidades religiosas femeninas: las Hermanas de la Misericordia, las Hermanas Basilianas y las Hijas de Jesús de KerMaría. Junto a ellas se lleva a cabo el Plan Pastoral Arquidiocesano que implica acompañar Casas de la Palabra, Catequesis presacramental, entre otras actividades pastorales. Se atendió a la población vulnerable a través del proyecto “Olla Comunitaria” donde se acogieron migrantes venezolanos brindándoles alimentación.



Uno de los momentos más especiales que vivimos como comunidad fue nuestro retiro anual. Durante algunos años el lugar de encuentro ha sido Jamundí (Valle del Cauca). El Retiro anual de la Comunidad colombiana estuvo dirigido por el P. Federico Carrasquilla. “Volver a Jesús, a las fuentes” fue el tema propuesto para este tiempo de retiro. Tema sumamente importante en estos tiempos en que pululan opiniones, tendencias, movimientos y teorías sobre diversos temas, y que incluso los religiosos caemos en la tentación de olvidarnos de las palabras, ejemplos y enseñanzas de Jesús.



Al nivel del Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción las actividades también fueron significativas. Se realizó el Festival INSA versión 2019 en donde toda la comunidad educativa se vincula para los eventos que se llevan a cabo.

Además, este año los resultados de las pruebas nacionales SABER11 [comparables al SAT en EE. UU.] califican a INSA como la institución educativa número 1 en la ciudad de Cali en “calendario A” y número 4 a nivel del departamento del Valle del Cauca. Junto a esto la

Banda San Basilio conformada por estudiantes del Instituto hicieron varias presentaciones de las cuales destacamos el Festival de Bandas Sinfónicas Estudiantiles y la Gran Gala Sinfónica Juvenil en la ciudad de

Cali. En pocas palabras, el 2019 fue un año lleno de la bendición de Dios y del ejercicio de nuestros dones y carismas al servicio de Dios y de las comunidades que acompañamos como Basilianos.

CALI, CAUCA VALLEY

Parish and Institute Our Lady of the Assumption

During 2019, the local community was composed of Fathers Francisco Amico CSB, Rafael Lopera CSB and Carlos Andrés Gutiérrez CSB, and the deacon Eduard Alberto Padilla CSB. During this year each of the brothers of the local house worked with dedication in the assigned ministry and the different activities set the pace of life in the local house.

The pastoral work that took place in the Parish was attended and accompanied by three religious communities of women: the Sisters of Mercy, the Basilian Sisters and the Daughters of Jesus of KerMaria. We all worked together following the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan which involves accompanying Houses of the Word and Pre-sacramental Catechesis, among other pastoral activities. Vulnerable people were cared for through the Community Meal project, where Venezuelan migrants were welcomed and provided with food.

One of the most special moments we live in as a community was our annual retreat. For some years



now the retreat has taken place at Jamundí (Valle del Cauca). The annual Retreat of the Colombian Community was led by P. Federico Carrasquilla. “Back to Jesus, to the Source” was the theme for this time of retreat. It is a very important topic in these times when opinions, trends, movements and theories on various topics are everywhere, and even religious fall into the temptation to forget the words, examples and teachings of Jesus.

At the level of the Institute Our Lady of the Assumption the activities were also significant. The INSA Festival of 2019 was held where the entire educational community is involved in the different events that take place.



In addition, this year the results of the SABER11 national tests (comparable to the SAT in the U.S.) qualify INSA as the number 1 educational institution in the city of Cali in “Calendar A” and number 4 at the Valle del Cauca department. Alongside this the San Basilio Band which is made up of students of the Institute made several presentations.

Two of these events were the “Festival of Student Symphonic Bands” and the “Grand Youth Symphony Gala” of Cali. In short, 2019 was a year filled with God's blessing and the exercise of our gifts and charisms at the service of God and the communities we accompany as Basilians.



MEDELLÍN – ANTIOQUIA

Parroquia San Basilio y Casa de Formación (Escolasticado)



Un año muy significativo para nuestra congregación con anhelos y esperanzas de acompañar este pueblo de Medellín donde el Señor nos ha enviado. Iniciamos con la ordenación diaconal el 26 de enero de tres de nuestros hermanos: Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB, Javier Higuera CSB y Eduard Alberto Padilla CSB.

