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Thanks to Rebecca Campbell, Kevin Storey's Executive Assistant, for her patient and careful proofreading of this text.



Greetings from the Superior General and from the Editor of the *Annals* 2021

Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

Once again, I am pleased to present you the *Basilian Annals* for 2021. In my Message to the Congregation in November of this past year I stated: *"There are two important notes of hope in the midst of diminishment. One, our students, parishioners and colleagues continue to appreciate our presence and our charisms of education and evangelization. Two, our formation program is blossoming in Colombia and Mexico. Our narrative in Latin America is definitely not one of regression but one of controlled growth."* God has not written the final lines in the history of the Basilian Fathers.

This little volume is our Congregational history for this difficult year of 2021. 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. I thank God for continuing to give us patience and strength during this pandemic. Above all, I thank God for inspiring our Ten Founders to live a vision 200 years ago. We are part of it.

Faternally, 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, Jean Antoine Vallon: these are the ten priests who founded our Congregation. Père Julien Tracol was the first Secretary General and Historian of our Institute; he served in this office for 37 years until 1859. The *Basilian Annals* is the continuation of our history that was first recorded by Julien Tracol.

In the *Annals* of 2021, we begin by reading about the living and we end by reading about our departed brothers. In between is the story of Basilian ministry to God's Holy People. I hope that you enjoy paging through the *Basilian Annals* of 2021. J'espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales des Prêtres de Saint Basile* de 2021. Espero que Uds. disfruten de la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2021.

In the Lord's peace,


Jack Hanna CSB
Secretary / Treasurer General



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Les dix fondateurs des Pères Basiliens



Edwin Espinoza - Artista colombiano

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Arrière, de gauche à droite: Pierre Tourvielle (1780-1859), Jacques Vincent Duret (1762-1841), Henri Martinesche (1797-1879), Jean-Baptiste Polly (1772-1846), Augustin Payan (1771-1847), Joseph Bovier Lapierre (1757-1838)

Devant, de gauche à droite: André Fayolle (1791-1847), Julien Tracol (1796-1885), Jean Antoin Vallon (1775-1840), Jean François Pagès (1793-1861)

**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.**

Denis Joseph April CSB

50 years of Priestly Ministry

As I celebrate fifty years of priestly life and ministry, I give thanks to God for inviting me to share in his work of shepherding his people, young and old, both in the classroom and at the altar. I also need to express my gratitude to those who were instrumental in my response to God's invitation and in my growth over the years: my parents whose example came from a deep faith; my teachers in my early years and at all levels, including my theological formation, both in Canada and in Paris; and the dedication of my confrères in all the local houses I was happy to live and work with.



Most of my work was in the classroom, mostly teaching French and Religion to students of varying degrees of commitment and dedication. Some were a greater challenge and others were a source of joy in my effort to convey what I thought was important to their formation.

I enjoyed being involved in various extracurricular activities. My photography of all events and groups at Catholic Central High School for more than twenty-five years gave me the chance to get closer to the students in a more personal way, and the sale of my pictures was a significant source of revenue for the Missions and for the local food bank and soup kitchen. The students were pleased that they were in their way contributing to those charities.

There were plenty of opportunities to serve the wider community on weekends. Like the other confrères I was quite involved in replacing parish priests who needed to be away. Preaching and providing the sacraments for the young and not-so-young brought me a great deal of satisfaction in living out my priesthood.

I now live in retirement at Presentation Manor with many other Basilians. I am thankful for all the many opportunities to minister as a priest. I am mindful at the same time that I was not always perfect in living out my vocation; and for that I pray that the Lord will be merciful.

Ronald John Griffin

50 years of Priestly Ministry

Ron was born in Sudbury in 1940 and attended St. Charles College prior to entering St. Basil's Novitiate in Richmond Hill; he professed his first vows in 1960. Ron was ordained in St. Anthony's Church in Sudbury in 1971 by Bishop Roger Despatie. John Stapleton CSB preached at his first Mass.

Ron spent many fruitful years at St. Thomas More College in the University of Saskatchewan; he was a tenured professor of Sociology and served as the Department Chair. He also offered pastoral ministry at the college.

In 2018, Dr. Carl N. Still, the current President of St. Thoms More College, wrote to Kevin Storey CSB, the recently elected Superior General of the Basilian Fathers. Some short excerpts follow:

"I write to you to update you on the valuable pastoral role that Father Ron Griffin CSB plays at STM. Since 2010 he has served the College and worshipping community by presiding at three Masses each week. Father Griffin also makes himself available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I would like to express our appreciation for the pastoral services that Father Griffin provides. The STM community remains grateful for the ongoing Basilian presence. Father Ron continues to embody the Basilian Charism and we treasure his presence among us."



Joseph Hunt CSB

50 years of Consecrated Life

Joe resides at *Maison de Retrait de Marie Thérèse* at 277 Boulevard Raspail, 75014 Paris, France. The French abbreviation of this kind of residence is EHPAD (Etablissement d'Hébergement pour Personnes Agées Dépendantes – A Residence for Elderly Persons Needing Assistance). For the last three years, Joe has been afflicted with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. It is not easy for him to walk it is challenging to write or type more than a few words.

When asked for a short reflection on the 50th anniversary of his first vows, Joe wrote: **"DEO GRATIAS!"** He spoke volumes in two words.

Joe made his first profession in May of 1971 at St. Basil's College in Toronto. He professed final vows in the Chapel of Collège Sacré Coeur in Annonay. Joe served for many years in priestly ministry in Annonay and later in the Archdiocese of Paris. He spent many fruitful years at the Paroisse St. Louis d'Antin in downtown Paris. This parish offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation all day long and Joe always took his turn celebrating that Sacrament. Prior to professing final vows in 1974, Joe wrote: "I, imperfect as I am, have made my commitment to serve the Church as a Basilian."



These two entries were prepared by the Editor of the *Basilian Annals*.

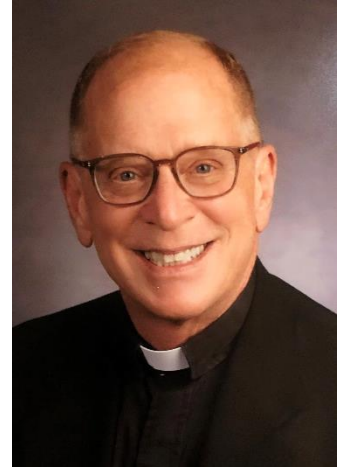
William Leslie May CSB

25 Years of Consecrated Life

Ever since 1992 when Paul English asked me, “Why don’t you think about the Basilians?” I’ve not thought about much else.

Full disclosure: I’ve not adequately reflected in the 25 years since the Novitiate in San Lorenzo Teotilpico. I’ve been too busy. We’re always busy, we Basilians – but here is what I could reflect on.

Andrean High School, Merrillville, Indiana, and the community there (the classroom didn’t kill me). Sugarland, Texas, Tehuacán, Puebla, Mexico, and the Novitiate Community (I still owe them all for so many blessings). Close Avenue, Toronto, Ontario (a theologian I’m not, but, golly, it was very interesting!).



The Parish of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Rosenberg, Texas, (I found out what being a priest means: some confessions cannot be cut short even if I am presiding at Mass in 10 minutes). Holy Redeemer High School, Detroit, Michigan (I still have the spent bullet I found in the alley behind the school as a reminder).

The University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto, Ontario (I lived with geniuses who were, what with one thing and another, good guys. I always learned something new at meals and laughed a lot). St. Michael’s College School, Toronto, Ontario – teenagers are teenagers wherever they are, and a broken heart can hopefully lead to wisdom, I’m still working on that one.

Oh, and six years on the Strawberry Island management team! That would take entirely too much paper and how can one write a smile?

Ever since Jack Hanna reminded me that I’ve been in vows for 25 years and that a reflection from me for the Basilian Annals is due I’ve been casting about for a Broadway tune that captures something that might be appropriate, and I think I’ve got one.

I’m paraphrasing: “I’ve known the fears of 25 years, I’ve had troubles and tears by the score and the only thing I’d trade them for is 26 more.” (*Pippin*, Stephen Schwartz, Roger O. Hirson, Bob Fosse)

So, thank you, confrères.

*“If it is well written and to the point, that is what I wanted.
If it is poorly done and mediocre, that is the best I could do.”*

2 Maccabees 15:38

Jim Gordon Stenberg CSB

25 Years of Consecrated Life

My life as a Basilian is strongly tied to specific places. I met the Basilians in Edmonton when I was a resident at St. Joseph's College. I was in RCIA at the time and was baptized in the College chapel. I saw the Basilians frequently, and I liked what I saw. They seemed happy and fond of each other. I wrote to the Vocation Director in much the same spirit that I first went to a blood donor clinic - to find if it suited me. If it didn't, then at least I gave it a try. But if it did, then it was lucky I explored that option.



At the end of my bachelor's degree, I was kind of burnt out on mathematics, and I agreed to teach a year at our High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was a great year in a great setting with great confrères. I'm kind of sad that we are no longer there, and that I will never be appointed to a house that looks out on the Sandia mountains.

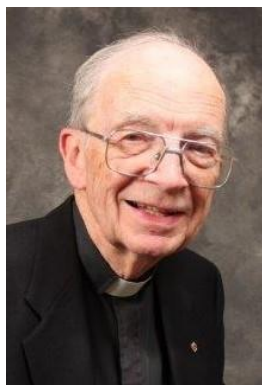
Fast forward a bit: after seminary I returned to Edmonton and took the position of Director of Residence. It was like returning as a teacher to the school where you were a student: familiar and unfamiliar in equal measure. I was ordained and earned my MA in philosophy, and then was sent to St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. We had a big house there, mostly retired confrères, and I loved it. But there is a big disadvantage to becoming fond of men forty or fifty years your senior; you won't know them long.

More time passes - I ran out of steam pursuing a doctorate, and ended up at Holy Rosary Church, and then Assumption Church in Windsor. Then George Smith appointed me back to Edmonton, where I could be closer to my mom. Glenn McDonald and Andrew Leung were both there - I knew them from when they were residents at St. Joe's and I was the director.

I am now Chaplain at St. Joe's. The place where I was baptized, where I met the Basilians, where I was ordained. I have to admit I am hesitant to connect to a place - too many moves, too many Basilian withdrawals from places you've grown fond of. But places and people both have a tendency to worm their way into your heart, and St. Joseph's College more than most.

Ah well; if it were easy to be joyful, would we need to be told to rejoice?

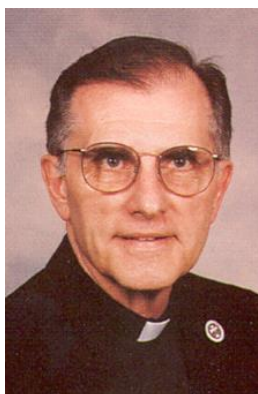
Basilians 60 years ordained (1961 – 2021)



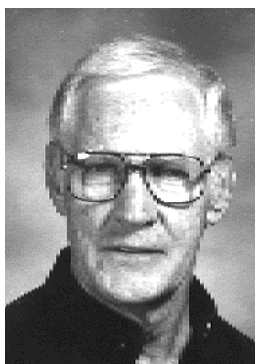
Brian Desmond Inglis CSB, the son of Maurice S. Inglis and Kathleen Tallon was born in Toronto ON on August 24, 1932. He graduated from St Michael College School in 1951 and entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate. He made first profession on August 15, 1952. He was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto on June 29, 1961, by Archbishop Pocock. He celebrated his first Mass in St. Brigid's Church; Father Louis Bondy CSB preached. Brian was a respected professor of Philosophy, a beloved spiritual director, and an accomplished pianist and organist. He currently resides at Presentation Manor in Scarborough, ON where he often plays the grand piano in the dining room.



Joseph Jerome Moffatt, the son of Walton L. Moffatt and Margaret Monica O'Neill was born in Windsor ON on February 3, 1933. He graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1951 and entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Rochester. He made his first profession on August 15, 1952. He was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto on June 29, 1961, by Archbishop Pocock. He celebrated his first Mass in St. Brigid's Church in Detroit; Father Dominic Hughes OP, preached. Joe is an accomplished pianist and organist and was a successful high school teacher and administrator. He is now living in Northville MI.



Roy Joseph Oggero, son of Joseph Oggero and Josephine Bonerio was born in Houston TX on June 9, 1932. He graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1951 and entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Rochester in 1952. He made his first profession on August 15, 1953. He was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto on June 29, 1961, by Archbishop Pocock. He celebrated his first Mass in Queen of Peace Church in Houston; Rev. Anton Frank, the first native Houstonian to be ordained a priest (1933) for the Diocese of Galveston, preached. Roy is a friend to many, was a beloved pastor, and a much sought-after spiritual director. He presently resides at St. Dominic's Center, Houston, TX.



Lester Francis Schaefer, son of Lester Schaefer and Corinne Knapp was born in Detroit on April 15, 1932. He graduated from Assumption High School and entered the Richmond Hill Novitiate; he was professed on August 15, 1951. He was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto on June 29, 1961, by Archbishop Pocock. His first Mass was in Assumption Church, Windsor ON; Father J. Francis O'Neill preached. Les had a long high school ministry including St. Thomas in Houston and O'Dowd in Oakland. He was a coach, a fair but demanding teacher, and a Dean of Discipline. He now lives at St. Dominic's Center, Houston TX.

The Curial Office Staff in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre



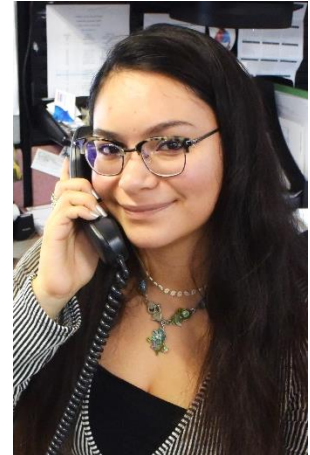
Carolina Klapp



Elizabeth Contreras



Amanda Parcher



Fernanda Fernández

Carolina Klapp was born in Santiago, Chile and serves as the Congregational Financial Officer. She has been employed by the Basilians for 13 years. She works closely with the Treasurer General to manage the finances of the Congregation and the Sugar Land Mission Center. She provides financial reports, she prepares the yearly budget, and ensures compliance with regulatory agencies.

Elizabeth Contreras is from Palmira, Valle, a small city not too far from Cali, Colombia. She has been working for the Basilian Fathers since January 2006. She is Assistant Financial Officer and performs the day-to-day financial operations. These include accounting, account payables, bank reconciliations, audits, and taxation. Elizabeth loves people and she is always ready to help Basilians!

Amanda Parcher is a lifelong Torontonion, and she has worked at the Flahiff Centre for 10 years. She receives donations and pensions, she oversees health and car insurance, she is responsible for the accounting of the building costs, and she 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.

Fernanda Fernández is a native of Mexico, born in Guadalajara, Jalisco (*jorgullosamente tapatía!*). She came to Canada in 2007. She began to work at the Flahiff Centre in 2019 and is currently the office Administrative Assistant and Receptionist. She does data entry, supervises mailing, maintains Basilian personnel records, and assists the Financial Officers. She enjoys reading and keeping her cat company.



Rebecca Campbell

Rebecca Campbell is from Georgetown, PEI (Prince Edward Island); this is her tenth year at the Flahiff Centre. She became the Assistant to the Superior General in 2019 and she 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 manages communications with the Basilian Lay Associates. She also assists the Secretary General by judiciously editing and carefully proofreading projects such as the *Basilian Directory*, the *Basilian Newsletters*, and the *Basilian Annals*. She has had extensive culinary training and is an accomplished chef with a specialty in the confection of fine pastries.

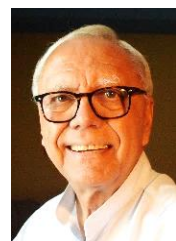
Basilians in the Curia



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 in a collegial way with his Council to promote the well-being and good order of the Congregation. Because of the 2020 pandemic, the General Council has been meeting via ZOOM. Kevin has been faithful in sending his monthly messages to the Congregation; they are appreciated.



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. He also handles legal issues that face the Congregation. David works with our Canon Lawyer in matters involving issues like exlaustration, incardination, and other matters involving the Roman Congregations. Via ZOOM David has given days of prayer to the faculty and staff of St. Joseph's High School and to the Knights of Malta.



Jack Hanna is the Secretary-Treasurer General and he has two areas of responsibility. As Secretary General, Jack is responsible for communication within the Congregation. As Treasurer General, Jack works with the Congregation Financial Officer, Ms. Carolina Klapp, and the Assistant Financial Officer, Ms. Elizabeth Contreras. Together they oversee Congregational finances. Jack meets (via ZOOM) twice yearly with the Basilian Finance Committee (A. Leung - Chair, G. McDonald, W. May, R. Glass and D. Katulski).

John Huber, Morgan Rice, and Dennis Noelke are always available by email or telephone or ZOOM.

Basilians Associated with the Curial Community



+Robert Kasun CSB writes: "This year has not been an easy one for me, or for any of us, or for the Church in Canada, especially in relation to the Residential Schools and the publicity around the unmarked graves in several provinces. The Church has been sharply criticized, sometimes with good reason, sometimes without. In spite of it all, however, we still can proclaim the words of salvation and eternal life, unlike our secular world. I send prayers and best wishes to all the Basilian family for 2022."

James Blocher CSB has been living in St. Louis at the Cedarhurst Senior Living facility. Mass is celebrated every Friday and Jim has access to a spiritual director and psychologist. In late November Jim was hospitalized with an infected abscess of the jaw and continues in a rehab facility. He is especially grateful for the visits of John Huber and asks the prayers of the community during this Anniversary Year.

Joe Redican CSB writes: "I continue to live in active retirement. I have moved back to Toronto Island where I enjoy our multigenerational community. I have helped with maintaining of the grounds around our community church. I still lead 12 Step retreats though they have been limited. Individuals seeking counseling often by ZOOM have increased. I volunteer at The Mustard Seed run by the Sisters of St. Joseph giving out hot lunches and donated groceries. I also serve on the Board of the Alumni Association of the University of St. Michael's College as well as on the Senate of that institution."

Archives of the Basilian Fathers

James K. Farge CSB, Director of Archives

Michelle Sawyers, Archivist

Last year at this time I wrote that I hoped we would be getting back to business as usual in 2021. Though we have been back to business, it has been far from usual. We started off the year with a hybrid work schedule – some days in the office and some days at home. We had access to the office network remotely, so I was able to plan projects that I could work on from my living room with the help of my Cat.



The most important project of the year was the Basilian Bicentennial, for which planning ramped up in the Spring. The archives were a source of information and images for displays that will be set up in several locations as well as a few new web pages with timelines of the Congregation and its apostolates. The Basilian Fathers have a long history that should be celebrated!

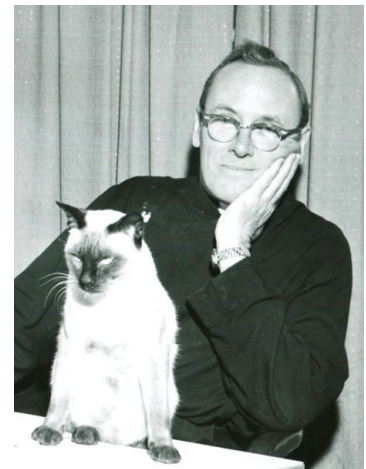
While we were working with a hybrid schedule, I spent some of my limited in-office time continuing to scan the *Annals* and other historical documents so that I could edit and compile the images at home. As the past few years have taught us, it's not always possible to have reference resources at our fingertips and electronic documents are becoming invaluable when it comes to accessing and sharing information.

There were no in-person professional conferences this year, but the Archives Association of Ontario (AAO) and the Catholic Archives Group (CAG) both planned virtual conferences. The AAO conference featured presentations about Métis and First Nations archives projects in the province including a moving talk by two residential school survivors. As usual the highlight of the CAG conference was having the chance to talk to Catholic archivists from across the country about common concerns and projects.

Father Farge was a regular sight in the archives as he continued his diligent work on the supplement to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography*. There were no other visitors this year but there were still plenty of questions that came in. One of my most frequent requests is for information about individual Fathers from their family members. As a reference librarian at heart, it makes my day to be able to provide biographical details and a photo or two to a niece or nephew who remembers their uncle with fondness.

Similarly, it is a joy when our Throwback Thursday posts on social media receive comments from people who have happy memories of their Basilian teachers, pastors, and relatives. Being able to reach out in that way has really highlighted to me the positive impact that the Basilian Fathers have had on so many generations of students and parishioners.

Father Lonard Quinlan CSB was born in Gibraltar and educated in Ireland and in Jamaica. He emigrated to Canada where he worked and eventually joined the Basilians. This photo was taken in 1956 at the University of St. Thomas in Houston where he taught Economics for many years. He never lost his charming Jamaican accent and was known for his pithy comments against laziness.

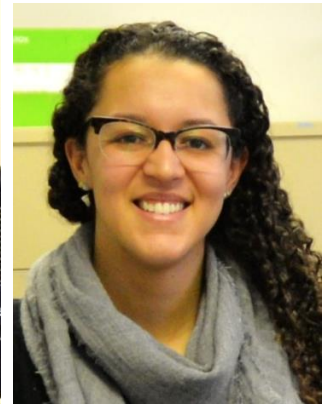


Communications Office

Jillian Kaster Miller, Coordinator

Amanda Parcher, Interim Coordinator

From Jillian: I'm writing this report in September as I prepare to go on my second maternity leave. Thank you to the Cardinal Flahiff staff who held a wonderful shower prior to my departure. Once again, in my absence the Communications Office is left in Amanda Parcher's capable hands.



The Communications Office complimented the launch of the vocation-focused basilian.org with regular posts to Basilian vocation Facebook and Instagram pages. These posts featured links to the vocation blog posts, Meet a Basilian profiles, Basilian feast days, and news of Basilian men in formation.

In anticipation of the Basilians' upcoming bicentennial year, the Communications Office has been busy with preparations for the celebrations. Working closely with Father John Huber, CSB, chair of the Bicentennial Committee, and Michelle Sawyers, the Congregation's archivist, we developed a visual timeline of the Congregation's history to be displayed in the apostolates during the celebratory year. To compliment these displays there will be testimonial videos, a Bicentennial website, and social media posts to share throughout the year.



Throwback Thursday posts continue to be popular on social media, like this photo of Father Jack Spratt, CSB that reached over 3000 people on Facebook.

Father Jack Spratt, CSB (1890–1981) was a hockey star when he was a student at St. Michael's College. In 1911, he played for St. Michael's O.H.A. team and when playing in New York, the New York Globe described him as "the particular bright star on the Canadian team." He continued his excellence in hockey in his priestly ministry by making valuable contributions to sports during many of his appointments. In 1926, he was appointed to St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish in Owen Sound, Ontario, where the local hockey team needed a coach. In one year he built a team that won the Memorial Cup and Canadian Championship. In 1948, he was appointed to The Aquinas Institute of Rochester where he spent 26 years as a teacher, coach, and director of physical education. At the point of retiring, he introduced hockey to Aquinas Institute and was instrumental in doing the same for St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York.

JPIC – The Basilian Committee for Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation

Paul English CSB, Coordinator



Paul English, Robert Holmes, Terry Kersch, Tom Hebert, Kevin Mannara, Dennis Noelke, and Maurice Restivo met monthly throughout 2021. The former name of the committee was the Social Justice Committee. Two factors influenced the decision to change the name. First, after a time of study and inquiry, the committee discerned that the most pressing concern for our time, particularly among the younger members of our society, is the habitability of our planet, thus our concern, in tune with that of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the integrity of Creation. Secondly, we realized that the Basilian Congregation does not work in a vacuum, but rather are part of a powerful and active body of religious congregations with similar concerns about social and justice issues, and that many of our sister institutes refer to their committee as JPIC.

One of the major tools within the Congregation for communicating and recommending action for justice, peace and the integrity of creation has been the Basilian publication, *Stirrings*, begun under Gordon Judd as a print communiqué. We adapted *Stirrings* to serve a similar purpose but now making use of the Internet. The format has been to choose one to three articles of timely import, following a rubric of “see-judge-act,” thus not only naming a “problem,” but offering an opportunity to engage in intellectual and strategic thinking and then acting. We have received assistance in the publication of *Stirrings* by the staff of the Cardinal Flahiff Centre. The committee has connected the Basilians with various organizations that are doing work in the area of JPIC. Bob Holmes, in particular, was tireless in his efforts to maintain communication and participation in activism.

In this time of pandemic, the committee raised the question: “How is COVID a Care of Creation issue and how do we as a Congregation address it?” Given the many pressures on all of us during a “normal” time in our history, it is difficult as individuals, institutions, or houses to see-judge-act on issues of justice, peace and the integrity of Creation in any consistent way. The JPIC committee makes its aim to assist the community to keep these questions in mind and heart. During a time of pandemic people continue to be affected by injustice, by a lack of peace and of peacemaking, and we all are endangered by the present crisis in the ecosystems of our planet. The JPIC committee believes it is doing a service by calling our attention to and reminding us of what vital actions are needed for the Common Good.



In October 2021, Bob Holmes CSB and four members of CPT (Christian Peacemaker Team) were present in British Columbia as invited observers on the native land of the Wet’suwet’en peoples. Without the consent of the traditional leaders, the Coastal Gaslink (CGL) pipeline construction had begun on Wet’suwet’en unceded territory. The construction project was attempting to bore a tunnel under the pristine Wedzin Kwa (Morice) River. The United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples requires “free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples” before initiating projects on their land. Canada is a signatory to this document.

Praesidium Standards Monitor

Alice Turner

I am a Basilian Lay Associate, and I am employed in the Curial Office to oversee the Congregation's compliance with standards and procedures for good conduct.

As you may know, in addition to established policies and procedures for responding to sexual misconduct, the Basilian Fathers have undertaken measures to prevent future incidents of abuse. We conform to the standards of the U.S. Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the independent evaluators at Praesidium Inc.



Reporting to the Vicar General, Father David Katulski CSB, the role of the Praesidium Standards Monitor was created in July 2021 to ensure that Praesidium Standards are being met by the entire Congregation especially in the United States and Canada.

Praesidium's standards for Accreditation cover 3 areas: (1) Prevention Standards. (2) Responding Standards, and (3) Supervision Standards. Our focus now is preparing for the Audit process by gathering documentation, and in some cases, reviewing existing forms and procedures to meet these standards.

For example, in October, we met with the Formation Committee to review Screening and Formation Standards. As a result, in collaboration with Father Eduardo Rivera and Rebecca Campbell, several forms were revised: the Application to the Basilian Fathers' Associate Program, the Applicant's Checklist, the Personal Reference Interviewer Form, and the Reference List for Application. The key changes revolve around our Screening Process, including Social Media Screening, psychological and psychosexual history evaluations.

We want to thank the many Basilians who have responded and have provided copies of their certificates. Special thanks to Ms. Susan Martin at Catholic Central, who not only provided information for the Basilian Fathers of Novi, but also educated me with how the *Virtus* bulletin process works.

Basilians in Initial Formation, Basilians in active Academic, Pastoral or in Special ministries, are reminded to regularly complete Praesidium Academy's Online Training, or if applicable, send in a copy of your Safe Environment Training certificate, upon completion.

We welcome your suggestions on how we might improve our services to the Congregation.

La Congrégation de Saint Basile à Annonay

Le berceau de la Congrégation – The cradle of the Congregation – La cuna de la Congregación

Il y a trois Basiliens qui vivent actuellement en France : Joe Hunt, François Morfin et Bernard Buisson. John Huber a pu rendre visite à chaque confrère ainsi que le Collège lors d'une visite canonique en septembre. Ted Baenziger est passé les voir aussi un mois plus tôt.

Joe vit à Paris en retraite après de nombreuses années de ministère actif pour l'archidiocèse de Paris après avoir pris sa retraite de l'enseignement au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay. Il vit dans la Maison Marie-Thérèse dans le quartier de Montparnasse à Paris, qui est similaire au Presentation Manor à Scarborough dans le sens que la résidence est composée de prêtres et de religieux et religieuses à la retraite ainsi que de laïcs. La messe y est célébrée quotidiennement. Joe affronte courageusement les effets de la maladie Charcot (la sclérose latérale amyotrophique). Il apprécie la prière et le soutien des confrères de l'autre côté de l'océan.



François Morfin (*photo à gauche*) est passé d'une résidence de retraite à Aubenas à un logement similaire à Annonay. Sa résidence, Saint-Joseph de Varagnes, est située de l'autre côté d'Annonay par rapport au Collège. Il a eu affaire au COVID dans les premiers mois de la pandémie mais s'en est bien remis. François vit confortablement et reste intéressé des confrères basiliens dans l'hémisphère occidental.

Bernard Buisson a quitté la grande Maison Saint-Joseph pour s'installer dans un appartement situé sur la propriété du Collège qui avait auparavant servi de couvent. Il prend ses repas de semaine au self de l'école avec les enseignants et les autres employés et assiste aux réunions des différents comités du Collège en tant que représentant des Basiliens. Bernard a vécu un moment difficile pendant les mois d'enfermement dus à la pandémie, alors que les classes étaient virtuelles et que la propriété était très calme, car c'était un choc pour quelqu'un qui avait été si incroyablement engagé et occupé tout le temps entre ses responsabilités au Collège et à la paroisse Saint Christophe lès Annonay. Il a progressivement repris son ministère à la paroisse, mais pas dans la mesure où il en avait l'habitude auparavant.

M. Michaël Bouvier reste le directeur du Collège du Sacré-Coeur, qui connaît actuellement un nombre record d'inscriptions. L'école a su s'adapter aux besoins de l'époque, notamment en apportant de nombreuses améliorations technologiques et esthétiques.

Photo à droite: Le parc et les jardins derrière le Collège du Sacré-Cœur, Annonay



Une messe du bicentenaire est prévue pour la fête de la Pentecôte, le 5 juin 2022. Elle sera célébrée par l'évêque de Viviers, Jean-Louis Balsa, aux côtés des membres du Conseil général, François et Bernard. La messe sera retransmise en direct sur la page Facebook du Collège.

Texte de John Huber CSB; les photos de Bernard et François et Joe de Ted Baenziger CSB



There are three Basilians currently living in France: Joe Hunt, François Morfin and Bernard Buisson. John Huber was able to visit each confrère as well as the Collège in a canonical visitation in September. Ted Baenziger visited a month earlier.

La ville d'Annonay depuis le troisième étage du collège du Sacré-Cœur

Joe lives in Paris and has retired after many years of active ministry for the Archdiocese of Paris and after having retired from teaching at the Collège du Sacré-Cœur in Annonay. He lives in the Maison Marie-Thérèse in the Montparnasse district of Paris, which is similar to Presentation Manor in Scarborough in that the residents are retired priests and religious women and men as well as lay people. Mass is celebrated daily. Joe is bravely dealing with the effects of Lou Gehrig's Disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). He appreciates the prayer and support of the confrères on the other side of the ocean.

François Morfin has moved from independent living in Aubenas to a similar arrangement in Annonay. His residence, known as an "EHPAD" in French, Saint-Joseph de Varagnes, is located on the other side of Annonay from the Collège. He had dealt with COVID in the earlier months of the pandemic but recovered nicely. François lives comfortably and remains engaged with how Basilians are doing in the Western Hemisphere.

Bernard Buisson (*photo à droite*) has moved from the large Maison Saint-Joseph to an apartment on the school property that had previously served as a convent. He has his weekday meals in the school cafeteria with teachers and other school employees and attends the meetings of various committees of the Collège as the Basilian representative. Bernard experienced a difficult time during the months of confinement due to the pandemic, when classes had gone virtual, and the property was very quiet, as it was a shock for someone who had been so incredibly engaged and busy all of the time between his responsibilities at the Collège and the parish Saint Christophe lès Annonay. He has gradually returned to ministry at the parish, but not to the extent that he had been used to before.



Mr. Michaël Bouvier remains the principal of the Collège du Sacré-Cœur, which currently enjoys a record enrollment. The school has kept up with the needs of the times including many technological and aesthetic upgrades.

There is a Bicentennial Mass planned to be celebrated on the Feast of the Pentecost on June 5, 2022, to be celebrated by the Bishop of Viviers, Jean-Louis Balsa, along with members of the Basilian General Council, and François and Bernard. The mass will be broadcast live on the Collège Facebook page.

Text by John Huber CSB; the photos of Bernard and François and Joe by Ted Baenziger CSB



Hay tres Basilianos que viven actualmente en Francia: Joe Hunt, François Morfin y Bernard Buisson. John Huber pudo visitar cada hermano, así como el Collège, en una visita canónica en septiembre. Ted Baenziger también los visitó un mes antes.

Joe (*foto a la izquierda*) vive en París en jubilación después de muchos años de ministerio activo para la Arquidiócesis de París después de haberse retirado de la enseñanza en el Collège du Sacré-Coeur en Annonay. Vive en la Maison Marie-Thérèse, en el barrio parisino de Montparnasse, que se asemeja a la Presentation Manor de Scarborough en el sentido de que la residencia está formada por sacerdotes y religiosos jubilados, así como por laicos. La misa se celebra a diario. Joe se enfrenta con valentía a los efectos de la enfermedad de Lou Gehrig (esclerosis lateral amiotrófica). Agradece la

oración y el apoyo de los hermanos del otro lado del océano.

François Morfin ha pasado de una residencia de jubilados en Aubenas a un lugar similar en Annonay. Su residencia, Saint-Joseph de Varagnes, está situada al otro lado de Annonay del Collège. Se enfrentó a COVID en los primeros meses de la pandemia, pero se recuperó bien. François vive cómodamente y sigue pendiente de cómo les va a los Basilianos en el hemisferio occidental.



Bernard Buisson se ha trasladado de la gran Maison Saint-Joseph a un apartamento en la propiedad de la escuela que antes había servido de convento. Tiene sus comidas entre semana en la cafetería de la escuela con los profesores y otros empleados de la escuela y asiste a las reuniones de varios comités del Collège como el representante de los Basilianos. Bernard vivió un momento difícil durante los meses de reclusión debido a la pandemia, cuando las clases eran virtuales y la propiedad estaba muy tranquila, ya que fue un shock para alguien que había estado tan increíblemente comprometido y ocupado todo el tiempo entre sus responsabilidades en el Collège y la parroquia Saint Christophe lès Annonay. Poco a poco ha vuelto al ministerio en la parroquia, pero no como estaba acostumbrado antes.

Photo a la izquierda:

La vidriera del Sagrado Corazón en la Capilla del Colegio en Annonay

El Sr. Michaël Bouvier sigue siendo el director del Collège du Sacré-Coeur, que actualmente goza de un récord de matriculación. La escuela se ha mantenido al día con las necesidades de los tiempos, incluyendo muchas mejoras tecnológicas y estéticas.

El 5 de junio de 2022, en la fiesta de Pentecostés, está prevista una misa del bicentenario, que será celebrada por el obispo de Viviers, Jean-Louis Balsa, junto con miembros del Consejo General Basiliano, y con François y Bernard. La misa se retransmitirá en directo en la página de Facebook del Colegio.

Texto de John Huber CSB

Fotos de Bernard y François y Joe de Ted Baenziger CSB

Basilian Fathers of Assumption Church

Windsor, ON

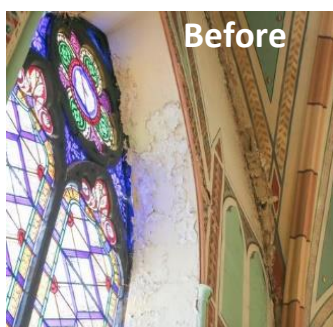
The local community at Assumption Parish in Windsor consists of four members: Maurice Restivo, Steven Huber, Jim O'Neill, and Leo Walsh. 2021 has been a year of adjustment for these four.

The Basilian community continued to adjust to the reality of the Family of Parishes, and the added responsibility of serving both St. Alphonsus Church and St. Angela Merici Church. We also had to adjust to realities brought on by the continuing COVID pandemic. The largest adjustment came early in the year, when Maurice Restivo contracted COVID, and found himself facing long-haul effects of the disease. On the advice of his physician, Maurice chose to step back from his role as Pastor, and Steven Huber was appointed the Administrator of the Family of Parishes, assisted by Deacon Jim Bezaire.

Maurice took four weeks in Windsor, then, in April he began a journey to Keon House in Houston, TX. He returned to Windsor in August but was still unable to exercise full-time ministry, and his psychologist recommended that he again take time away. Maurice is grateful to all the staff at Assumption, especially Steven Huber CSB (pastoral administrator), and Deacon Paul Bezaire (administrator of temporal affairs). In addition, Jim O'Neill CSB and Leo Walsh CSB (though officially retired) have generously assumed many pastoral duties.

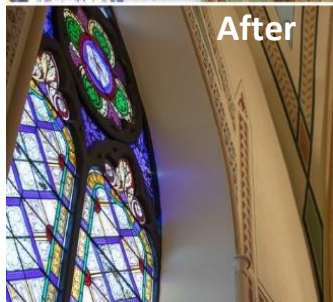


In addition to serving as the Administrator, Steven continues his involvement with Campus Ministry at the University of Windsor, albeit in a reduced capacity, due to the increased responsibilities he now has with the family of Parishes. He also continues his involvement with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus, and the Windsor Classic Chorale. Both groups were able to resume in-person rehearsals in September of 2021, which Steven enjoyed very much!