La comunidad local conformada por los padres Roberto Seguí CSB, y Oscar Fernando Gómez CSB, los

diáconos Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB y Javier Higuera CSB y los hermanos escolásticos Anderson Fabián Úsuga CSB, Edilson Belisario Gómez CSB.

Como comunidad hemos estado muy disponibles y al servicio de la Iglesia particular de Medellín. Tuvimos la dichosa presencia del recién ordenado sacerdote padre José Alberto Juárez, quien vino desde México y nos acompañó por medio año.

Se vivió un año de pastoral intensamente como es habitual y con la ayuda de nuestros catequistas y hermanos escolásticos, durante este año se preparó un grupo de 83 jóvenes para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación y un grupo de 140 niños para el sacramento de la Primera Comuni3n. Durante este año hemos acogido la invitaci3n del papa Francisco a vivir la misi3n con el lema “Bautizados y Enviados”, y de una manera muy particular los Padres Basilianos realizamos un mes extraordinario de misi3n en la parroquia San Basilio, como lo proponía la Arquidiócesis de Medellín.

Un mes intenso donde se realizaron asambleas cada noche por todos los sectores de la parroquia y celebraciones por un mes completo; saliendo de casa en casa con un grupo grande de misioneros de la parroquia. Ha sido un mes extraordinario para hacer presente el Evangelio de Jesucristo y recordar nuestro compromiso como Bautizados y Enviados en la Iglesia y en medio de estas realidades de la parroquia de San Basilio.



MEDELLIN - ANTIOQUIA

St. Basil's Parish and House of Formation (Scholasticate)



This was a very significant year for our Congregation with longings and hopes to accompany the people of Medellin where the Lord has sent us. We begin with the diaconal ordination on January 26 of three of our brothers: Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB, Javier Higuera CSB and Eduard Alberto Padilla CSB.

The local community is made up of Fathers Roberto Seguí CSB, and Óscar Fernando Gómez CSB, the deacons Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB and Javier Higuera CSB and the

scholastic brothers Anderson Fabián Úsuga CSB and Edilson Belisario Gómez CSB.

We have been at the service of the Church of Medellin. We had the happy presence of the newly ordained priest Father José Alberto Juárez, who came from Mexico and accompanied us for half a year.



A year of intense pastoral care was lived as usual and with the help of our catechists and scholastic brothers, during this year a group of 83 young people were prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and a group of 140 children were prepared to make their First Communion.

During this year we have welcomed the invitation of Pope Francis to live the mission with the motto "Baptized and Sent", and in a very particular way the Basilian Fathers carried out an extraordinary month of

mission in the parish of San Basilio, as proposed by the Archdiocese of Medellín.

This was an intense month where assemblies and celebrations were held every night for all sectors of the parish; we went from house to house with a large group of parish missionaries. It has been an extraordinary time to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ present and to remember our commitment as "Baptized and Sent" in the Church and in the parish of San Basilio.

BOGOTÁ, CUNDINAMARCA

Casa de Noviciado

La casa local estuvo conformada por los padres Robert Barringer CSB, y Pedro Miguel Mora CSB, junto con los novicios Marlon Rincón, Osman De la Hoz y Wilmer Vargas (Wilmer salió del programa.) El año de Noviciado ha sido un año de gracia en que han podido forjar un encuentro personal con Jesús a través de la oración, la meditación y la Eucaristía. También los lazos de hermandad han crecido en los novicios en esta experiencia.



Cada una de las conferencias propiciadas por el Maestro de Novicios ha sido de mucha ayuda para el enriquecimiento personal referente a la historia, constituciones y forma de vida Basiliana. Los novicios cada mes tenían una semana de retiros en el Monasterio Benedictino del Rosal, ubicado a las afueras de Bogotá. Todos esos espacios eran de gran provecho para el crecimiento espiritual y personal de los novicios.