Before

Thanks to the generosity of many donors, restoration work on the 176 year old Assumption Church has continued throughout 2021. All of the plaster repair and painting work on the east aisle of the church has been completed, and in November, the scaffolding was removed from the church in time for the holiday season.



After

The staff of our family of parishes sought to find new ways to connect with our parishioners who were unable to come to Mass. We continued to offer live streamed masses, and even offered outdoor Masses during the summer months. One of the outdoor Masses was a tribute for Father Bill Riegel, a former pastor of Assumption who passed away this year. We were blessed to have Bishop Ronald Fabbro, CSB, join us for this Mass.

On November 21, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, we joined with our Basilian confrères in celebrating the beginning of our bicentennial year. The Mass was followed by an enjoyable luncheon with our Windsor Basilian Lay Associates.



Jim O'Neill completed his first year back in Canada at Our Lady of the Assumption parish. Of course, the parish was closed for a few months, filled to half capacity for a few more and it was difficult to meet any of the parishioners or do much pastoral work. Jim filled his days with travelling to Point Pelee weekly bird watching, living on Pelee Island during the summer with ministry at the parish there and travelling to see friends and family. In the fall his rescue dog Angel arrived. It has been a transition year to look ahead to new ministry opportunities as the COVID diminishes. In his retirement, Jim has kept busy by taking responsibility for the grocery shopping for the house. He has also been working on his cooking skills by preparing dinner for the confrères several nights a week.

Leo Walsh celebrated his 61st anniversary of Ordination this year. Dr. John Cappucci, Principal of Assumption University, presented Leo with the Eugene Carlisle LeBel Award in recognition of over sixty years of priestly ministry and over a decade as Assumption University's Academic Vice-President. Leo continues to help us with Masses, and regularly meets with individuals seeking spiritual direction and counselling.



Associated Members:



Mark Gazin CSB

In dialogue with the General Council, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB appointed me as part time assistant pastor to St. Francis de Sales Parish in Burnaby, BC. I also continue to serve in the Vancouver Regional Tribunal two days a week. Although officially a Defender of the Bond (*in casu*), I also provide advocacy for those seeking Marriage Nullity, and prepare assessor briefs when the archbishop judges cases using the *processus brevior* promulgated by Pope Francis to help those in irremediably broken marriages. Recently, I made a Tribunal team presentation at our first advocacy workshop for deacons assisting those who are petitioning the Church for this legal service. Each Sunday, I visit and bring Holy Communion to my mother at her residence. During the pandemic, I began regularly meeting with priest friends to play the board game, "Ticket to Ride: Europe" and enjoy some dinner camaraderie.

Bernard Pinsonneault CSB

This past year has been loaded with ample calls to grow spiritually via multiple sacrifices. Personal comfort zones were altered in order to meet the medical demands imposed on us due to social restrictions. The passion of the Church, as the Passion of Christ, is our call as well. Challenge accepted.

The Basilian Fathers of Edmonton

St. Alphonsus – St. Clare Parishes, St. Joseph's College, Edmonton AB

The Basilian Fathers of Edmonton reside in the rectory of St. Alphonsus Church in a poor neighborhood of Edmonton. The house consists of five members, counting Dan Ryan, our novice. The local community gathers at 7:15 AM Monday to Friday for morning prayer, with communal mass on Tuesdays. We have a communal meal on Wednesdays and Saturdays, which is usually made by one of us, although take-out is occasionally on the menu.



Dan, Jim, Warren, David, and Glenn

During the first half of 2021, **Dave Bittner** continued to celebrate one of the Saturday Masses and one of the Sunday Masses each week, usually alternating weeks between the two parishes. In addition, he celebrated most of the weekday Masses (two days a week at St. Alphonsus, two days a week at St. Clare). He recorded, edited, and posted the Sunday Mass each week on the St. Alphonsus YouTube Channel and the two parish Facebook pages. He was also the celebrant for our livestream Masses on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

This pattern was complicated by ongoing and new medical conditions. Due to diabetes-caused nerve damage in both legs, he now has to use a cane to walk outside, on stairs, and on ramps. Emergency hernia surgery in late March kept him from all ministry for a few weeks. On the other hand, cataract surgeries in February and March mean he can now see clearly for the first time in years. Also, his Pfizer “jabs” in April, May, and December have granted him some protection from the virus, and reduced his fear level when in public. Jim Stenberg has suggested a visit to Lourdes.

During the second half of 2021, Dave has continued his parish ministry while also serving as Director of Novices for Canada/US. As detailed in the report on the Edmonton Novitiate, he was away from

Edmonton from July 19 until August 19 for the pre-Novitiate retreat and the first three weeks of the Novitiate itself. Upon returning to Edmonton, he resumed his parish duties and combined them with duties as Director of Novices, ably assisted by Warren Schmidt.

Glenn McDonald spent the year working at Edmonton Catholic Schools as a Division Chaplain and serving as Pastor at the churches of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare. For him, the first main theme of 2021 was the negative impact COVID-19 had on students. The many months of online learning has created a culture of harshness at some schools, especially those in economically depressed areas of Edmonton. A significant number of students appear to have expressed their frustration with the pandemic through online conflicts with each other. As students returned to in-person learning, online conflicts became in-person. Glenn has spent much of the year assisting administrators in cultivating greater kindness amongst student populations.

The second main theme was the truth of unmarked graves at Residential Schools, which caused numerous Catholic teachers and parishioners to question their continued participation in the Catholic Church. At the parishes of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare, the life of Rose Prince and Orange Shirt Day were commemorated, to deepen the awareness of parishioners about the residential school experience of First Nations Peoples.

The awareness of the unmarked graves significantly increased the possibility that the Holy Father will come to Canada. If Edmonton is part of the Papal visit, it is very likely that Ben Calf Robe Catholic School, which is adjacent to St. Clare Parish, will be included in the Pope's itinerary. Fr Glenn spent part of 2021 asking parishioners and Catholic teachers to pray and prepare for this potential historical event.

Dan Ryan is currently a novice living with the Basilian Fathers of Edmonton. He started 2020 living with the Basilian Fathers of Novi and as a master's student at the University of Michigan. As part of his studies, he spent the spring student-teaching two classes of US History at Detroit Catholic Central High School. He finished his studies in June and his Masters of Arts in Education degree was conferred in August along with his certification to teach secondary level history in Michigan. More details follow in the section of the Novitiate.

Warren Schmidt is into the final editing stage of his PhD dissertation through l'Institut Catholique de Paris, entitled *La prise en acte de la tension entre pouvoir et charisme dans les Rituels réformés de l'ordination presbytérale d'après Vatican II: 1968 et 1990* (Holding in Tension Power and Charism Dimensions in the post-Vatican II Rites of Priestly Ordination: 1968 and 1990). Final submission of his dissertation is expected early in the New Year 2022, followed by a thesis defense.

In 2021, Warren also taught two sections of CHRTC 101: Catholicism: An Introduction (Spring and Fall terms) while assisting in chaplaincy at St. Joseph's College. Since novice Dan Ryan's arrival in Edmonton in July, Warren has served as assistant novice director with David Bittner, CSB. He continues to lead a group of family and friends daily in Vespers on ZOOM, dating back to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. He has enjoyed cooking and winter sports, especially cross-country skiing, in his first full year after moving to Edmonton from Paris.

2021 gave **Jim Stenberg** a lot to be thankful for. There's nothing like a pandemic to make you grateful for your health, or social distancing to make you grateful for your confrères. He taught a philosophy course (Phil 209 - The Human Person: Philosophical Issues) remotely, an experience which made Jim appreciate technology. The return of in-person masses made him grateful just to see parishioners in real

life again. Jim has a theory about prayer that says that if, for example, you ask God for patience, you will be sent trials to test your patience - how else will your patience grow? He thought that praying to be more grateful would thus be safe (maybe God would send you nice things?) but the way Jim learned to be more grateful makes him suspect that this prayer is as dangerous as any other. Jim continues to serve as Chaplain at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta, and as local superior. He doesn't see his mom (near Stettler, Alberta) nearly as often as she would like, but did spend time there in the summer and between Christmas and New Year's. He is embarked on the long process of getting a dental implant – he received a bone graft in November, but it turns out those take six to eight months to “set” properly. Stay tuned for further updates next year!

Basilian Fathers Canada/USA Novitiate

Edmonton AB

The Basilian Novitiate for Canada/US consists of **Dan Ryan**, Novice; **Dave Bittner**, Director; and **Warren Schmidt**, Assistant Director.



The Novitiate programme actually began for **Dan and Dave** in mid-July at the Basilian Fathers of Novi, since Dan's Work and Student permits were not ready until mid-August. The pre-Novitiate retreat took place at Columbière Conference and Retreat Centre in nearby Clarkson, Michigan July 22-26. At the end of the retreat, we returned to Novi, where **Dan** officially entered the Novitiate during Evening Prayer. We would like to thank all the confrères in Novi for their warm welcome, support, and wondrous hospitality during our time there. We would also like to thank their Superior, **Patrick Fulton** for arranging the pre-Novitiate retreat.

The Novitiate programme, both in Novi and in Edmonton has involved daily Mass, as well as daily Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, and Evening Prayer. Morning Conferences take place each weekday. These conferences have focused on religious life, the vows, community life, Scripture, the person of Jesus, discipleship, and Basilian history. Our resources for these conferences have included Basilian documents, Vatican II and post-conciliar documents, and other books on religious life and spirituality recommended by those who have gone through our novitiate since 2013. We just finished Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, and have just begun Francis J. Moloney's book *A Life of Promise*. **Dave** leads the Monday through Thursday morning conferences, while **Warren** leads the Friday morning conferences on Basilian history.

The spiritual programme of the Novitiate began with Afternoon Conferences in Novi. We first read through Thomas Green's book *Opening to God*, and then began a discussion of Ronald Rolheiser's book *The Holy Longing*. Since coming to Edmonton, **Dan** has been participating in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola via the Providence Renewal Centre. This programme makes use of Kevin O'Brien's book *The Ignatian Adventure*, and consists of monthly group meetings (via ZOOM) and bi-weekly individual meetings with his spiritual director (also via ZOOM). This programme will continue until late April, 2022. During the second half of the Novitiate year, the focus will shift to ministry and to preparations to study theology. In addition, some sort of volunteer work will be included, if COVID protocols allow.

Frassati House

Toronto ON

2021 was our second year in COVID captivity.

Government mandated restrictions and precautions changed frequently as did protocols from the Curial Office, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and the University of St. Michael's College, which owns St. Basil's Church where the parish gathers and worships. However,

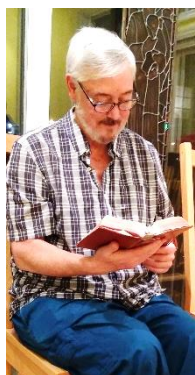
through all the COVID limitations the members of Frassati House, Norm Tanck (rector), Bob Holmes, Jack Hanna, and Doug Hilmer, were able to maintain a stable lifestyle. Everyone in the house is fully vaccinated including the booster shot. And we have all been COVID free.



We celebrate Morning Prayer and Mass at 7:30 Monday through Friday and Evening Prayer Monday through Thursday after dinner. We shared dinner together at 6:00 PM Monday through Thursday with meals cooked by the confrères. Occasionally, when restrictions were lifted, we enjoyed going out for dinner together at a neighborhood pub. We would go out for dinner to celebrate birthdays.

We had community meetings to discuss topics sent to us by the Superior General and his Council. And we prayed a special evening prayer to honour our ten Basilian founders and to begin our celebrations of the Basilian bicentennial. Andrew Leung and Bill May from the St. Michael's College School house joined us one evening for dinner and to elect our delegates to the 2022 General Chapter. In July Frassati House welcomed Bishop Dawood as a Basilian Associate. His Incorporation Mass was celebrated in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre chapel so that some of his family and friends could attend.

The situation where we work, and minister was less stable. There were times when we could not be physically present or only on a very limited basis. Masks and social distancing had to be strictly maintained and daily health reporting records had to be kept. In the senior facility where Doug Hilmer works frequent COVID-19 testing was required. For weeks we could not celebrate Mass with a congregation and Sunday Masses from St. Basil were only available on ZOOM and/or YouTube.



Like the rest of us, Doug Hilmer found 2021 to be a challenging year. Doug continues to grow with his ministry to those living with dementia. He has been dealing with several family health issues and most recently with Bob Holmes at Frassati House. Shortly after he returned from a social justice "action" in British Columbia where he spent most nights camping outdoors, Bob developed a blood infection. One morning in November Doug found him passed out on the floor of his room. Drawing from experience working with seniors, he was helpful in getting Bob to the hospital.

Doug does some of the maintenance in the house, helps keep the gardens during the summer and participates in the daily house routines of celebrating prayers, Mass, and cooking on a regular basis. He is grateful to the other members of the house for their understanding of his varied schedule due to work and his attempts to assist his parents, John and Olga, as their needs change. Doug maintains contact with some of the Toronto Basilian Lay Associates and has gotten to know many of our neighbors in Corktown, their families and the dogs they walk early in the morning. He turned 60 this year and is grateful also to the many people who have supported him. Doug now is eligible for a senior discount, but he usually has to ask for it.

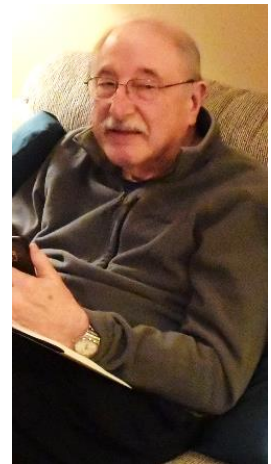


Jack Hanna continued in his tasks as Secretary and Treasurer General. Jack readily gives credit to the lay staff in the Curial Office for the generous way in which they work together to help each other and to help him every day. Around Frassati House, Jack worked to make the small front and back yard look presentable during the spring and summer. He takes his turn cooking once a week; paella and Portuguese Piri-Piri chicken are two of his favorite dishes to prepare. Jack loves to travel but the pandemic has curtailed his travel plans. He and Kevin Storey did make it to Niagara on the Lake for a weekend but a hoped for trip with Michael Miller was put on hold once again.

Jack loves art and he managed to travel to Ottawa to see a spectacular exhibit of the work of Rembrandt van Rijn at the National Gallery of Canada. Jack enjoys life in the Curial Office and in Frassati House. He has been slowed down by an arthritic left knee, but he still occasionally walks part of the way to work. When he shops at Shoppers' Drug Mart on Thursdays (senior discount day), none of the clerks ever ask him if he is a senior. They can tell.

Norm Tanck is a part-time Associate Pastor (Parochial Victor) at St. Basil's Parish and is Director of the Basilian Associates. He continued to be a co-coordinator of Toronto-London Basilian Lay Associates. This year has been a challenging one for parish life and ministry as the parish needed to be constantly adapting to COVID restrictions. St. Basil's Church is near the Government of Ontario buildings at Queens Park, where there were anti-mask and later anti-vaccine protests every Saturday afternoon. Often protestors would come to St. Basil's to harass the parishioners. Most parish activities and meetings were done on ZOOM, including a very successful ZOOM RCIA program. This year during a reduction of restrictions the parish was able to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Vigil in person, although with a very small number able to attend.

Because of the closing of the border between Canada and the USA Norm was not able to travel to Rochester to visit his family and Basilians for over two years. However, when the border opened, he was able to get there this year for American Thanksgiving when he met his year old first grandnephew who he saw in-person for the first time. A second grandnephew was born on Christmas Eve 2021. Norm hopes to see him sooner. Meanwhile, he waits in patient hope.



Bob Holmes is the senior member of our house. He is one of the house chefs and his specialties are pasta with his own special meat sauce and French onion soup. Bob celebrated a monthly Sunday Mass, this year on ZOOM, with a group that has been worshipping together for over fifty years. He continued as the coordinator of the Basilian Human Development Grants Committee and is a member of the Basilian Justice, Peace and the Integrity of the Creation Committee (JPIC). Bob is the liaison with the Association of Former Basilians. He continued to edit *Stirrings* during 2021. Bob, 85 years old, still was able to enjoy camping, canoeing and mountain climbing trips this year. He would also take long walks on Toronto's many trails. He was actively involved with the Christian Peace Teams and has participated in a number of social justice and peace "actions" and protests during the year. It was after his return from one of these actions in British Colombia that Bob was hospitalized with an infection. He remains in hospital still weak and confused at the writing of this report and we are told that his recovery and rehabilitation will be slow and lengthy.



The Basilian Fathers at Presentation Manor Scarborough ON

After three years in Presentation Manor, the Basilian community has come to feel quite at home, owing in no small part to the dedication of the administration and staff. 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 (*photos to the right*) reappointed as superior and assistant superior, respectively. Current (December 2021) members of the community are Denis April, Leo Burns, Robert Barringer, Daniel Callam, James Carruthers, Michael Fallona, Donald Finlay, John Gallagher, Neil Hibberd, Brian Inglis, William Irwin, Wilfred Janisse, Gordon Kennedy, Kevin Kirley, John Malo, James McConica, Donald McLeod, 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). Every resident has been vaccinated twice for COVID, on 5 and 24 January. A third, booster shot, was administered on 2 September. Deaths in 2020: John Hurley (5 June); Philip Wallace Platt (at ninety-six; 18 November).



Mass has been offered each day in the chapel, but owing to the vagaries of COVID-19 the number allowed to attend has changed from time to time. For a period, full attendance was allowed, but public health authorities required a return to limited numbers, with residents on different floors admitted on alternate days

and with two Masses on Sundays to accommodate the larger congregation. As the year progressed, it became possible for outsiders to enter the building, but only with proof of vaccination and an on-the-spot test for the virus. Kevin Storey came for Mass and a visit on 1 July, and on 6 September; James Farge, Joseph Pilsner and Morgan Rice spent the afternoon at the Manor. Then, to open our bicentennial year, on 21 November Kevin, Dave Katulski and Jack Hanna joined us for Mass at which Kevin presided and preached. It was followed by special brunch for the community.

The confrères in independent living gather informally daily in the community room before dinner. Meetings of those in assisted living are more restricted, but there are pre-prandials for them on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays. All in all, we are content.

Denis April this year celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Physical limitations prevent him from being much involved, but the staff at Presentation Manor provides much-appreciated assistance.

Bob Barringer (*right*) spent his first year at Presentation Manor commuting by TTC between home and St. Augustine's Seminary where his job as President had him fighting—like Douglas Fairbanks on the staircase—against a myriad of possible dangers to the mission of the Seminary. Despite the title, his task was more like that of a Minister of External Affairs/Secretary of State than a full-fledged CEO, and he looks forward increasingly to pursuing his true vocation (as proof-reader and editor) when he finally gets to enjoy a real retirement in mid-2022. (Isaiah 48:22)



Leo Burns (*photo at left*) is currently playing BINGO and euchre while locked up in an old-folks' home. He did make a brief public appearance on Remembrance Day.