Durante el año se llevaron a cabo tres eventos importantes en los que los novicios pudieron participar: el encuentro de Escolásticos que se realizó en la casa Annonay, Bogotá; posteriormente la misión en la ciudad de Cúcuta donde se compartió junto a los hermanos migrantes venezolanos y el encuentro de Novicios en Tehuacán, en el que pudieron forjar lazos de hermandad con los novicios de Houston y Tehuacán.

BOGOTA, CUNDINAMARCA Novitiate House

The local house consisted of Fathers Robert Barringer CSB and Pedro Miguel Mora CSB, along with novices Marlon Rincón, Osman De la Hoz and Wilmer Vargas (Wilmer has withdrawn). The year of Novitiate has been a year of grace in which they have been able to forge a personal encounter with Jesus through prayer, meditation, and the Eucharist. Also, the bonds of brotherhood have grown in the novices in this experience of Religious Life. Each of the conferences presented by the Master of Novices has been very helpful in the personal enrichment of the Novices as they learn about Basilian history, traditions and way of life. Every month the novices had a week of retreat at the Benedictine Monastery of Rosal, located near Bogota. All these events were of great benefit to the novices.



During the year, three important events were held in which the novices were able to participate: the meeting of Scholastics in the Annonay house, Bogotá; later the mission in the city of Cúcuta which served the Venezuelan migrants, and the meeting of Novices in Tehuacán, in which they were able to forge bonds with the novices of Houston and Tehuacán.



Basilian Lay Associates – Houston Area

Coordinators: David Zapalac CSB and Barbara Bishop

As always, we began our year with Mass on the Feast of St. Basil and a lovely dinner hosted by Father Al Sinasac, Father Jay Walsh and Father David Zapalac at St. Anne's Church. During the Mass, we all made our recommitment as Basilian Lay Associates. In February, we met on the second Saturday for dinner after mass at St. Anne's. Father Vince Dulock talked about his work. He had much to share with us and he spoke about his upcoming 50th anniversary or ordination in November.

In March we met on a Saturday morning for a very nice brunch at the home of Sandi and Tom Hedrick. Father Jim Murphy joined us to talk about his work as President of St. Thomas High School. He is a very busy man. During the month of May we were privileged to host a reception at Keon House for Eduardo Rivera's ordination as a Deacon. Eduardo's parents are members of our BLA group. A couple of weeks after the ordination, we were thrilled to welcome Father Steven Huber back to Houston for a visit. He said Mass at St. Anne's and we had dinner following. Newly ordained Deacon Eduardo served with him. We have known them well during their time at UST and we are all proud of both these fine young men! At the May meeting, Father Ted Baenziger spoke about his time spent at Notre Dame Cathedral. He had wonderful slides to share. Of course, this was following the tragic fire in Paris.



The priests at Dillon House hosted their annual Fourth of July picnic with Linda and John Howard. We all felt patriotic and everyone certainly had enough to eat. *(Photo above.)*

The Basilians at Keon House invited all of us to celebrate Mass on Labor Day at St. Basil Chapel on the UST campus, followed by a picnic at Keon House. This is an event everyone enjoys!



In September, we welcomed Father Kevin Storey to Houston with dinner—barbecue was served! He gave a very inspiring talk. It is always wonderful to have the Superior General with us. We learned a lot and a good time was had by all! *(See photo at left.)*

In October, Father Paul English came to our meeting to speak and the novices came with him. We really enjoyed his talk about what they are doing. What a well-spoken and well-educated group of young men. Sean Aljuni, Charles Borromeo, Patrick O'Brien, and David Semivule each spoke about their experiences. We are all enjoying getting to know them as they have been attending our activities. Of course, we are all thrilled that Father Paul is back in Houston.

Our annual retreat was held in November. *(See photos below.)* Father Vince Dulock led our retreat. A wonderful day for all! Also, during November, we helped Father Vince's family host a reception in honor of his 50th anniversary of ordination.



We had a very enjoyable Christmas party at Keon House, and it was lots of fun! Good food and good friends! One of our best gatherings. *(See the photos below.)*



In 2020, we are looking forward to Deacon Eduardo's ordination at St. Anne's in May. Also, in 2020, we have three new Basilian Lay Associates making their commitments. We are all looking forward to a joyous and peaceful year of 2020 as part of the Basilian family. We are blessed to be Lay Associates.