Dan Callam celebrates Mass once a week at Holy Rosary Church and occasionally on Sundays for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. He is a board member of the Society for Catholic Life and Culture and The Chesterton Institute. He is also on the board of *Catholic Insight*, an e-magazine, and a contributor to its web page. In January he gave a talk via ZOOM on the Gospel of Mark to the Basilian Lay Associates. Dan is the faithful collector and editor of the Presentation Manor material for the **BASILIAN ANNALS**.

Jim Carruthers (*right*) is slowing down, even to using a cane. He has been a member of the Gibbons/Daley Committee and has done some pastoral work at Presentation Manor. He is grateful to John Reddy and our local council for their care. Says Jim, "The administration and the staff look after us very well—all God's gift."



Brian Inglis plays the Steinway grand most afternoons in the dining room. He also presides regularly at the Eucharist in the Manor chapel.

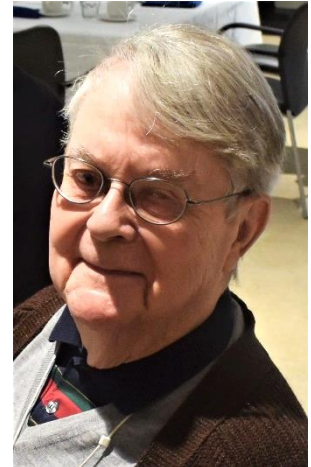


Bill Irwin (*left*) presented a series of Sunday-evening talks on the Wisdom literature of the Bible, similar in approach to last year's lectures of the Book of Psalms. He is also on the roster of celebrants for the daily Mass.

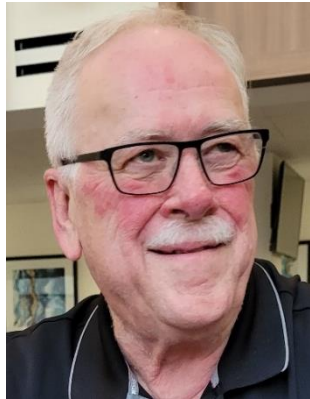
Gordon Kennedy appreciates the fitness room and the therapeutic pool at Presentation Manor, both of which he uses daily. The fitness room features several state-of-the-art exercise machines; an hour on the recumbent cross trainer offers the same benefit as walking five km while the participant burns 200 calories.

John Malo, a regular celebrant at the daily Eucharist, has been reappointed as Assistant Superior. He was also elected to the Residents' Council, of which he is the co-chair. His special ministry is to the Basilians at Presentation Manor who are ill.

Jim McConica (*photo at the right*), writes: “I have had an enjoyable year, slightly dimmed by my need for new glasses, but the optometrists’ strike here in Ontario has delayed the replacement. I have also been delighted to find how beautifully landscaped Presentation Manor is. I haven’t yet come to know any of the gardeners. I did find Jack Gallagher clandestinely planting tulips here last spring, but I have not seen their subsequent flowering. Perhaps they were uprooted by the authorities.”



Don McLeod (*below*), apart from serving the Community as Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare, continued to serve on the governing Boards of St.



Michael’s College, Assumption University and the Canadian Religious Self-Insured Retention Program (CRSIRP). He also served as one of the co-chairs of the Steering Committee that oversaw the development and adoption of the formal Memorandum of Agreement that established the federation of Regis College and the Faculty of Theology of St. Michael’s College. When not otherwise occupied, he tries to keep his flying skills sharp—although in these days of COVID-19, the “flying” is in a realistic simulator. Perhaps some day, he will once again “slip the surly bonds of earth.” Finally, in September, Don received news that he was to receive the University of Toronto Arbor Award, which is the highest honour granted by the University to volunteers.

John Reddy completed his term as superior and was appointed for another term. It has been a challenging year at Presentation Manor for everyone. Pandemic restrictions were imposed and eased, then imposed and eased again. Prayer and patience have helped our local community life enormously. John and John Malo were invited to do a series of spiritual talks for the staff at Northmount School during the school year. Peter McKenna SCJ asked John to conduct a reconciliation reflection and celebration of the Sacrament with the Sacred Heart Fathers of Toronto.

Tom Rosica provided the larger Presentation Manor community a series of talks during Advent: November 30: “The Significance of Hanukkah and Advent for Christians and Jews.” December 7, 14, 21: “Advent Reflections on St. Joseph.” “The Birth of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel.” “Welcoming Emmanuel: Matthew’s Infancy Narrative.” Tom is a regular celebrant at the daily liturgies.



Joe Walsh (*photo at left*) is concerned about new restrictions that will be placed on our off-site activity because of the Omicron COVID variant. He writes: “Perhaps in due time we may be permitted a fourth vaccination. Like many other Basilians, I came to Presentation Manor three years ago this November; it now feels like home. With a bad rotator cuff and other infirmities of old age, I now limit my exercise to taking daily walks – no more skiing.”



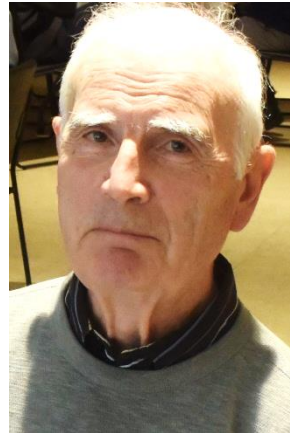
Clare Watrin is faithful to the ministry of prayer for the Congregation. He prays daily for all Basilians (*photo at left*).



Michael Fallona



Kevin Kirley



Jack Gallagher



Brian Inglis



From left, clockwise:
Dan Callam, Brian Inglis,
Wilfrid Janisse, Kevin Kirley,
Leo Reilly, Neil Hibberd



Leo Reilly



Kevin Kirley and Tom Rosica



Jim McConica and Denis April



Wilfrid Janisse

Don Finlay has been in failing health during 2021; he had to be hospitalized twice. Finally, he was able to return to Presentation Manor. A PSW (Personal Service Worker) has been engaged to be with Don and assist him during the day. John Reddy reports: "Don Finlay has settled down remarkably. He is bed-ridden and sleeps a lot. But he seems to have left his anxiety behind." Don Finlay wrote the following a few years ago: "I express my gratitude to my confrères and to Almighty God. I have been fulfilled in my professional life and, in a more profound way, I have been blessed to minister as a Basilian priest."

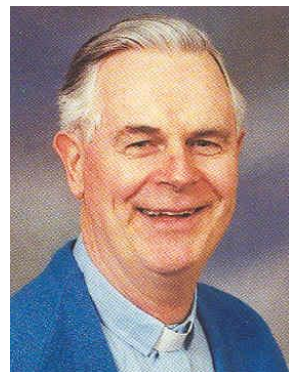


Associated Members

Ian Boyd (*right*) continues as the President Emeritus of the G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture, housed at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. He provided the introduction to a Spanish translation of G. K. Chesterton's essays from *The Illustrated London News* (1908): *La prensa se equivoca y otras obviedades*, edited by María Isabel Abradelo and Pablo Gutiérrez (Ediciones Encuentro: Madrid, 2021). He resides with his sister, Elizabeth, in Edmonton, Alberta.



Joe Hunt resides at *Maison de Retrait de Marie Thérèse (Etablissement d'Hébergement pour les Personnes Agées Dépendantes)*. He writes, "It represents a radical change from my parish ministry. In the EHPAD there are priests from Paris and the surrounding dioceses. There are five or six buildings to house various groups and the grounds are extensive, but my sclerosis makes it difficult for me to move around freely." Joe celebrates this 50th anniversary of first vows this year.



Ted Johnson resides with his sister on the family farm near Parkhill ON which is northwest of London ON. Ted writes: "During 2021, I studied *Fratelli Tutti* which complimented *Laudato si'*. In both, Pope Francis pleads with all people to care for creation and to care for one another. In November, Cardinal Michael Czerny (Undersecretary of the Vatican Dicastery for Migrants and Refugees) gave a lecture on 'The Renewal of Theology.' He reminded us that Pope Francis challenges us to "be in open dialogue with today's world." Diarmuid O'Murchu has accepted this challenge and during 2021 I read his book *When the Disciple comes of Age and Doing Theology in an Evolutionary Way*. O'Murchu supports Francis' teaching and has accepted his challenge."

Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School

Toronto ON

Once again, Fathers Leung and May (Andrew and Bill respectively) have begun a good number of their dinner conversations with the phrase, "Did you ever in your life think that you'd be ...?" This past year saw great joys and great difficulties both personally and societally for the Basilian Fathers of St. Michael's College School. The full attendance of the students, faculty, and staff in the St. Michael's School building with necessary health protocols, has been a joy.



The majority of the students, faculty, and staff have been vaccinated and for those who qualify booster shots have received them. We've even got a new club at the school. Thanks to Andrew, mah-jongg is the latest addition to the many offerings we have at the school, that and curling make two for him!

The difficulties of living the responsibilities of truth and reconciliation have provided us all with an opportunity for learning about and understanding past tragedies and of asking for and receiving forgiveness. This opportunity is being accepted by the Basilians, our colleagues, and our students.

Most joyful has been the celebration of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession with the entire school. We had to split the student population into two in order to comply with Toronto Public Health mandates. Andrew celebrated with grades 7, 8, and 9, while Bill celebrated with grades 10, 11, and 12. We had so many penitents that we've had to reschedule a separate liturgy for grades 7 and 8.

The beginning of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Basilian Fathers has certainly been a joyful occurrence. Much interest in hearing our stories in particular and in our history in general has been generated among our colleagues and students. We have been discussing our own memories of our time as Basilians a great deal at dinner. We are both grateful for the blessings and we look forward in hope.



Both Andrew and Bill have welcomed new life in their families. Bill's great-niece Lainey Mae Lawrence was born early in the year and Andrew welcomed his niece Vianne Leung in December. Our house continues to be a blessing, and we've added one aesthetic change. See the picture of the new street number sign (*at left*) decorated for the Christmas season. So, we at St. Michael's College School send our prayers and blessings.

Associated Member: Jefferson Thompson

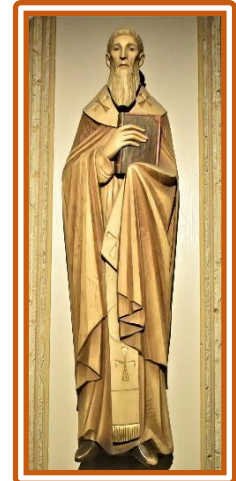
In 2021, after serving for two years as Assistant Pastor of Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver, Jeff Thompson, CSB assumed new responsibilities as Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in North Vancouver. He is enjoying the parish and its beautiful setting very much (*photo at left*).



St. Basil's Collegiate Church

Toronto ON

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions continued to affect parish life in 2021. Continuing from 2020, the year started with public Masses cancelled and the church open only for private prayer with a maximum capacity of 10 persons at any given time. Weddings and funerals were permitted, but they had to comply with capacity limits. The community “gathered” for prayer and worship on ZOOM on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 with a service called “The Gathering”. It incorporated our talented music ministers and provided an opportunity to pray and to hear lay and ordained, women and men, reflect on the Sunday Gospel. A “coffee hour” followed until the live-streamed Mass began at 10:30.



In March public Masses resumed with maximum church capacity permitted at 15 percent, thus allowing us to celebrate Mass with an in-person congregation, just in time for Easter alleluias! However, congregational singing was not permitted until November, only to be strongly discouraged just before Christmas. Though we continued live streaming the 10:30 AM Mass through the end of the year, “The Gathering” was discontinued in July. Father Dan Donovan resumed celebration of the weekday 7:30 AM Mass, while the 12:10 PM weekday Masses were celebrated by Morgan Rice (Pastor), Norm Tanck (Associate Pastor), Jim Farge, and Joe Pilsner after his arrival in August. Prior to his ordination in the summer, transitional deacon Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ assisted liturgically, including preaching.

Left: Pastor Morgan Rice CSB welcomes parishioners.

With the arrival of the fall and the beginning of the pastoral year, the gradual loosening of provincial restrictions gave us hope, though many of our ministries remained on ZOOM. September saw a livelier campus with the return of university students. In response to the discovery of unmarked graves of Indigenous children who had attended Residential Schools, we offered in October a four-week series entitled “Listening and Learning” to educate parishioners about the Catholic Church’s role in the Residential School System and to promote reconciliation and healing. Our outreach programs were able to operate year-round with the help of dedicated volunteers who would prepare and distribute take-away bagged meals to folks in Scollard Park on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Our parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was also busy assisting neighbours in need by providing food vouchers.

Change and striving to adapt to changes quickly has been a mark of the pandemic and 2021. The end of 2021 saw the resignation of Marilena Berardinelli who had served at St. Basil’s in various capacities since 2014 and most recently as our Director of Faith Formation. She and Mariann Dunsmore, who died in November, had co-founded the Atrium where the children’s Catechesis of the Good Shepherd takes place. The St. Basil’s community has been blessed by their ministry. Though more uncertainty and change likely will be part of 2022, we enter it with the hope that God is with us in it all!

Right: Norm Tanck CSB and Lector Linda Roy prepare to celebrate the Eucharist.



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



Our local community counts five members, Rev. James Farge, CSB, Rev. Michael Lehman, CSB, Rev. Joe Pilsner, CSB, Rev. Morgan Rice, CSB and Rev. T. Allan Smith, CSB. Associated with the local community are Rev. Timothy Scott, CSB and Rev. Walter Werbylo, CSB. In August, we welcomed Joe Pilsner into our local community. To accommodate him, we changed some space usage and transformed the former business office on the main floor into a bedroom with washroom for him. The campus returned to a somewhat more familiar state in September when restrictions were loosened to welcome students to residence and in-person learning at the University. With minor exceptions, the University requires all who enter buildings on the campus to show proof of vaccination and a daily health check green screen on smart phones. With the advent of the omicron variant, however, the University has reimposed a “work from home” order and virtual class instruction until at least 31 January 2022.

Left, Phelan House, the Residence of the Basilian Fathers

James Farge serves as Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections in the Library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. His chief concern – seeing to the conservation and restoration of damaged books; but, he also serves in a wide range of library tasks. He is Secretary of the Institute’s Board of Governors and serves on its Finance and Audit Committee. Jim is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Collected Works of Erasmus* of the University of Toronto Press – a project that, under the former general supervision of Father James McConica, has published 74 of its projected goal of 86 volumes. He is also on the Comité de lecture of the *Revue d’histoire de l’Église de France*. Father Farge is Director of the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers. He continues to work on a Supplement to Wally Platt’s *Dictionary of Basilian Biography* (2005) that will include all Basilian priests (and former priests) who have died since 2002. The number on the list at this time (December 2021) is 204, 49 of whom were former Basilians. Jim is also secretary of the Corporation of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St Michael’s College and serves with Joseph Pilsner as sacristan for the local community in Phelan House and the Elmsley Hall chapel of USMC. He continues to preside at the weekly Tuesday noon Mass at St Basil’s Church.

Michael Lehman is local councillor of the Basilian Fathers of USMC. He continues his ministry with the Toronto Catholic District School Board as Chaplain and Director of Faith Development with all employees and students of the Catholic Board. The scenario in Catholic education has changed and evolved due to the pandemic and the need for online and virtual learning. An added event due to virtual learning is “Story Time with Father Mike.” Over 7000 students and teachers as well as parents gather online, and

Father Mike shares a story dealing with the virtue of the month and always leaves time for questions from the children at the end – often an amusing time. Michael continues facilitation of school, staff, and office Eucharists, Memorial Services, Reconciliation Services, classroom discussions and presentations, and staff support. He is called upon to facilitate retreats and days of reflection for staff and students on various days, evenings, and weekends. Michael's ministry takes him across the greater Toronto Area, and he is often called upon by other Catholic school boards for facilitation of retreats, masses, and presentations, often in a consultative capacity. Michael continues his extensive work with the Elementary and Secondary Federations of the Board and OECTA. Mike also has an active ministry in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto on weekends. He continues to be in demand for weddings and baptisms. And with what time remains, Mike enjoys quiet evenings at home with a crossword puzzle and a Montreal Canadians hockey game.

Joseph Pilsner became Registrar at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in July 2021, replacing Father Allan Smith, who retired from this position. During the fall semester, 2021, Allan generously assisted Joe in learning the Registrar's responsibilities. Joe has also been assisting Morgan Rice at St. Basil's Parish on occasion by celebrating the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

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. The General Council members in Toronto continued to make an effort this year to gather for dinner each Thursday as long as pandemic restrictions allowed. In the local house, he is the treasurer and has responsibility for vehicle maintenance. Morgan is a Director on the St. Michael's College School Board and Foundation. He also serves on the Archdiocese of Toronto's Council of Priests in the first year of a two-year term. As one of his daily pandemic rituals, he has been learning some French with the Duolingo app. For the first time since March 2020, Morgan had a chance to travel outside Ontario to be with family in Connecticut in October and Texas in November.



T. Allan Smith is Rector of the local Basilian community and President of the Corporation of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Gibbons-Daley Foundation. At the beginning of the year, he retired from teaching at the Faculty of Theology and from his position as Registrar of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. He remains a Fellow of the Institute and is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. During the winter semester, he taught Old Church Slavonic for the Slavic Department, via ZOOM, with eight enthusiastic students in attendance for each three-hour class. His annotated translation of Sergii Bulgakov, *Philosophy of the Name*, was accepted for publication by Northern Illinois University Press, a division of Cornell University Press. He submitted his contributions to volume two of *Wisdom in Exile: Sergius Bulgakov's Theological Works, 1918-1944*. These were "Saints Peter and John, the Two First-Apostles," and "The Vatican Dogma." The latter was a revision of an earlier translated version of the essay. As the pandemic dragged on, he continued to enjoy operas streamed on the Met website. This October, he attended the National Ballet of Canada's live performance of "Serenade" and "Angels' Atlas" at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto, a thrilling experience.

After travel restrictions were lifted, he could return to his beloved Niagara-on-the-Lake and attend two plays at the Shaw Festival, "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Raven's Curse," and "Desire under the Elms." The first weekend was plagued by steady rain, but the second weekend offered a particularly splendid autumn interlude of uninterrupted sunshine and gentle breezes.

Associate Members

Timothy Scott writes, “It has been either a year to remember or one to forget. As pastor of two parishes, one English-language and one French, we have gone from on-line to in-person masses with restricted numbers to something approaching normal liturgical practice, at least until these past few days with the explosion of the omicron variant. I wonder if COVID will have for ever changed Catholic practice that was already teetering in Quebec. As a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, I’ve been privileged to be involved in the preparation for the visit of aboriginal communities to the Holy Father, now postponed to 2022. Amid the dreadful news of unmarked graves this visit has been a ray of light in the darkness. Teaching in the seminary online had its challenges as well contending with ZOOM fatigue and several of my students sick with COVID. At least the summer allowed for some very welcome travel and even a few rounds of golf. St. Gabriel’s and St. Charles are both poor parishes with many parishioners on social assistance. We completed our virtual Christmas basket deliveries for almost 400 families. We can hope and pray that 2022 is going to be better.”