Basilian Lay Associates – Rochester NY Area

Coordinators: Kevin Mannara CSB and Kathy Poirier

The Basilian Lay Associates of Rochester have experienced a great loss with the exodus of the Basilian Fathers from Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish this past summer. In addition to the numerous ways the parish showed its gratitude and love for the many years our Basilian Fathers served the Rochester area, the lay associates held their own farewell gathering with the priests.



Over the years, the Basilian Fathers hosted an annual Labor Day picnic at their residence, Christ the King rectory. Each year the BLAs would also invite the priests to their annual Christmas celebration at an area restaurant. Both events were wonderful opportunities to build community among us. Last summer, after much discussion, it was decided that the BLAs would provide a farewell picnic for the Basilian Fathers and friends at the rectory where everyone could comfortably socialize together for the last time. It turned out to be a most fitting way to enjoy good food and conversation and to express our affection

how the Basilians have enriched our lives both personally and spiritually.

Presently, the BLAs are moving forward in keeping the Basilian spirit alive in the Rochester area with the enthusiastic help of our religious coordinator, Father Kevin Mannara CSB. We are meeting monthly for dinner with our retired Basilian priests, Father Thomas Dugan, Father Al Cylwicki, and Father Joseph Trovato at their residence, The Sisters of St. Joseph's Motherhouse in Brighton. Following dinner, we gather in the conference room for evening prayer together, and then proceed with the business meeting. We are delighted that the Basilians remain for the meeting to support us.



As the St. John Fisher Campus Minister, Father Kevin has been coordinating a service project in which the campus ministry students serve a monthly meal to the homeless men at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality in Rochester. He arranged a November date for the BLAs to prepare and serve an evening meal for 15 to 20 people who came to the shelter. It was a wonderful experience not only to serve the hungry, but to be able to converse with them and hear their stories. We look forward to doing the same in the month of January or February and will investigate other area shelters to determine how, as a group, we can be of service to them.

On December 8th, to help Father Kevin celebrate the work of his peer ministers, the BLAs provided all the fixings for the students and staff to make their own tacos, extra snacks to tide them over as they decorated Father Kevin's tree and tables. The St. John Fisher students told us how much they appreciated the food and the gathering. The BLAs, likewise, enjoyed the opportunity to be with them. Afterward we were invited to the wonderful presentation of the Carols and Bells at the College.

We hope to continue supporting Father Kevin in his ministry and being present to our retired Basilian Fathers at St. Joseph's Mother House.

Basilian Lay Associates – Toronto ON area

Coordinators: Norm Tanck CSB, Brenda Holz, and Nancy Strader

Bernadine Ketelaars and Connie Pare completed their third year as lay coordinators in June and Father Norm Tanck completed his second year as the ordained coordinator. We (Nancy and Brenda) started our first year as lay coordinators. Father Norm exemplifies the qualities of kindness and patience and it has been a joy for all of us to journey with Father Norm.

Our membership numbers have remained constant. While we gained a new member with the commitment of Michael Fitzgerald in November, we mourn the loss of one of our most senior members, Sharon McGhie. Sharon was a well-loved past Coordinator for the Toronto BLAs.



A special highlight in 2019 was our Day of Reflection held on April 6th. As we approach 2022, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Basilian Fathers, it was appropriate to have Father Kevin Kirley, Basilian historian, share with us the story of the ten Founding Fathers of Annonay, France. Their experiences during the French Revolution and post revolutionary years inspired these brave men to send Basilian priests as educators to North America. We share in that legacy today.

On June 8, 2019 the Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates hosted the Toronto Basilian Fathers at the Annual St. Basil's Day Tea. This was the first one held at Presentation Manor. The event was very well attended. The facilities provided by the new venue and the catering services were truly excellent allowing both Basilian Fathers and the BLAs to have a good time together.

During the late summer, the Basilian Community lost Father Owen Lee. He was a great friend of the Toronto BLAs who provided a reception for the family following the Funeral Mass on August 10th.

During our first fall meeting, Father Daniel Callam gave a very well received presentation on John Henry Cardinal Newman. Father Callam expounded on Newman's three seminal literary works. As it happened, the presentation took place the day before John Henry Cardinal Newman was canonized.

For our November meeting, Father Norm continued our exploration of the Basilian Way of Life by discussing the importance of Mary, specifically the Presentation of Mary as this event relates to the Founding of the Basilians. On November 10 Michael Fitzgerald made his First Commitment as a Basilian Lay Associate during the noon mass at St. Basil's Church, Toronto. Father Norm and the Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates are very happy to have Michael among us.



Finally, the annual Christmas Party was held in December. We are very thankful for all the good work God has done through us this year.

Standing, L to R: Rose Legaspi, Norm Tanck CSB, Alisia Sabatini, Simone Minalabag, Anastasia Oehlert, Mabel Favela, Arcangel Cruz, Sally Lianko, **Seated, L to R:** Maria Silva, Michael Fitzgerald, Brenda Holz, Corazon Bueno, Nancy Strader



Basilian Lay Associates – Windsor ON Area

Coordinators: Paul McGill CSB and Anne Marie Handsor

It is that time of the year when we reflect on the past twelve months and try and put all the excitement into a short document. That is difficult to do when you are from the Windsor area; there is always so much going on. The Lay Associates in Windsor are very grateful to the faithful companionship and ministry of Father Paul McGill CSB, our priest coordinator. His presence with us is a true blessing.



Windsor has twelve Basilian Lay Associates and one person who is in the “Come and See” program. Everyone in the group is involved in different ministries at Assumption Parish. One of our greatest joys this past year was having Assumption Church reopen its doors on September 8th. The first Mass was at 11:00 a.m. and was celebrated by Bishop Fabbro with many Basilians concelebrating. The Church was packed and overflowing with joy and gratitude. All the Masses continue to have good attendance and we all are grateful to be back home.

Our BLA group is a lively group and I credit that to the members and to the generosity of the Basilian Fathers at Assumption. We are grateful for Father Maurice, Father Steven, Father Mark and now Father Leo Walsh. Our priests really exemplify the charism of Basilian hospitality. On the 3rd Thursday of each month we have our meetings at the Rectory and one or more of the priests join us. They are always willing to share their insights and knowledge. Father Maurice and Father Steven regularly invite us for potluck dinners, and they include Basilians from Windsor, Detroit, and Novi.

One of the highlights of this past year was a Day of Prayer in Merlin, Ontario at St. Patrick’s Parish. There is a beautiful area behind the church -- Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine. *(Photo at right.)* This area includes the Stations of the Cross, Rosary Trail, and an outdoor Altar. We spent a beautiful Sunday in late August at this Shrine beginning with prayer, reflections and an outdoor lunch. We walked at the cemetery as Marilyn and Father Paul led us in prayer. We ended our day in the best possible way: Father Paul celebrated Mass for us.



We were saddened by the deaths of Father Joe Quinn and Father Ken McKernan this past year. The BLA formed an Honour Guard as Father Joe and Father Ken were carried from the church. We were also sad to lose one of the original Basilian Lay Associates, Angela D’Amore.

In November we welcomed Diane Aversa into the BLAs; she made her first commitment. Also, we attended two symphonies this past year with our own Father Steven Huber performing in the chorus.

We continue to pray for all the Basilians and all the BLA’s and we ask that you kindly pray for us.

Joseph Allan Quinn CSB

September 12, 1933 - March 28, 2019

Rev. Joseph A. Quinn, CSB, 86 years old, died peacefully in the palliative care section of Hotel Dieu Hospital in Windsor ON. He was a Basilian for 60 years and served in priestly ministry for 55 years.

Joseph Quinn was born in Dorchester, MA, to the late Joseph and Helen Quinn. He had three sisters, Marilyn Scammel (deceased), Sister Lorraine Quinn CSJ, and Janet Dzengelewski. Joe attended elementary schools in Dorchester and in Boston and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in Boston, MA in 1948.



Joe attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Callicoom, New York from 1949 to 1950, followed by St. Francis Seminary in Lowell Massachusetts from 1950-1951. Joe then pursued studies at Boston College, obtaining an B.A. in 1956 in English and Philosophy, and later an M.A. in English.