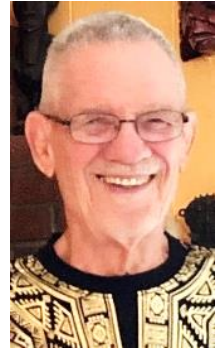
Walter Werbylo, associated with the Basilians of the University of St. Michael’s College, is working and living at St. Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto, where he teaches New Testament courses and is one of six priests who serve as spiritual directors for the seminarians and who give various talks on matters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



The Basilians in the Desert Southwest

David Sharp CSB, Wickenburg AZ

The silence and stillness of the desert continues to welcome David each day. To loosely quote, "God has not done this for any other place". Every day brings newness and refreshment to the desert foliage (Cacti, Palo Verde, Mesquite, Shrubs, Flowers), and to the little ones that scurry and slither around (lizards, snakes, turtles, spiders etc.), and the larger ones that watch (Javalina, Coyotes, Deer, Desert Lions), and to the feathered ones that tweet their joy (Ravens, Quail, Wrens, Raptors etc.).



And this newness also refreshes us and brings silence and stillness to our bodies and souls. And that is how David passes part of each day, quietly observing and being more embedded in the uniqueness of God's creation. He also tends to the other refreshing aspects of life: cooking, shopping, repairing electrical, plumbing, mechanical problems, cleaning, contacting friends, celebrating, napping, reading, and now (thanks to COVID) doing Jig Saw puzzles! So, David ages with decreasing energy, but increasing awareness of the blessings of life. "God has not done this for any other place."



Donald Hyatt CSB, Truth or Consequences NM

Don lost his sight in a fall in March of 2020. He now lives in Sierra Hills Assisted Living facility and is coping with his blindness as well as can be expected. Don taught for 21 years at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque NM. When he retired in 2000, he began his ministry in rural New Mexico. He has had to learn to live in a new way in his 80s. He reports that friends come to visit him often and at least three times a week they take him to walk along the road outside of the Sierra Hills Facility. On Saturday evenings, friends take him to Mass, and they often go out for dinner afterwards. He says he is well cared for.

(Thanks to David Otto Kline for this report, photo by David Sharp).

David Otto Kline CSB, Las Cruces NM

He says: "I continue to feel the priesthood as an opportunity to serve people; I hope to continue in this ministry as long as I am able." David celebrates Mass each Sunday at the historic San Isidro Mission outside of Las Cruces. He also ministers to the elderly at the Good Samaritan Retirement Center in Las Cruces and helps at other parishes as needed.

Ed Heidt CSB, Las Cruces NM

Ed is still enjoying life in "the land of enchantment." He likes reading, especially the newspapers from the various cities he's lived in: Los Angeles, Saskatoon, Rochester, Toronto, Vancouver, and Las Cruces. At 75 years of age, doctor appointments are beginning to increase as well concerns about driving. He also likes to keep up on theater news, new plays and musicals. Since Ed tends to be naturally introverted and reclusive, COVID's restrictions were not a problem.



Photo of Ed at right with his new dog act for Las Vegas. Ed has abducted his niece's Burmese Mountain Dog which is still a puppy. But can he tap dance?

The Basilian Fathers of Novi

Ministering at Catholic Central and Cristo Rey High Schools

It goes without saying that the year 2021 was memorable, mostly for all the wrong reasons.

The pandemic continues to rage in its variants: blessedly we have been spared any infection and consequences in the local community thanks to the intercession and protection of Mary, Alma Mater. Sadly, we keenly feel the loss of two confrères. After several months of enduring illness **Bill Riegel** was called to his eternal home in August. He was a bright light and source of joy in the community, the school and the local parishes as well as for his work in Alcoholics Anonymous. Catholic Central legend **Richard Elmer** died in hospice care in November. His leadership as President set up Catholic Central for a long time to come and he is remembered fondly by legions of alumni.



John Wheeler, Bishoy Dawood, Dennis Noelke, Patrick Fulton, Rob Moslosky, José del Toro

Michael Buentello continued at Catholic Central as the Director of Mission and Ministry.

We were blessed to be joined by Teaching Associate **Bishoy Dawood**. Bishoy came to us via the United Arab Emirates where he was born and later his family immigrated to Canada. He met the Basilians while a theologian at the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College. Coptic in origin and original worship, he never ceases to amaze us how he has both feet planted firmly in both the Eastern and Western Church. Bishoy was quick to fill in a sudden teacher gap in the Theology department and has quickly proved his mastery of the teaching craft. He is much loved by his students: the sign of an authentic Basilian vocation. Bishoy also was a supervisor for airport security at Toronto Pearson Airport for twenty-three years and thus many a Basilian has probably fallen under his scrutiny.

While engaged in full time teaching and pastoral ministry at Detroit Cristo Rey, **José Del Toro** completed his coursework for his PhD in Educational Administration. Schooling this year has proven a challenge with online classes particularly for the clientele that is served by Cristo Rey. José also finds the time to assist various parishes on Sundays and serves as First Councilor of the house.

Being Principal at Catholic Central has proven a uniquely challenging experience for **Patrick Fulton** during this era of coronavirus education. He credits the efforts and support of the confrères and lay educators for their part in CC thriving during this difficult year. He serves as the local Superior and also labors as the Chair of the Chapter Steering Committee during a time of great uncertainty in the world.

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. He accumulates many miles on his vehicle since he is the priestly presence at any and all athletic events. Besides his main ministry at CC, he generously assists with sacramental ministry at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

Rob Moslosky in his semi-retired status enjoys the freedom that comes with it. He continues to be a valuable “gap-filler” for the school: taking care of all sorts of things that might fall by the wayside. He is particularly appreciated as the “Luncheon Herald,” informing all the various support offices of the cafeteria menu. He also serves as the house treasurer which is no easy task as he often is the one who with great patience, awaits the unspecific arrival time of repairmen.

Dennis Noelke enjoys his semi-retired status, but he is as busy as ever. He helps out with school retreats, masses, and is the local BNENE director. Dennis has spearheaded a couple of unique pastoral outreaches: a “Discernment Group” for Catholic Central students who are interested in finding out more or are committed to the priesthood, as well as executing Bill Riegel’s vision of an RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens) for Catholic Central students interested in becoming Catholic. The main reason for their participation as articulated by the participants, is that they want to receive the Eucharist with their brothers. As well, he continues in the position as Fourth Councilor on the General Council: work that sees him engaged in many Zoom meetings. He also serves the local community as Second Councilor.



Teaching Associate **Dan Ryan** completed his Masters of Teaching at the University of Michigan. We were blessed that he completed his teaching practicum at Catholic Central, his Alma Mater. In July, Dan was officially received into the Novitiate by Novice Director David Bittner CSB at the Basilian Residence in Novi (*Photo at left*). Dan then went to continue the Novitiate in Edmonton AB, a site well suited for his proclivity for cold weather.

John Wheeler is now the Dean of the house and ministers at the beck and call of many parishes in the area. He is highly sought after for giving relief to pastors so they can take holidays. At his advanced age he does more ministerial work than anybody in the house. He helps out at school with confessions and keeps up regular contact with alumni, particularly honing the lyrical talents of the alumni glee club. Having inaugurated the soccer program at Catholic Central forty-four years ago, he is a reliable and devoted fan in both fair and foul weather.

Dillon House

Houston TX

The membership of Dillon House at the end of 2021 is composed of Fathers Jaime Abercrombie, Phil Acquaro, Carl Belisch, John Boscoe, Al Gaelens, Bob Glass, Paul O'Connor, Bishop Ricardo Ramírez, Ron Schwenzer, Tom Sepúlveda, and Richard Wahl. Our members who live apart for health reasons are Fathers Wilfrid Canning, Bill Frankenberger, Jim Gaunt, Roy Oggero, Joe Roussel and Les Schaefer. We have completed a very "different" year as we end 2021. Bob Glass, who was our superior for most of the year, resigned because of ill health. In early November Ron Schwenzer was appointed superior of Dillon House. He arrived just in time to cook a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner.



In mid-summer two new confrères joined us—Father Tom Sepúlveda and Bishop Ricardo Ramírez. Tom had been pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Rio Grande City, Texas but he suffered a stroke and was not able to continue in that ministry. Bishop Ramírez writes: "In August I moved from Las Cruces NM to Dillon House in Houston. I am now living in an excellent community, enjoying Masses, prayers, and meals in common. After living apart for 40 years, it is refreshing to be among my Basilian brothers again. Most of my family lives in Houston and I am reconnecting with the Ramírez clan."

Four of us at Dillon House need "special care" and so there are three male caregivers who are in the house day and night to assist those who need assistance with ordinary activities. The idea has been to try to keep confrères, who need assistance on a daily basis in familiar surroundings as long as possible, before they have to go to a care facility. *(In the photo at the right, John Huber visits with Bill Frankenberger at the Silverado Memory Care Village.)*



Richard Wahl continues to be an assistant to the Archdiocesan Judicial Vicar. He works daily in the Tribunal office, celebrates Mass at a convent a couple of times a week and also at St. Basil's Chapel at the University of St. Thomas. He frequently drives to one or another parish for Sunday Mass when a priest is away. Ron Schwenzer celebrates Mass regularly at St. Anne's Church. Carl Belisch celebrates Saturday evening Mass for the Dominican Sisters and on Sundays at St. Dominic's Village.

Our Basilian Lay Associates as a group come a couple of times a year to celebrate with us. They put up two Christmas trees and bring the food to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. Throughout the year on an individual basis, they generously offer to help in whatever ways they can. Once a month someone will volunteer to bring Sunday supper. We do love their cooking!

Keon House and St. Basil's Scholasticate

Houston, Texas

Paul English serves as the Master of Scholastics for North America. He was asked to assume duties on Formation Committees of Colombia, Mexico and North America. He finished work toward certification as a formator in the ForMission Program (Religious Formation Conference). He spent a second year as Chaplain in Campus Ministry at the University of St. Thomas, where he served on President's Cabinet and President's Leadership Team. Paul serves as a member of the Board at St. Thomas High School, Houston and of Executive Committee of the Board at the Aquinas Institute of Rochester, NY.

Paul serves as a member of the Basilian Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) committee. He was called upon to assist various Hispanic parishes in the Houston area with masses and confessions. During the summer, Paul preached for the Basilian Missions.

Paul preached the St. Mary's Seminary Retreat in Dickenson, TX for first and second year theologians, from January 3-8. He preached the Dillon House Retreat, Houston from Feb 23-25. In September, Paul was appointed to be superior of Keon House.

David Semivule is a Scholastic in his second year (pictured with Paul at right). He is a full-time student at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, taking the prerequisite theological courses. On a part-time basis, David worked with the RCIA and CCE departments at St. Anne's Parish in Houston, in addition to other parish activities in which he participated as a parish staff member or worker. David is a long-distance runner who tries to get out to run 12-15 miles a day except Sunday. David enjoys Premier League Football, TV cooking shows, and the Father Brown Series.



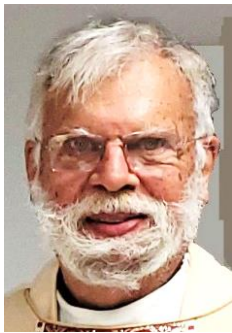
Ron Schwenzer enjoyed gardening and the pleasure it brought with the multi-colored flowers not only for himself but also for the other member of the house. He also enjoyed baking cookies for the house and the time shared together before and during dinner. He helped out sacramentally at UST, St. Anne and St. Thomas High School. In November, Ron began a new ministry of caring for the retired Basilians as Rector of Dillon House.

John Huber continued his General Council duties while keeping his commitments with the Boards of the



University of Saint Thomas, Incarnate Word Academy, Aquinas Institute, Detroit Catholic Central and the Archdiocesan School Council of Galveston-Houston. He also attends the Cabinet Meetings of the President of the University, Dr. Richard Ludwick. He celebrates mass twice a week for the Dominican Sisters. On behalf of BNENE he has led several high school in-services and faculty and staff retreats. He did seven canonical visitations for the General Council. He received the novices' vows in Tehuacán and attended the diaconate ordination of Antonio Ibáñez Santos. He has likewise headed the Bicentennial Committee for the 2022 Congregational celebrations, celebrated the opening mass at St. Anne's in Houston on November 19 and preached the Bicentennial opening mass on November 21 at Saint John Fisher College.

Ted Baenziger serves as infirmarian at Keon House. Many of the Basilians in Keon, as well as Janusz Ihnatowicz, tramped down to the Christus clinic near downtown for our Moderna second shot in February. Thanks to those “jabs”, and the prudence of all of us, and the Holy Trinity watching over us, we have thus far avoided not only COVID 19 but pretty well any infections during this past year. As infirmarian, gave rides to the dentists, hearing specialists, cardiologists, neurologists, ophthalmologists and Lord knows what other “-ists” that the priests need. Ted also went to hospital to visit parishioners and friends.

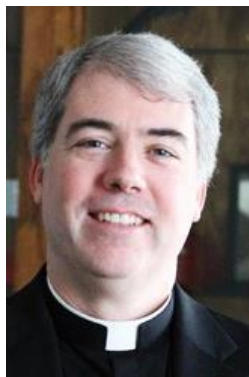


Ted serves the French Parish for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. After their first Christmas in the Chapel of Saint Basil since the pandemic began, which was followed on facebook and ZOOM by hundreds, including France, Burkina Faso, Cameroun and other places, they could not restart catechism classes until September, 2021. They did begin welcoming “real” presence to the Sunday

Masses in French, by appointment only. They had a few baptisms, three funerals, and a large class of Confirmations. Ted spent nearly a month in France during the summer, visiting Basilians (Joe Hunt, François Morfin and Bernard Buisson) plus French families in the parish of St-Basile (UST): a wedding in Paris and other Masses.



Aside from orchid judging, Ted continues to serve the UST Chapel Guild (27th year) and the Newman Circle (50 members), and five couples in Les Équipes Notre-Dame, with spiritual accompaniment. The most recent orchid was awarded in Houston, Fredclarkara Desert Bordeaux.



Jim Murphy (*left*) celebrated his 20th anniversary of ordination in May and continued his live stream masses throughout the year. 2021 was a crazy year at St. Thomas High School. In January they inducted 5 new members into the Hall of Honor and March saw a drive thru Round Up celebration. After many months of frustration, St. Thomas High School, where Jim is president, began construction on the new Father Wilson Baseball Field. It will be a gem in the city of Houston.

Mitch Dowalgo retired from his work teaching and tutoring at St. Thomas High School. He is the master chef of Keon House, making several outstanding meals, particularly his work preparing the Thanksgiving Day feast. Mitch was visited by family members from New Mexico. He underwent knee replacement surgery this year. Mitch is an amazing conversationalist and a joy to this small community.

Janusz Ihnatowicz, a diocesan priest from Poland and former faculty member of the University of St. Thomas has lived for over 50 years with the Basilians. He continues his research and writing, particularly on the works of Pope St. John Paul. He celebrates Mass at both Keon House and at the University of St. Thomas. His acerbic wit continues to delight.



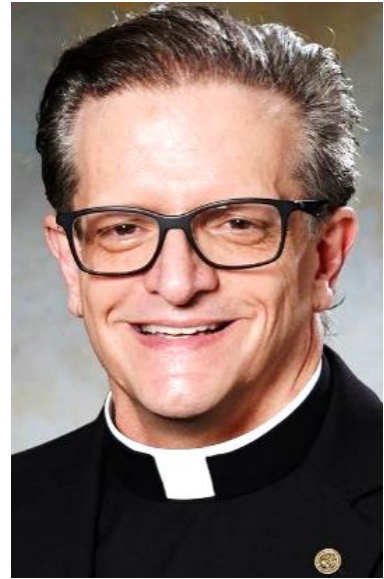
The Basilian Fathers of Rochester

Kevin Mannara reports: “We still live in the same places: I am in a house adjacent to the St. John Fisher College campus, Tom Dugan CSB resides at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse. The priests and sisters there have a good community life of prayer and fellowship with each other. Tom Dugan receives excellent care, and the Sisters love the Basilians!

“I serve as the Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College, am the Co-director of Vocations, and a member of JPIC, the Basilian Center for Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation. I serve on the Diocesan Presbyteral Council.

“St. John Fisher College continues to grow. The Chapel of St. Basil the Great attracts worshipers, weddings, and special events. The Trovato Campus Ministry Center has led to continued growth of the program.

“As with most of the world, 2021 unfolded in ways we never expected. It’s been a year of uncertainty, isolation, and loss. It’s also been a year when we all became much more aware of our dependence on God and connection to others. I pray the lessons of 2021 will lead to fuller life in the coming years.”



The Campus of John Fisher College, founded by the Basilian Fathers and Bishop James A. Kearney in 1948.

Associated Member:

George Smith continued his work as Interim Dean of the Faculties of Human Sciences and Philosophy at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. He also serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Toronto School of Theology and is on the Board of St. John Fisher College in Rochester. After 10 years as Chair of the Board of Directors of Presentation Manor, he concluded his service of that apostolate this year with gratitude.

St. Anne's Parish

Houston TX

We began this past year at Saint Anne's Catholic Community still in the grips of the pandemic. Unfortunately, we were unable to celebrate Saint Basil's Day with our usual gathering, because of the COVID-19 virus. Although the lockdown mandate had been lifted in the state of Texas, we were still only allowed to celebrate Mass at 50% capacity. We continued to livestream our Sunday 11:00 AM English and 12:45 PM Spanish Masses each week in order to reach out to our parishioners. Each of the priests, along with one of our deacons, and David Semivule, our Basilian Scholastic, continued to send out daily reflections each week for those who could not attend daily Mass. In February we were allowed to celebrate Masses at 100% capacity within the church.



On the evening of February 14th, only a couple of days before Ash Wednesday, a bitter ice storm hit the entire state of Texas and we lost power for a few days. Although the church grounds were closed, we continued to have morning Mass in the cold and dark for those who still wished to attend. By the grace of God, power was restored on the evening of Ash Wednesday, before it got too dark to say Mass. During the season of Lent, Mass attendance was light, even for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil celebrations. But on Easter Sunday, everyone had decided to come to Mass. At every Mass, the church was packed and people were standing outside the doorways to participate in the Masses.



The new school year began with full time in person learning, with all the students returning to the classrooms. Although, once again, we did not have our Fall Fiesta this past year, because of lingering concerns about the pandemic, in November, the school held its annual gala in our new gym, with great success. Because of the approaching bicentennial of the founding of the Congregation of St. Basil, the Basilian Fathers were honored at the gala. (*Eduardo, Jay, and David at the Gala.*)

On November 19th, just a couple of days before the official founding date of our congregation, we joined with the University of St. Thomas in celebrating the beginning of our bicentennial year along with the 75th anniversary of the university by celebrating a special Mass in the evening, which was followed by a dinner reception. We called attention to the 199th anniversary of the founding of our congregation at all the Masses on the November 21st weekend and displayed banners concerning our rich history.