Joe joined the Congregation of St. Basil in 1957; he was professed at the Rochester Novitiate in September 1958. Joe taught as a scholastic and studied Theology at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto; he received an STB in 1963. He was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Archbishop George Flahiff CSB on December 15, 1963. Others ordained that year were *Ed Bader, Gene Bammel, Ian Boyd, Jim Carruthers, Timothy Hogan, Don Kuder, Bill Lee, Jim Morro, John Redmond, Ernie Vadnais, Bernard Weninger, and Cecil Zinger*.

Joe was born to teach and had a long and distinguished career at the University of Windsor. Joe himself wrote about his teaching: "I was amazed then and still am that I was paid a good salary to do what I love to do, read books, go to the theatre, and talk about both. I enjoyed my teaching career, and I am grateful to the Congregation for the opportunity it afforded me." *Basilian Annals*, 2017, p. 16.

Joe retired from the University of Windsor in 1993 and soon was called to serve the Congregation along with Richard Elmer CSB in preparing for the Congregational Synod that was held at St. John Fisher College in Rochester in 1996. In the long and involved process of preparation Joe became acquainted with the whole Basilian Congregation and almost all Basilians became acquainted with Joe.

Joe enjoyed his involvement with the Basilian Lay Associates. Joe also served with Sister Janine Rocheleau SNJM at the Marie Rose Place Retreat Center in Windsor. This was a ministry he loved.

Joseph Quinn had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester	1957-1958
Aquinas Institute	1958-1960
St. Basil's Seminary	1960-1964
St. Thomas More College, English Department.	1964-1965
University of Windsor, English Department	1965-1966
Purdue University, Graduate Studies	1969-1969
O'Connor House, University of Windsor	1969-1974
Chelsea House, University of Windsor (till 1993)	1974-2000
O'Connor House	2000-2015
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Associated	2015-2019

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Corpus Christi Church in Windsor on Tuesday, April 2nd. Paul Rennick CSB presided and preached. Dennis Noelke CSB represented the General Council and conducted the Final Commendation and Farewell. Interment was at Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

Mark Owen Lee CSB

May 28, 1930 – July 25, 2019

Rev. Mark Owen Lee, CSB, 89 years old, died peacefully at Presentation Manor in Scarborough, ON after a hip fracture and a long decline. He was a Basilian for 72 years and served in priestly ministry for 62 years.

Owen Lee was born in Detroit, MI, to the late Robert and Helen Lee. He had four brothers, John Edward Lee, Robert Edgar Lee, Vincent Norman Lee, and Matthew John Lee. Owen attended elementary and high school in Detroit, MI, graduating from Catholic Central High School in 1947. Owen attended the University of Toronto, earning a B.A. in Classics in 1953. He later obtained an STB from St. Michael's College and an MA in Classics from the University of Toronto in 1957. He then studied at the University of British Columbia, earning a PhD in Classics in 1960. He was awarded the Scholarship for Summer Study from the American School of Classical Studies in Athens in 1963.

Owen's desire to serve as a priest led him to join the Congregation of St. Basil in 1947. He was professed at the Rochester Novitiate in August of 1948. He was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Cardinal McGuigan on June 29, 1957. Others ordained that year were *James Daley, Lawrence Elmer, Richard Elmer, John Fiore, Lawrence Galla, Robert Hall, Arthur Holmes, William Keils, Howard Keon, William Marceau, Robert Matzinger, John Murray, Eugene O'Reilly, Maurice Pierce, Paul Sheehan, and Rocco Volpe*.

In his distinguished academic career, Owen was a professor of Latin and Greek literature at the university level and he published over 20 books on the classics, grand opera, movies, and other topics. An especially revealing book was *A Book of Hours*, a memoir of a year that Owen spent teaching in Rome in the 1970s and travelling to different opera centers in Europe. It is theological, it is personal, it is philosophical, it is catholic, it is informative, and, above all, it is eminently readable and enjoyable. Owen was a prolific writer, but it was the Metropolitan Opera Quiz that brought him into thousands of households on Saturday afternoons during the broadcasts of the Met from New York City. Owen began his participation with the Met in the early 1980s and his last appearance was in 2006.

Owen Lee had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester	1947-1948
Holy Rosary Seminary	1948-1950
St. Michael's College	1950-1952
St. Basil's Seminary	1952-1954
St. Thomas High School	1954-1955
St. Basil's Seminary	1955-1958
St. Mark's College	1958-1960
University of St. Michael's College	1960-1968
University of St. Thomas	1968-1972
Loyola University	1972-1975
University of St. Michael's College	1975-1981
Bishop O'Dowd High School	1981-1983
University of St. Michael's College	1983-2010
Anglin House	2010-2018
Presentation Manor	2018-2019

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Basil's Church, Toronto. Kevin Storey CSB presided and James Farge CSB preached. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill ON.



Kenneth Bernard McKernan CSB

September 27, 1937 – August 7, 2019

Rev. Kenneth Bernard McKernan, CSB, 81 years old, died peacefully in the Sunrise Eldercare Facility in Windsor, ON. He was a Basilian for 63 years and served in priestly ministry for 52 years. In his final years he was given attentive and loving care by his sister, Mrs. Marilyn Venney and the Basilian Circle of Care Coordinator, Mr. Mark Sikich.



Kenneth McKernan was born in Detroit, MI, to the late John and Amy McKernan. He had three brothers and two sisters, John Francis Jr., James Anthony, Joseph Edward, Marilyn Ann, and Dorren Margaret. Kenneth attended elementary schools in Ontario and graduated from Assumption High School in Windsor, ON, in 1955. Kenneth then pursued further studies at Assumption University of Windsor, earning a B.A. in History in 1960, and an M.A. in 1963 from the University of Rochester.

Kenneth's desire to serve as a priest led him to join the Congregation of St. Basil in 1956; he was professed at the Rochester Novitiate in August 1957. Kenneth studied at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto and spent two years in France at Maison San Basile in Issy-les-Moulineaux, a suburb of Paris, studying Theology at Séminaire Saint Sulpice. He returned to Toronto and received an STB from St. Michael's College in 1967. He was ordained in Assumption Church, Windsor, by Bishop C. L. Nelligan on December 10, 1966. Others ordained that year were *Quentin Johnson, Gordon Kennedy, Marvin LaBute, Gerald Lalonde, Raymond Páramo, Robert Power, +Ricardo Ramírez, William Sheehan, and Edward Sullivan*.

Ken spent most of his career in high school ministry teaching French and Theology. He taught at Aquinas Institute in Rochester and Bishop O'Dowd in Oakland, but most of his teaching years were at Catholic Central High School in Detroit. He was dedicated to high school ministry and loved all the aspects of his own high school career, i.e., teaching French and Theology, coaching track and cross-country, leading the Search Retreat Program at CC, sharing his avocation with photography, and encouraging young men to consider the Basilian way of life.

Kenneth McKernan had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester	1956-1957
Assumption University	1957-1960
Aquinas Institute	1960-1963
St. Basil's Seminary	1963-1964
Maison Saint-Basile	1964-1966
St. Basil's Seminary	1966-1967
Aquinas Institute	1967-1969
Catholic Central High School	1969-1984
Bishop O'Dowd High School	1984-1988
Sabbatical	1988-1989
Catholic Central High School	1989-2009
O'Connor House	2009-2015
Elder Care Residences in Windsor, Associated with Our Lady of the Assumption Parish	2015- 2019

Visitation was held at Windsor Chapel on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 and the Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Windsor ON. Kevin Storey CSB presided and Maurice Restivo CSB preached. Interment was a Heavenly rest Cemetery in Windsor.

Gordon James Judd CSB

February 2, 1941 – December 13, 2019

Father Gordon Judd CSB, 78 years of age, died in palliative care in his home with his family members and care givers around him. He had battled multiple myeloma for the last several years of his life. He was anointed by Manny Chircop CSB. Gordon was a Basilian for 60 years; he died on the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.



Gordon Judd was born in Cheboygan MI; the son of Dwight Judd and Grace Chimner. Gordon graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1958. He was professed at St. Basil's Novitiate in Pontiac MI in 1959. Gordon received his BA in 1963 from St. John Fisher College in Rochester NY. He began his Theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto and completed them at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In 1968 he received his MA in English from De Paul University in Chicago. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 13, 1969 at St. Scholastica Church in Detroit MI by Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr.