We are now celebrating all the sacraments at full capacity within the church. We continue to celebrate baptisms once a month. We have confessions each Saturday afternoon or by appointment. We still offer



the anointing of the sick by appointment only. We have daily Mass Monday- Friday at 7:00 AM as well as noon Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Weekend Masses are on Saturday at 5:15 PM and Sunday 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM in English and 12:45 PM in Spanish. Meetings for our many different parish organizations have resumed in person.

Eduardo and David celebrate “El Día de los Muertos” with the Hispanic community

Eduardo Rivera has been juggling parish and vocation ministry. The pandemic has not slowed down ministry at the parish yet finding volunteers and liturgical ministers at St. Anne has been a struggle. Eduardo is helping to train new English and Spanish liturgical ministers. He, along with David Zapalac and Jay Walsh have been preparing couples for marriage and giving presentations for the RCIA. Eduardo occasionally celebrates Mass at St. Thomas High School and the University of St. Thomas. He organized a virtual vocation retreat in February, which was attended by candidates in Canada and the United States. Eduardo helps to facilitate a monthly discernment group that is organized by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. With the uncertainty of the pandemic, Eduardo has adapted vocation ministry to both in-person and virtual formats. His first full year of priestly ministry was filled with challenges and moments of joy. Ministry at St. Anne has provided him with sacramental, pastoral, and interpersonal experiences. He is looking forward to what God has in store for him.

Jay Walsh continues his many years of happy service as a Parochial Vicar at St. Anne’s Parish. Jay continues to serve as a spiritual coordinator for the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Lectio Divina group, along with regular visits to the classes of school children. Along with the other confrères, he has found 2021 to continue to be challenging year with the Corona Virus still effecting many aspects of our daily lives. Another torn rotator cuff continues to interfere with his ability to get a good night’s sleep along with his hobbies of golf and fishing, but Jay is looking forward to getting better.

As pastor, David Zapalac continues to serve in both the English and Spanish speaking ministries. David is greatly appreciative of his confrères who have made our local house a real home filled with love and joy. He is grateful for all our local Basilian Lay Associates who are always ready and willing to lend a helping hand along with the occasional delicious home cooked meal. He considers himself very lucky to have staff and parishioners at St. Anne’s who are always helpful and supportive.



St. Anne Community celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi.

St. Joseph Mission Center

Sugar Land TX

Vince Dulock: Things are moving along at the Mission Center. Aron Fernandez is the Director of Operations. He and I work well together. Of course, we are still putting up with this deadly corona virus and are very tired of it. I have taken all my shots including the booster. Pope Francis said getting inoculated against the virus is an act of love for others, in the sense of not spreading the disease.

I had a terrible experience early in 2021 when a man ran a red light and almost killed me and totaled my car. Thank God for seat belts and airbags! Another thing I dealt with this year were what they call TIA's, where I lost consciousness of where I was and what was happening around me for 5 to 10 minutes four different times. The neurologist at the Texas Medical Center adjusted my medication and I was fine.



Due to the COVID 19 virus our work has diminished since US parishes are not calling us as much to preach for the missions. Also, the local parishes don't need me as much on the weekends due to the decreased numbers attending Mass physically. I am still studying New Testament Greek in my spare time. I have always wanted to do this because the New Testament was originally written in Greek and knowing the language is a great aid to understanding it better. I am happy that Terry Kersch will be staying with me in the summers now. It will be great to have a confrère living here with me.



Aron Fernandez has been the Director of Operations since 2016. He takes his job seriously and does it very well. He is in charge of accounting, bill paying and financial matters and is assisted part-time by María Hernández. He oversees the physical plant at the Missions Center, he welcomes Basilian missionaries who come to the Mission Center, he receives all donations and send receipts and thank you letters, and he and Jack Hanna produce the "Mission Newsletter."

Aron is also tasked with the very challenging job of scheduling Basilians to preach in various dioceses to raise funds for the Basilian Missions. The Basilians who minister in Mexico and Colombia are grateful for the work of their brother Basilians in Canada and the United States.

These Basilians preached in 2021

Vince Dulock, Paul English,
Jim Murphy, Kevin Mannara,
Richard Wahl, Paul Walsh,
Norm Tanck, and Terry Kersch.

Terry Kersch: I spent my sabbatical in Israel from July 2020 to August 2021 and during that time completed a master's degree in Israel Studies and three levels of Modern Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Throughout the thirteen months in the Holy Land, I was hosted by the Jesuit community at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem. Given travel restrictions to Israel due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, there were only five residents in the house for most of my time there—four Jesuits and one Basilian! The Jesuits were wonderful hosts under the leadership of Father David Neuhaus SJ and they warmly welcomed me into the life of their community.



On my return, I was given a dual appointment which would have me spend half the year based at the Mission Center in Sugar Land preaching for the missions and the other half of the year as director of studies splitting my time between the Basilian Scholasticates in Mexico City and Bogotá. I arrived in Mexico City in October 2021 and began to upgrade my Spanish with an advanced intermediate course at la Universidad de LaSalle de México. Ten Mexican scholastics and three priests, including myself, reside in our scholasticate in a southern portion of Mexico City—the municipality of Tlalpan. It is walking distance from the institutions of higher learning where our scholasticates study philosophy and theology. Along with José Alberto Juárez, I help out on Sundays at the parish of San Agustín de las Cuevas which is also walking distance from our house.



Terry Kersch, back row, third from the right, with the Basilians at the Scholasticate in Mexico City

Los Padres Basilianos en México

Es claro que la formación es la misión principal de la comunidad basiliana en México. Empezamos el año con ocho escolásticos y seis novicios. Al final de 2021 el número de basilianos incluyó a siete asociados, trece escolásticos y un diácono unos días antes de su ordenación sacerdotal.



Un paseo: seis escolásticos (desde la izquierda: José Gómez, Lauro Sánchez, Óscar Martínez, Ángel Vivas, Jesús Rodríguez y Erick Enríquez) en Coyoacán con el visitante canónico, P. Paul English.

It is clear that formation is the main mission of the Basilian community in México started the year with eight scholastics and six novices. At the end of 2021 our numbers included seven associates, thirteen scholastics and a deacon days before his priestly ordination.

El Escolasticado

En enero, había seis escolásticos en México, y dos en Tehuacán. De los seis, Antonio Ibáñez terminaba su teología en la UIC (la Universidad Intercontinental) y Erick Enríquez terminaba su teología en la Pontificia (La Universidad Pontificia de México). Lauro Sánchez estudiaba al tiempo en la UIC (2º teología, ahorita 3ª teología). Juan José Ortiz y Jesús Rodríguez (1º teología, ahorita 2ª teología) Y Ángel Vivas (2ª filosofía, ahorita 3ª filosofía) estudiaban en “la Ponti”. Todas sus clases se llevan a cabo en línea.

José Gómez y Óscar Martínez se mudaron a Tehuacán donde empezaron su ministro pastoral en la Parroquia de San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir. Empezaron, también, una maestría en la psicología Gestalt, un programa de 3 años en INTEGRO (Instituto de Terapia Gestalt, Región Occidente). Han cumplido todos sus estudios en filosofía y teología. En julio, Antonio hizo sus votos perpetuos y fue ordenado al diaconado el 4 de agosto por Mons. Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero, obispo de Tehuacán, Puebla.



Misa en el escolasticado con el Mons. Carlos Samaniego, Obispo Auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de México

Mass in the Scholasticate chapel with Mons. Carlos Samaniego, Auxiliary Bishop of Mexico City

The Scholasticate

In January, there were six scholastics in Mexico, and two in Tehuacán. Of the six, Antonio Ibáñez was finishing his theology at La UIC (the Intercontinental University) and Erick Enríquez was finishing his theology at the Pontificia (The Pontifical University of Mexico). Lauro Sánchez was studying at La UIC (2nd theology, now 3rd theology). Juan José Ortiz and Jesús Rodríguez (1st theology, now 2nd theology) and Ángel Vivas (2nd philosophy, now 3rd philosophy) were studying at “la Ponti”. All classes are held online.

José Gómez and Óscar Martínez moved to Tehuacán where they began working as pastoral ministers in the Parish of San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir. They also started a master's degree in Gestalt psychology, a 3-year program at INTEGRO (Gestalt Therapy Institute, Western Region). They have completed all their studies in philosophy and theology. In July, Antonio made his final vows and was ordained a deacon on August 4 by Mons. Gonzalo Alonzo Calcada.



Párroco de San Juan Crisóstomo, P. Beto Rojas, P. Beto Juárez, Ángel Vivas y Jesús Rodríguez.

En los últimos meses, los miembros del escolasticado han conectado con nuestra primera parroquia en México. Durante un paseo en el otoño, Padre Alberto Juárez, el director de Escolásticos y Padre Roberto Rojas, Promotor Vocacional con escolásticos Ángel Vivas y Jesús Rodríguez visitaron la parroquia de San Juan Crisóstomo y su párroco. El 20 de noviembre, la comunidad celebró una misa allá para empezar el año bicentenario de los Padres Basilianos.

In recent months, members of the scholasticate have connected with our first parish in Mexico. During an outing in the fall, Father Alberto Juárez, the director of Scholastics and Father Roberto Rojas, Vocational Promoter with scholastics Ángel Vivas and Jesús Rodríguez visited the parish of San Juan Crisóstomo and its pastor. On November 20, the community celebrated a mass there to begin the bicentennial year of the Basilian Fathers.

El Noviciado – Casa San Felipe – The Novitiate

Empezamos el año con seis novicios. P. Beto Rojas era el director de novicios y P. Jess Owens el asistente. Los novicios eran Jesús Cisneros, Alejandro García, César Enrique Hernández, Baruc Abraham Juárez, Julio César Martínez y Hugo Medina. Su año involucró, la práctica de la vida religiosa diaria, instrucción regular, retiros, talleres y ministerio pastoral, especialmente en la segunda mitad del año. El 17 de julio, P. John Huber, 2º consejero del Consejo General, recibió sus primeros votos.



The newly professed:

Los nuevos profesos: en la primera fila desde la izquierda después de P. René Espejel y Antonio Ibáñez ellos son Baruc Juárez, Alejandro García, Hugo Medina, Jesús Cisneros, Julio César Martínez, César Enrique Hernández

We started the year with six novices. Father Beto Rojas was the director of novices and Fr Jess Owens the assistant. The novices were Jesús Cisneros, Alejandro García, César Enrique Hernández, Baruc Abraham Juárez, Julio César Martínez and Hugo Medina. Their year involved the practice of religious life each day, regular instruction, retreats, workshops, and pastoral ministry, especially in the second half of the year. On July 17, Father John Huber, 2nd Councillor of the General Council, received their first vows.

Los nuevos escolásticos reanudaron sus estudios en la Ciudad de México en el escolasticado. Baruc y César están en su último año de filosofía en la UIC; Jesús Cisneros y Hugo Medina empiezan teología, Jesús en la UIC y Hugo en la Pontificia; Alejandro y Julio siguen en sus estudios de teología, Alejandro en la UIC y Julio en la Pontificia.

The new scholastics resumed their studies in Mexico City in the scholasticate. Baruc and César are in their last year of philosophy at UIC; Jesús Cisneros and Hugo Medina begin theology, Jesus at the UIC and Hugo at the Pontificia; Alejandro and Julio continue in their theology studies, Alejandro at the UIC and Julio at the Pontificia.

Mientras tanto en agosto, llegaron siete jóvenes en la Casa San Felipe para empezar su tiempo como asociados. Pensábamos que tendrían un año de asociación. Pero, en octubre, la comunidad decidió que habría un noviciado empezando en enero 2021. Sin embargo, estos hombres habían integrado muy rápido dentro de la vida pastoral de la parroquia. Cada uno tomó responsabilidad para una capilla y un grupo pastoral como Encuentro Matrimonial o Retrouvaille. Formaron relaciones fuertes en las capillas, los grupos y con el equipo pastoral de la parroquia. Su director ha sido P. Pablo Walsh asistido muy capazmente por Erick Enríquez que también tiene responsabilidades pastorales. También, en la casa viven Padre René Espejel, el párroco de San Pedro Acoquiaco, y Padres Daniel Porter y Jess Owens.



*The seven Associates.
from left to right,
Desde la izquierda,
Marco Sierra, P. Pablo Walsh,
Luis Gonzaga,
Osvaldo García, P. Jess Owens, P.
Dan Porter,
Walter Martínez, "Alex"
Balderas, "Justo" Rodríguez,
"Pepe" Zamudio. Ausente: Erick
Enríquez, P. René Espejel.*

Meanwhile, in August, seven young men arrived at Casa San Felipe to begin their time as associates. We thought they were going to have a year of association. But, in October, the community decided that there would be a novitiate starting in January 2021. Even so, these men had already integrated very well into the pastoral life of the parish. Each one took responsibility for a chapel and a pastoral group such as Marriage Encounter or Retrouvaille. They formed strong relationships in chapels, groups, and with the parish pastoral team. Their director has been Father Paul Walsh, assisted very ably by Erick Enríquez, who also has pastoral responsibilities. Also living in the house are Father René Espejel, the pastor of San Pedro Acoquiaco, and Fathers Daniel Porter and Jess Owens.

La parroquia de San Lorenzo en Tehuacán



La Parroquia San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir entró, con todo el mundo, su segundo año de la pandemia con todas sus restricciones. Pero, después de 2020 con meses sin celebraciones públicas, la parroquia y la diócesis descubrieron el protocolo que permitiría un regreso a un nuevo ritmo normal. Seguimos con cubrebocas, sana distancia, gel desinfectante y tomar la temperatura de cada persona que entre la iglesia para la liturgia, ¡incluyendo a los sacerdotes y a los ministros!

P. Alejandro Estrada empezó su segundo año como párroco, siempre con las restricciones de la pandemia. Su equipo incluye al Diácono Antonio Ibáñez, P. Jess Owens y P. Daniel. P. Jess pasa tiempo cada lunes a sábado en la oficina para escuchar a confesiones y a personas buscando consejo pastoral. Y P. Daniel está disponible para visitar a los enfermos como medidas sanitarias permitan. Hay tres escolásticos también: Óscar Martínez, José Gómez y Erick Enríquez.

También, las Misioneros de la Sagrado Corazón de Jesús de Xalapa (o popularmente las Azules) son una parte integral del liderazgo y equipo pastoral y varias personas y ministros en las capillas y la oficina parroquial (o Centro Comunitario). Por cuatro meses, los asociados también formaron una parte del equipo.

The Parish of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr Parish entered, with everyone, its second year of the pandemic with all its restrictions. But, after 2020 with months without public celebrations, the parish and diocese discovered the protocol that would allow a return to a new normal rhythm. We continue with face masks, healthy distance, disinfectant gel and take the temperature of each person who enters the church for the liturgy, including priests and ministers!

P. Alejandro Estrada began his second year as pastor, with all the restrictions of the pandemic. His team includes Deacon Antonio Ibáñez, Father Jess Owens, and Father Daniel. Father Jess spends time every Monday through Saturday in the office to listen to confessions and people seeking pastoral advice. And Father Dan is available to visit the sick as public health measures allow. There are three scholastics as well: Óscar Martínez, José Gómez and Erick Enríquez. Also, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Xalapa (or more popularly the “Azules”) are an integral part of the pastoral leadership and team and various people and ministers in the chapels and the parish office (or Community Center). For four months, the associates were also a part of the team.



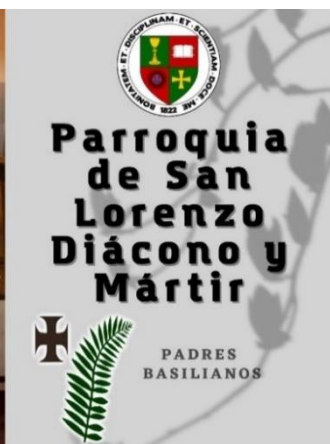
Hay dos eventos para destacar en el año. Uno fue una kermés de las artes muy exitosa. Por la pandemia había menos personas que otros años, pero los que vinieron gastaron relativamente mucho haciendo el día un éxito. Además, la parroquia lanzó su propia página en Facebook, firmo que la página de Facebook de vocaciones se estaba volviendo demasiado chico tanto para la actividad vocacional como para la actividad parroquial.

La Hermana Sagrario MSCIX, Óscar Martínez CSB y uno de los artistas durante la kermés.

Sister Sagraria MSCIX, Oscar Martínez CSB, and one of the artists during the art festival.

There are two events of note during the year. One was a very successful arts “kermés”, a type of festival. Due to the pandemic, there were fewer people than in other years, but those who came spent relatively more making the day a success. Also, the parish launched its own page on Facebook, a sign that the vocations Facebook page was becoming too small for both vocations activity and parish activity.

La Parroquia estableció su propia página en Facebook



Cómo cualquier otro año, ha habido misas dominicales y diarias, bautizos y bodas, nuestra misa mensual de sanación (con algunas adaptaciones para hacerla aun más sana) y bendiciones, bendiciones y más bendiciones. No sería México sin muchas bendiciones. Agradecemos a Dios mucho por todos sus dones y beneficios.

A pesar de las dificultades, sigue bendiciéndonos. Que siga bendiciendo a ustedes todos, basilianos y asociados laicos, en 2022.

Like any other year, there are Sunday and daily Masses, baptisms and weddings, our monthly healing Mass (with some adaptations to make it even safer) and blessings, blessings and more blessings. It wouldn't be Mexico without many blessings. We thank God very much for all his gifts and benefits.

Despite the difficulties, he continues to bless us. May he continue to bless all Basilians and lay associates in 2022.



Celebración Navideña: Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia, diciembre 2021
Christmas celebration with the pastoral team for the Parish December 2021

**Comunidad Parroquial de San Pedro Apóstol; Acoquiaco.
Diócesis de Tehuacán, Puebla, México, P. René Espejel CSB**

El templo de la parroquia de San Pedro Apóstol, Acoquiaco es el templo más antiguo del valle de Tehuacán, data del año 1575. El párroco es René Javier Espejel González CSB. En este año de vida pastoral, en medio de la pandemia, hemos mantenido el servicio pastoral en la dimensión de la catequesis infantil, con la preparación de los sacramentos de la Eucaristía y de la Confirmación en promedio de 150 niños que se preparan para recibir los sacramentos. Contamos con 15 catequistas que han recibido un curso para ofrecer la catequesis a los niños. Se cuenta con servicio de catequesis pre-sacramentales, como también un proceso de catecumenados, nos hemos encontrado con varios adultos que no tienen los sacramentos de iniciación, así como también personas que quieren ser católicos.

Hemos preparado a un grupo de personas para ser instituidos como ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión. Tendremos 20 personas que recibirán este ministerio el día 22 de diciembre por medio del Señor Obispo Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero. Se realiza el servicio social con pláticas y ayuda de despensas cada 15 días. Contamos con 5 personas que laboran en la parroquia, como sacristán, secretaria, limpieza y orden de las instalaciones de la parroquia.

En la parroquia se tiene un fervor grandes con las tradiciones, siendo un pueblo dentro de la ciudad mantienen aún muchas tradiciones, como el día de los difuntos, la Virgen de Juquila, la Virgen de Guadalupe, la Candelaria, así como la fiesta patronal de San Pedro.



**Parish Community of San Pedro Apostle; Acoquiaco.
Diocese of Tehuacán, Puebla, Mexico, Father René Espejel CSB**

The temple of the parish of San Pedro Apostle, Acoquiaco is the oldest temple in the valley of Tehuacán, dating from 1575. The pastor is René Javier Espejel González CSB. In this year of pastoral life, in the midst of the pandemic, we have maintained the pastoral service in the dimension of children's catechesis, with the preparation for the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation with an average of 150 children who are preparing to receive the sacraments. We have 15 catechists who have received a course to offer catechesis to children. There is a pre-sacramental catechesis service, as well as a process of catechumenates. We have encountered several adults who do not have the sacraments of

initiation, as well as people who want to become Catholics.

We have prepared a group of people to be instituted as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We will have 20 people who received this ministry on December 22nd through Bishop Gonzalo Alonso Calzada Guerrero. Social service is carried out with talks and food aid every 15 days. We have 5 people working in the parish, as sacristan, secretary, cleaning and order of the parish facilities.

In the parish there is a great fervor with the traditions, being a town within the city they still maintain many traditions, such as the day of the dead, the Virgin of Juquila, the Virgin of Guadalupe, the Candelaria, as well as the patronal feast of San Pedro.

El Ministerio Basiliano en Colombia

Noticias de la Comunidad en Medellín

P. Padre Óscar Gómez Soto CSB (Párroco), P. Carlos Rodríguez Marciales CSB (Superior y Formador), P. Juan Carlos Rojas Ramos CSB, Vicario. Asociados: José Hoyos, Amaury Ramos. Asociados recibidos en Diciembre 2021: Anthony Lagos, Juan Pablo Martínez, Germán Suárez, Raúl Ruiz, Cristián Vera.



El año 2021 ha sido una excelente experiencia vivida en la comunidad local y parroquial de San Basilio, en la ciudad de Medellín, tanto en la formación, fraternidad, apostolado y acompañamiento a esta comunidad parroquial donde el Señor nos ha brindado la oportunidad de ejercer nuestro carisma basiliano.

Amaury Ramos, P. Oscar Gómez, P. Carlos Rodríguez, P. Juan Carlos Rojas, José Hoyos.

The year 2021 has been an excellent experience lived in the local and parish community of San Basilio, in the city of Medellín, both in formation, fraternity, apostolate and accompaniment to this parish community where the Lord has given us the opportunity to exercise our Basilian charism.

A nivel pastoral ha sido gratificante, nuevamente se volvió presencialmente a los distintos servicios que ofrecemos como comunidad. Tanto las Eucaristías presenciales como los distintos grupos parroquiales retomaron su normalidad parcialmente, entre ellos: catequesis de primera comunión y Confirmación, pre-bautismales.



Amaury Ramos, P. Oscar Gómez, José Hoyos, P. Juan Carlos Rojas, P. Carlos Rodríguez.

At the pastoral level it has been gratifying, once again we returned in person to the different services that we offer as a community. Both the Eucharist celebrated in person and the different parish groups partially resumed their normality, among them: First Communion and Confirmation catechesis, preparation for baptism.



Los proyectos Basilianos como: sala de internet, consultorio médico, taller de artesanías, taller de costuras y comedor parroquial; continuaron su trabajo, brindando los servicios y distintas ayudas a esta comunidad. También acompañamos a las pequeñas comunidades en los sectores de la Parroquia.

*Feeding the community at the parish
Learning a trade and finding economic stability*

The Basilian projects such as: internet room, medical office, handicraft workshop, sewing workshop, and parish dining room, continued their work, providing services and various aids to this community. Also, we continue the weekly meetings with the small communities in the different sectors of the parish.

También se dio la oportunidad de reunimos con los hermanos de Bogotá y tener un retiro juntos a mitad de año, después de ir saliendo un poco de la pandemia o aun en ella. Tuvimos una misión parroquial en honor a las fiestas patronales de nuestra parroquia. En octubre, el mes de las misiones, tuvimos todo el mes dedicado a la misión familiar, por ser el año de la familia a nivel de la Arquidiócesis de Medellín quien pidió a todas las parroquias realizar esta misión. Gracias a Dios tuvimos una hermosa experiencia.

We also had the opportunity to meet with the brothers from Bogotá and have a retreat together in the middle of the year, after the pandemic subsided for a time. We had a parish mission in honor of the patronal feast of our parish. In October, the month of the missions, we had the whole month dedicated to the family mission, because it was the year of the family in the the Archdiocese of Medellin and all the parishes were asked to carry out this mission. Thanks to God we had a beautiful experience.



Finalmente, agradecemos al Señor y a la Congregación por las todas las experiencias pastorales, la formación y fraternidad vividas y los frutos del trabajo realizado.

Finally, we thank the Lord and the Congregation for all the pastoral experiences, the formation experienced, the fraternity lived, and seeing the fruits of the work we had done.

Escolástico Eduard Alexis Guerrero Carrillo CSB profesa votos en Medellín

Scholastic Eduard Alexis Guerrero Carrillo CSB professes his vows in Medellín

Noticia de la comunidad en Bogotá

P. Pedro Miguel Mora CSB (Superior Regional), Padre Javier Higuera (segundo consejero y formador), Escolásticos: Osman De La Hoz CSB, Edilson Gómez CSB, Eduard Guerrero CSB, Marlon Rincón CSB, Anderson Úsuga CSB. Asociados: Juan Gabriel Galvis, José Raúl Zarama,

La Casa Annonay, ubicada en la capital del país, es el lugar donde residen los Padres Pedro Mora y Javier Higuera, han sido los encargados de acompañar la formación tanto de los Escolásticos como de los Asociados. Por ello, la vida en fraternidad que es un don que de Dios proviene, posibilita que los demás espacios como la oración, el trabajo, el estudio, y el recreo se encuentren armonizados.

Casa Annonay, located in the capital of the country, is the place where Fathers Pedro Mora and Javier Higuera reside and have been in charge of accompanying the formation of both the Scholastics and the Associates. Therefore, life as brothers, which is a gift that comes from God, makes it possible for us to incorporate and harmonize activities such as prayer, work, study, and recreation.



Nos gustan las arepas, pero esa noche se nos antojaron unas enchiladas y fajitas.

All of us like arepas, but on this night we felt like eating some enchiladas and fajitas.

Edilson Gómez, Osman De La Hoz, Eduard Guerrero, P. Javier Higuera, P. Pedro Mora, Juan Galvis, Marlon Rincón, Anderson Úsuga

Es de humanos reconocer que no ha sido una experiencia fácil, atravesar la realidad de la pandemia, dado que, desde la distancia de cada uno de Basilianos de sus seres queridos y las limitaciones a cualquier contacto pastoral o personal quedara completamente reducido. Pero nos dio la posibilidad para alimentar y fortalecer la vida de hermanos, contribuyendo a los seres queridos y a las personas cercanas, con momentos de oración.



Edilson Gómez, Anderson Úsuga, José Zarama, P. Javier Higuera, P. Pedro Mora, Juan Galvis, Marlon Rincón, Eduard Guerrero, Osman De La Hoz



It is human to recognize that going through the pandemic has not been an easy experience, given that, since the distance of each Basilian from their loved ones and the limitations to any pastoral or personal contact was significantly reduced. What it did give us was the possibility to nourish and strengthen our life as brothers, contributing to loved ones and people close to them, with moments of prayer.

Gracias a la virtualidad, los Basilianos descubrieron que podrían llegar a muchos hogares con un mensaje cargado de un tinte Basiliano que fuera a la vez esperanzador y de fuerza en Jesucristo, quien prometió estar con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos. Por ello, la transmisión de la eucaristía, la hora santa al estilo Taizé y Vocacional, como también los títeres, hizo que niños, jóvenes y adultos, tuvieran un espacio para comunicarse con Dios.

Thanks to virtual communications, the Basilians discovered that they could reach many homes with a message charged with a Basilian touch that was both hopeful and strong in Jesus Christ, who promised to be with us until the end of time. Therefore, the transmission of the Eucharist, the holy hour in the Taizé style, as well as the puppets, gave children, youth and adults a space to communicate with God.

Así mismo, la vida de los Basilianos sigue estando cimentada en los pilares de la vida común, la vida de oración, la vida de trabajo y la vida de estudio, por ello, pedimos a todos ustedes que sigan elevando a



Dios plegarias de acción de gracias por la vocación de los que están en formación, pidiendo a Dios que les fortalezca en su SI a Dios y la Congregación.

Likewise, the life of the Basilians continues to be based on the pillars of the common life, the life of prayer, the life of work, and the life of study, therefore, we ask all of you to continue raising to God prayers of thanksgiving for the vocation of those in formation, asking God to strengthen them in their YES to God and the Congregation.



Houston Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: David Zapalac, Barbara Bishop

Our year in BLA began much the way 2020 ended. We all had high hopes of vaccines for COVID and being able to gather normally. We have been able to get together some and have also met on ZOOM as well. Needless to say, we did not have our annual celebration on St. Basil Day. I might add, we are looking forward to January 2, the Feast of St. Basil. We will have Mass at St. Anne's followed by dinner in St. Basil Hall.

Last January we gathered on ZOOM. Sean Aljuni and David Semivule joined us and talked about what they had been doing. Sean was in Rochester and David was at St. Anne's. We all enjoyed hearing about their experiences. During Lent, our group hosted a retreat on ZOOM for all of the BLA's. Father Eduardo Rivera led the retreat. It was beautifully presented and we were all given much to think about.

On May 23, 2021 Blanca and Eusebio Rivera hosted a dinner at St. Anne's to celebrate Father Eduardo's anniversary. All were thrilled to celebrate his first anniversary as a priest. Of course, none of us could attend his Ordination due to COVID and were delighted to celebrate this joyous occasion with Father Eduardo and his family. *(Eduardo is in the photo at right with Donna Stokes and Joan O'Leary.)*



In October of this year, we had our first gathering in person with dinner at St. Anne's. It was so very nice to get together in a normal way! Father Paul English and Father John Huber talked with us about the many things planned to celebrate the Basilian Bicentennial.

In early November, Father Kevin Storey was here and we all were invited to meet with him at Keon House. Again, it was so good to feel normal and the priests at Keon House were glad to have us come to their home. Several of our Come and See members were there to meet Father Kevin. A Mass was held on Friday, November 19 to begin the celebration of the Basilian Bicentennial. Following the Mass, we gathered in St. Basil Hall for a dinner. Father John Huber was the celebrant and gave a wonderful history of the Basilians in his homily.



In December we had a Christmas party with the priests at Dillon House. We took dinner, the priests decorated their home, and a good time was had by all! *(Gary Bishop and Bettie Stalls share a laugh at left.)*

Throughout the year, we have taken dinner to Dillon House one Sunday evening each month. We started doing this over a year ago and plan to keep doing this. The retired priests really have enjoyed our short visits when we deliver dinner! They do not have a cook on Sunday evenings and they like our cooking!

We are surely looking forward to more meetings in person this year. Let us pray ...

Rochester Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: Kevin Mannara CSB, Cathy Poirier

Article prepared by Vilma Goetting

Our first Rochester BLA gathering of the year occurred on February 13th at St. John Fisher College. Our dear friend, Father Al Cylwicki, had died on February 7th and we were honored to join his family at the St. John Fisher College Hermance Family Chapel to celebrate Father Al's funeral Mass. He had been a loyal attendee at our BLA meetings often having a special prayer for us and frequently providing each of us with a collection of his sermons! We continue to miss his holy presence and energy among us.

Father Kevin arranged for us to have our meetings via ZOOM during the winter months. In March, he presented a video of the Stations of the Cross with prayer for us to follow along. It was a perfect preface for our Lenten journeys. The following week several of our BLA joined Houston's Day of Recollection with Father Eduardo Rivera CSB which we thoroughly enjoyed. Rochester greatly appreciates Houston's efforts to include us in the prayer life of all BLAs.

During the summer on July 20 the Rochester BLA gathered at the All Souls' Chapel in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery to commemorate the first year anniversary of our dear Father Joe Trovato's death. It was a beautiful tribute celebrated by Father Kevin, joined by Father Paul English and some alumni from St. John Fisher College where Father Joe served many years. One of the Fisher alums, Deacon Kevin Carges of Eight for World Hope, spoke at the Mass about their group of alumni's involvement in building the Father Joe Trovato home for boys in Jamaica. In August he came to speak at our meeting about ways our BLA could support the project. At that time, we were able to provide Deacon Kevin with a check toward the building. After Mass Father Kevin, Father Paul and the BLA gathered at the Lakeside Haven Family Restaurant (owned by Father Kevin's sister) for a delicious luncheon together. It was a delight to visit with Father Paul again.



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Thanks to Father Kevin, on November 21 we joined others at the St. John Fisher Chapel to commemorate the bicentennial of the Basilian Fathers. Father John Huber gave a wonderful homily on the history of the Basilian Fathers, which captivated all of us. It was another blessing to celebrate the Eucharist with our Basilian Fathers. Following the Mass, the Lay Associates joined with Father Kevin and Father John for a luncheon at the St. John Fisher cafeteria. We experienced the special hospitality and love of our Basilian Fathers!

The Basilian Lay Associates were blessed by Shirley Mannara's presence over the years. Please keep her, Father Kevin, and his family in your prayers.



Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: Norm Tanck CSB, Brenda Holz, Nancy Strader



Our membership numbers have varied little over the year. We did lose one member, Susan Sheard, unexpectedly in May. We (Brenda and Nancy) are in our third year as lay coordinators. Father Norm is in his fourth year as our ordained coordinator.
(Coordinators planning meeting at left.)

We started and ended this year, 2021 operating under the prevailing COVID 19 restrictions. All sessions in 2021 were held using ZOOM. We have been able to meet more of our BLA family though the medium of ZOOM used across North America. This lessened the isolation caused by COVID.

We began our year in January with a ZOOM meeting. Father Dan Callam CSB presented a reflection on the Gospel of Mark. He noted the urgency expressed by Mark and the compactness of this work.

Our February meeting featured a discussion of the role of Music in the Church presented by Father Steven Huber CSB. He looked at the importance of music over time and music in worship today.

Our third event was a Lenten Day of Reflection hosted by the Houston BLAs on March 13th. All BLAs, including those from Toronto, Windsor, Rochester, and Houston were invited to attend. Father Eduardo Rivera CSB provided the Lenten Reflection. The theme was transformation. This session fully engaged the attendees because of the ability of BLAs to communicate and meet each other.

We hosted a session on Marian traditions on May 15". Father Tanck organized this session which featured a video called the Four Truths about Mary. Topics covered during this session included Mary Crowning ceremonies, devotions, the origins of the rosary and a look at Mary in our lives.

On June 12 Father Paul English, the CSB Director of Formation, spoke about the New Basilian formation program. We learned about the requirements for those wanting to enter the program.

September, October and November featured sessions hosted by Father Tanck with the assistance of local BLAs. Our September event featured Father Tanck's reflection on "Mass in a Time of COVID." In October, Father Tanck, and Alice Turner spoke to what is expected of Basilians to be in compliance with the requirements for a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. In November we discussed books. Our final event of 2021 was a virtual Christmas gathering during which we shared our Christmas traditions. We are hoping to have an actual party in 2022!



Lay Associates at Presentation Manor:
*John Reddy CSB, Simone Minalabag,
Brian Inglis CSB, Anastasia Oehlert,
Sally Lianko*

Windsor Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: Paul McGill CSB, Anne Marie Handsor

This past year of 2021 was a very difficult year for everyone due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. The Basilian Lay Associates continued to try and connect with each other even though we were unable to meet in person for more than half of the year. We had our first gathering at the end of August. We had planned for an outdoor gathering in the courtyard of Assumption Parish but due to the heat and humidity we ended up meeting in Rosary Hall. It was such a wonderful feeling to be able to reconnect in person after 8 months of being unable to gather. We were grateful that all the Basilian Fathers were able to join us for this time of fellowship and reconnecting.

We did begin our monthly meetings again in September and continued to meet through December. During our November BLA meeting Father Jim O'Neill led us through a very enlightening talk on St. Joseph because the year dedicated to St. Joseph was coming to an end. Father Jim had hand-outs for everyone, and a very interesting and prayerful sharing took place after the talk.

On November 21st we celebrated with the Basilians at the 11:00 AM Mass. This Mass was the beginning of the Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Basilian Fathers. There were several Basilian Fathers on the altar with Father Jim O'Neill presiding and Father Maurice Restivo was the Homilist. Father Maurice gave an interesting history of the early beginnings of the Congregation of St. Basil.

For our December BLA meeting we invited Maureen Ray from Madonna House to lead some Advent reflections. We all found Maureen's reflections fascinating. We pray for an end to this pandemic so that we can all gather and do what we can to help wherever help is needed. We wish you all much peace and joy. We continue to pray for all Basilians and Lay Associates and ask for your prayers for us.

Below is a reflection from Marie Anne Seguin, one of the original Lay Associates from the Windsor Area. She is pictured here with Paul McGill CSB after a Eucharist celebrated in her home.

After Father Bob Duggan's invitation to "Come and See," my late husband Ed and I have been Basilian Lay Associates since its earliest beginnings. As years went by, we were blessed with faith-filled moments and events with both Basilian Religious and Basilian Lay Associates from all areas.

However, since being diagnosed with Severe Spinal Stenosis and plagued with mobility problems, I can no longer be as active as I would like to be. In the quietness of my life, I am trying to let go and to let God ... being grateful for all the blessings received on my journey.



Robert James Klem CSB

March 25, 1928 – January 22, 2021

Father Robert James Klem CSB died at St. Dominic's Center, Houston. He was 92 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 70 years and had served in priestly ministry for 64 years.

Bob was born in Webster, NY. His parents were Peter Klem and Madeline Smith. His brother, Peter, predeceased him; he is survived by his sister, Shirley Anselmo. He attended Holy Trinity Elementary School in Webster. After graduating from Webster High School in 1946 he attended St. Michael's College. In 1949 he entered the Rochester Novitiate and was professed in 1950. Returning to St. Michael's College, he obtained a BA in 1951 from the University of Toronto.