Gordon was a gifted teacher; after ordination he was sent to Andrean High School in Indiana and later he taught at Catholic Central High School. He was respected by students and faculty alike.

Gordon spent several years at St. Basil's Center in Pontiac with a ministry in leading retreats and teaching meditation. He later became involved in activities for justice and peace. But Gordon was not going to just talk or write about issues, he became actively involved in demonstrations and protests.

Gordon began work with the IHM Sisters justice and peace program 1984. He also worked with the Mercy Sisters in Farmington Hills, MI. Gordon served as Director of the Basilian Social Justice Office for seven years; he began the publication of *STIRRINGS*, the Basilian Social Justice Newsletter. Then, in 1996, Gordon received an MA in Conflict Resolution and he worked in this area with religious congregations in North America. He also served as Vicar General on the Basilian General Council.

Gordon Judd had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester and Pontiac	1958-1959
Aquinas Institute	1959-1964
Andrean High School	1964-1966
St. Basil's Seminary	1966-1969
Andrean High School	1969-1974
Catholic Central High School	1974-1976
St. Basil's Center	1976-1981
Sabbatical	1981-1982
Detroit, Bethany House of Intercession	1982-1983
Ste. Anne's Church	1983-1994
Graduate Studies	1994-1995
Office of Social Justice	1995-1997
Ste. Anne's Church (Associated)	1997-2001
General Council, Vicar General	2002-2010
Basilian Fathers of Novi (Associated)	2010-2019

A wake service was held on Monday evening, December 16. The following day, the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Milford MI. Robert Seguin CSB presided and Joe Redican CSB preached.

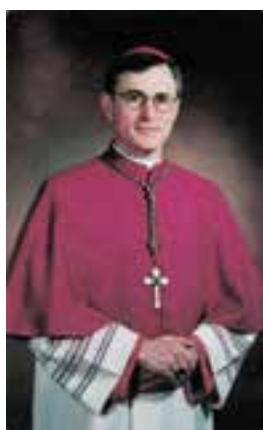
Family Deaths January 2019 – December 2019

María Antonia Marciales, the mother of **Carlos Rodríguez Marciales CSB**, died January 5.
María de Jesús Jerónimo Cisneros, the sister of **Arturo Jerónimo Cisneros CSB**, died July 18.
Charles Michael Burns, the brother of **Leo Burns CSB**, died August 26.
RoseAnn Rosica, the mother of **Tom Rosica CSB**, died November 29.
Alexander Allan Barringer, the brother of **Bob Barringer CSB**, died December 6.
John Thomas Irwin, the brother of **Bill Irwin CSB**, died December 20.
Mary Kavanaugh, the sister of **Tom Dugan CSB**, died on December 31.

Our Basilian Bishops



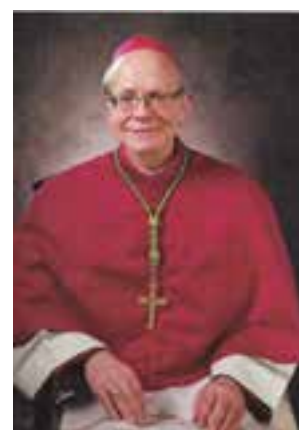
+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB
Bishop Emeritus, Las Cruces NM



+ Ronald P. Fabbro CSB
Bishop of London ON



+ J. Michael Miller CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver BC



+ Robert M. Kasun CSB
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto ON

Community Count of the Congregation of St. Basil as of December 31, 2019

4 Bishops, 141 priests, 4 Deacons, and 4 Scholastics

153 Professed Basilians

France – 4* Canada – 66 USA – 59 México – 11 Colombia – 12

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

*Medellin 3 Deacons ordained Priests on January 2, 2020.
Houston, 1 Deacon ordained Priest on May 23, 2020*

Ages of ordained* Basilians

20-29	1
30-39	8
40-49	9
50-59	14
60-69	24
70-79	41
80-89	39
90-99	12

Number of ordained* Basilians

*Ordained: deacons and priests
148 - total ordained