Bob was proud of his Webster roots; in 2016 he wrote: "My father Peter was born on a farm in Webster but after serving in France during the First World War, he settled in the village and worked for a firm that sold farm equipment. My mother Madeline, whom he married in 1919, was born in the village; her father ran the General Store. The Webster of my youth has changed, yet that is where my roots are."

Bob Klem was ordained on June 29, 1956, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by James Cardinal McGuigan. His first Mass was in Holy Trinity Church, Webster, on July 1, 1956. Father E.P. Magee CSB preached. Others ordained that year included: Francis Black, Ken Cashion, Joe Courtney, Charles Furlong, Paul Glynn, Art Howell, Norm Iversen, Ed Kline, Francis Launtrie, John Lee, William Lewis, Peter Mosteller, Harold Perry, Joseph Trovato, John Ware, and Jack Wick.

Bob himself wrote these words a few years ago: "From my early days at St. Mike's, my happy years at Aquinas, the fulfilling time at the Mission Center in Sugar Land, and finally at Dillon House, I know that everything that I have and cherish has its origin in the Basilian Congregation. Thank you all very much."

Robert Klem had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Rochester Novitiate, Rochester	1949-1950
University of St. Michael's College	1950-1951
University of Detroit, Detroit	1951-1952
University of St. Thomas, Houston	1952-1953
St. Basil's Seminary Toronto	1953-1957
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1957-1984
Studies: Santa Fe, NM, Santa Barbara CA	1984-1985
Treasurer, St. Basil's College, Toronto	1985-1988
Sabbatical	1988-1989
St. Joseph's Mission Center, Sugar Land	1989-2012
Dillon House, Houston	2012-2019
St. Dominic's Center, Houston	2019-2021

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anne's Church on Wednesday, January 27. Paul O'Connor CSB preached and Bob Glass CSB presided. Burial was in the Basilian plot at Forest Park, Lawndale, in Houston, TX.

Albert William Cylwicki CSB

June 20, 1932 – February 7, 2021

Father Albert Cylwicki CSB, died peacefully at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Rochester NY. He was 88 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 69 years and had served in priestly ministry for 60 years.

Al was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 20, 1932. His parents were Vincent J. Cylwicki and Victoria Buszek. He had one sister, Joan Dziedziak, who predeceased him. He attended St. Francis of Assisi Parochial School before enrolling at Catholic Central High School. Following high school graduation, he entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Rochester, and was professed on August 15, 1951. He was then appointed to Assumption College in Windsor from which he graduated in 1955 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. While teaching at Catholic Central High School he obtained a Michigan State Teacher's Certificate from the University of Detroit. He received an STB in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College in 1960, and an MATM (Teaching Math) from the University of Detroit in 1964.



Al was ordained on June 29, 1960, at St. Basil's Church in Toronto by Bishop Francis. V. Allen. He celebrated his First Mass in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Detroit, with Father Norbert Ruth CSB preaching. Others ordained that year: Paul Broadhurst, William Brown, Charles Christopher, Cyril Doherty, Thomas Dugan, Albert Gaelens, John Gallagher, Allen Genca, James Jordan, Gerard McGinn, Robert McKinnon, Robert O'Halloran, John Quinn, Leo Sands, Charles Smith, Frederick Wajda, and Conrad Wieczorek.

Al was a respected teacher of Math in high school and university; as a high school teacher, he also taught Theology. He was a chaplain for the Indy Car Races for several summers. Al wrote two books of homilies (Alba House): *If Today You Hear His Voice* (1981) and *His Word Resounds* (1988). Al was named to the Aquinas Hall of Fame in 2013 and received the President's Medal from John Fisher in 2016.

Albert Cylwicki had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Rochester Novitiate, Rochester	1950-1951
Assumption College, Windsor	1951-1955
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1955-1956
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1956-1957
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St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1958-1961
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1961-1963
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1963-1964
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto	1964-1966
Andean High School, Merrillville, IN	1966-1972
Sabbatical	1972-1973
Andean High School, Merrillville, IN	1973-1977
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1977-1981
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1981-1986
Sabbatical	1986-1987
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1987-1992
Holy Rosary Church, Toronto	1992-1993
Olean, NY, Archbishop Walsh HS	1993-1995
Basilian Fathers of East Rochester	1995-2016
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Rochester	2016-2021

A private Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John Fisher College, Rochester, in The Hermance Family Chapel of St. Basil the Great by Bishop Salvatore Matano on Saturday, February 13. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

John Joseph Hurley CSB

October 21, 1940 – June 5, 2021

Father John Joseph (Jack) Hurley CSB, died peacefully at Presentation Manor. He was 80 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 51 years and had served in priestly ministry for 38 years.

Jack was born in Stratford, ON. His parents were Joseph Hurley and Mary Durand. He is survived by his brothers, William and Kenneth. He attended Immaculate Conception Primary School and Stratford Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He worked for a year at Fram Canada Ltd., makers of oil filter replacement cartridges for cars, in his hometown of Stratford.

After entering Assumption University of Windsor, he was awarded the B A degree in 1963. He attended the Ontario College of Education in the summers of 1963 and 1964 and received the Ontario Teaching Certificate. He taught for four years at Nappanee District Secondary School. Jack was injured in a car accident in 1967 and was in a coma for nine days; this caused him to reevaluate his life and future. He began to consider the priesthood.

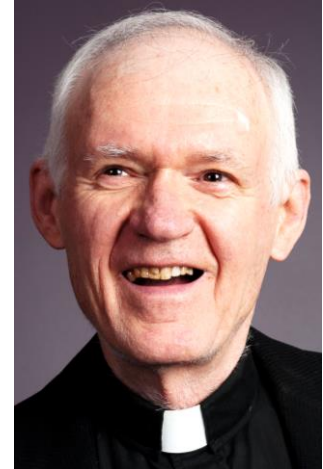
In 1968 he entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Erindale, and was professed on July 2, 1969. After theological studies at St. Basil's College, he was awarded the M Div degree from the University of St. Michael's College. He was ordained to the diaconate by George B. Cardinal Flahiff on May 3, 1975. On November 20, 1982, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Philip Pocock of Toronto. He celebrated his First Mass the following day in Immaculate Conception Church, Stratford, with James Daley CSB as the homilist. Others ordained that year included: Mitchell Dowalgo, Norbert Maduzia, and David Weise.

Jack served as Canadian Forces Chaplain for eleven different summers. He was a fanatical long distance power walker. He was an equally avid cyclist. Jack was an accomplished cross county skier, and he coached this sport at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie; the team won a championship in 1980. Later in life, Jack suffered from Multiple Systems Atrophy which limited his mobility; his life and mood changed drastically. He struggled with his failing health and tried without success to recover it.

Jack Hurley had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Erindale	1968-1969
St. Basil's Seminary / College, Toronto	1969-1971
St. Joseph's High School, Ottawa	1971-1972
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1972-1973
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie	1973-1975
St. Basil's Church, Toronto	1975-1976
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie	1976-1982
Michael Power High School, Etobicoke	1982-1983
Holy Names College, Oakland (Studies)	1983-1985
Basilian Fathers of London	1985-1986
Esquimalt Naval Base, BC, Chaplain	1986-1987
St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound	1987-1995
St. Augustine's Parish, Dundas ON	1995-1999
Campus Ministry, McMaster U., Hamilton	1999-2007
Parish Ministry, Hamilton ON	2007-2010
Anglin House, Toronto	2010-2018
Presentation Manor, Scarborough	2018-2021

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Monday, June 14, at Presentation Manor; John Reddy presided, and Joe Walsh preached. Burial was in the Basilian Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill, ON.

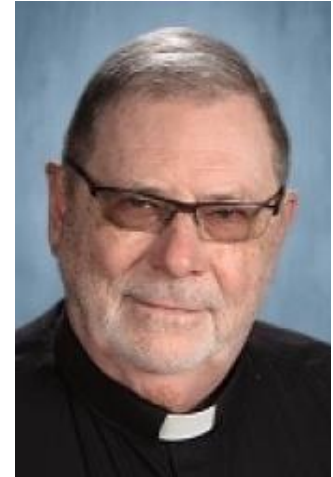


William Alden Riegel CSB

June 3, 1943 – August 23, 2021

Father William Alden Riegel CSB, died peacefully in palliative care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti MI. He had been suffering from paralysis, infections, respiratory problems, and sepsis. He was 78 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 58 years and served in priestly ministry for 48 years.

Bill was born in Detroit, MI on June 3, 1943. His parents were Alden William Riegel and Laura Cecile Ouellette. He had 3 sisters, Sister Alice Riegel OP, Mary Lou Zarem, and Carol Ann Wood. He attended St. Brigid's Elementary and Visitation High School in Detroit. He entered the Pontiac Novitiate in 1961 and was professed the following year. Bill received a B.A. from the University of Windsor in 1966, a M. Div in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College in 1972, and later, an M.A. in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame in 1978. Bill was ordained by George B. Cardinal Flahiff on June 3, 1973, in the Newman Centre Chapel, Toronto. Others ordained that year included: Michael Brand, Jamie Abercrombie, John Depa, William Frankenberger, John Murphy, Patrick Parkin, Richard Ranalletti, and Richard Wahl.



Bill was a certified Addiction Counsellor and was involved in 12 Step retreats in Canada and the USA. Having himself overcome addiction with treatment at Guest house in 1978, Bill was a compassionate but challenging counsellor. Bill was a devoted minister at several Basilian parishes as well as serving as a campus minister in Toronto at the Newman Center and in Rochester at Nazareth College. He was an engaging speaker and directed retreats for Basilians and for lay groups.

The 21st century opened a new horizon for Bill; he began a ministry with the Apostleship of the Sea which coordinates providing chaplains on cruise ships. Bill made several cruises as chaplain and often remarked about how much he was able to engage with passengers. Bill observed that there were Catholics who had wanted to talk to a priest, but the opportunity never came up until the cruise.

William Riegel had the following appointments in the Congregation

Pontiac Novitiate, Michigan	1961-1962
House of Studies, Windsor	1962-1966
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1966-1968
Andean High School, Gary, Indiana	1968-1969
St. Basil's Seminary and St. Basils' College, Toronto	1969-1972
Newman Center, Toronto	1972-1976
University of Notre Dame (Graduate Studies)	1976-1978
Holy Rosary Church, Toronto	1978-1982
Nazareth College, Rochester	1982-1984
St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg	1984-1988
St. Basil's Church, Ottawa	1988-1992
St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg	1992-1998
Assumption Church, Windsor	1998-1999
O'Connor House, Windsor	1999-2011
Assumption Church, Windsor	2011-2014
Basilian Fathers of Novi	2014-2021

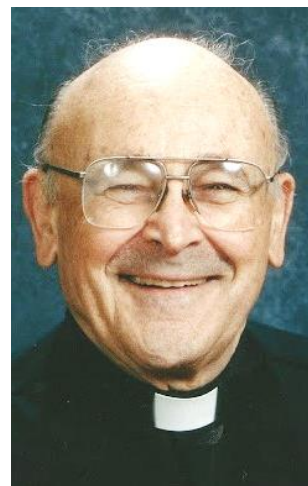
The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, August 28, at St. Joseph's Parish in South Lyon MI; Dennis Noelke CSB, Fourth General Councilor, presided at the Mass, and Patrick Fulton CSB, Principal of Catholic Central and Superior of the Basilian Fathers of Novi, preached.

Richard Joseph Elmer CSB

May 3, 1928 – November 4, 2021

Father Richard J. Elmer CSB died peacefully at Angela Hospice in Livonia MI. He was 93 years of age; he was a Basilian for 73 years and served in priestly ministry for 64 years.

Richard was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 3, 1928. His parents were Frank J. Elmer and Loyola C. Schulte. He had one brother, Lawrence. He attended Epiphany Parochial School and Catholic Central High School and then registered at Assumption College. After one year of Arts, he entered the Rochester Novitiate and was professed on August 15, 1948. In 1952 he obtained a BA from the University of Toronto in Modern Languages and Literatures. Afterwards he taught for two years at Catholic Central High School. He also received a STB in Theology in 1957 from the University of St. Michael's College and an M.A. in Education in 1968 from the University of Detroit.



He was ordained by James Cardinal McGuigan on June 29, 1957, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto. At his first Mass in Epiphany Church on July 4, Father Francis Kelly CSB preached and Father Bernard Regan CSB was Assistant Priest. Others ordained that year included: James Daley, Lawrence Elmer, John Fiore, Lawrence Galla, Robert Hall, Arthur Holmes, William Keils, Howard Keon, Owen Lee, William Marceau, Robert Matzinger, John Murray, Eugene O'Reilly, Maurice Pierce, Paul Sheehan, and Rocco Volpe.

During his first years of ministry at Catholic Central High School he was a teacher, Director of Guidance, Director of Athletics, and Principal. He later served at the National Catholic Education Association in Washington DC. Following this assignment, he went to the University of St. Thomas in Houston as Dean of Student Services. He returned to Catholic Central and served as Director of Alumni and Development, President of the School Board and as Superior of the local Basilian Community. Dick was, with Joe Quinn CSB, Co-Director of the Basilian Synod Transformational Process from 1994-1997. Dick was instrumental in securing the land and the funds for building the present Catholic Central High School in Novi MI.

Richard Elmer had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Rochester Novitiate, Rochester	1947-1948
Holy Rosary Seminary, Toronto	1948-1949
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto	1949-1952
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1952-1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1954-1958
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto	1958-1959
Assumption High School, Windsor	1959-1960
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1960-1978
National Catholic Educational Association, Washington	1978-1986
University of St. Thomas, Houston	1986-1990
Catholic Central High School, Redford	1990-2010
Basilian Fathers of Novi	2010-2021

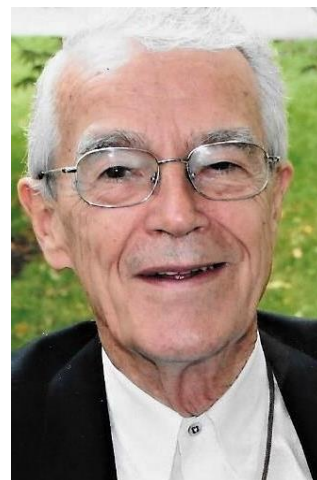
The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 13, at St. James Church in Novi. John Huber CSB presided and Michael Buentello CSB preached.

Philip Wallace Platt CSB

May 26, 1925 – November 18, 2021

Father Philip Wallace Platt CSB, died peacefully at Michael Garron Hospital in Toronto. He was 96 years old; he had been a Basilian for 78 years and had served in priestly ministry for 71 years.

Wally was born in Toronto on May 26, 1925. Wally was predeceased by his parents Norman Platt and Leonora Leigh, by his brothers Father Edwin, Hugh, John, Donald and Robert, and by his sisters Marie Verity, Ursula Reid, Ruth McGraw, and Anne Platt. He is survived by his brother Norman, his sister Jeannette Windfeld, and his nieces and nephews. He attended St. John's, St. Joseph's and Corpus Christi Elementary schools and high school at St. Michael's College School in Toronto. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto, on August 5, 1942, and was professed the following year. He took the Honours Course in Philosophy, English and History at the University of Toronto, graduating with a BA in 1947. He obtained a MA in English from the University of Toronto in 1951, received the degree of *Licence ès Lettres* from the Université de Lyon in 1957, and a PhD in English in 1976 from the University of Toronto.



He was ordained on June 29, 1950, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by James Cardinal McGuigan. His First Mass was offered in Corpus Christi Church, Toronto. Hubert Coughlin CSB preached. Others ordained that year included: Anthony Kelly, David Levack, Thomas Lawlor, Leo McGrady, Richard Donovan, William Gibbons, Lawrence Faye, Russell Pendergast, Gerald Orsini, Hugh Foley, Basil Glavin, John McReavy, Michael Sheehan, William Stoba, Thomas Mailloux, Leslie Vasek, and Donald Cooper.

Wally served in all the countries in which the Basilians ministered in the 20th and 21st centuries: France, Canada, the USA, México, and Colombia. He was present in Annonay in 1955 with the Superiors General, George B. Flahiff CSB and Charles L. Roume CSB, to celebrate the reunion of the French and the North American branches of the Congregation of St. Basil. Wally filled the offices of Procurator General and later Secretary General with distinction. His publication of the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography* in 2002 was his great contribution to Basilian life and history.

Wally Platt had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto	1942-1943	University of St. Thomas, Houston	1976-1983
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1943-1946	St. Joseph's College, Edmonton	1983-1989
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto	1946-1947	Sabbatical, Italy	1989-1990
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1947-1951	San Juan Crisóstomo Church, Mexico City	1990
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto	1951-1954	Parroquia de San Lorenzo, Tehuacán	1990-1991
Maison Saint-Joseph, Annonay	1954-1957	Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, Cali	1991-1996
Institution Secondaire du Sacré Coeur, Annonay	1957-1960	Orsini House, Toronto	1996-1998
Procurator General for the Congregation, Rome	1960-1961	Casa Annonay, Bogotá	1998-2000
Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France	1961-1963	The American College of Louvain, Leuven	2000-2005
Institution Secondaire du Sacré Coeur, Annonay	1963-1964	Orsini House, Toronto	2005-2006
University of Windsor	1964-1965	Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, Cali	2006-2008
Institution Secondaire du Sacré Coeur, Annonay	1965-1968	Casa Annonay, Bogotá	2008-2012
Curial House, Toronto, Secretary General	1968-1974	Orsini House, Toronto	2012-2013
Graduate Studies, London (England) and Toronto	1974-1976	Anglin House, Toronto	2013-2018
		Presentation Manor, Scarborough	2018-2021

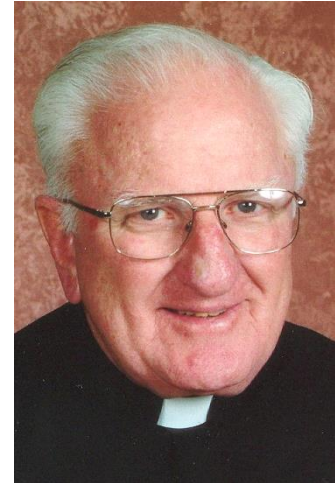
The Mass of Christian Buriel was celebrated on November 25, Corpus Christi Church, (the Platt family parish), Toronto. Kevin Storey CSB presided and Jim Carruthers CSB preached.

Albert Robert Gaelens CSB

October 3, 1932 – December 23, 2021

Father Albert Robert Gaelens CSB, died in hospice care in Houston TX. He was 89 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 70 years and had served in priestly ministry for 61 years.

Albert was born in Rochester, New York. His parents were Gaston Gaelens and Adrienne Dhont; both were natives of the Flemish sector of Belgium. He was the youngest of three siblings. He attended Aquinas Institute in Rochester. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester and made his first profession of vows on August 15, 1951. He received a BA in History and Philosophy from the University of Toronto in 1955. Two years of teaching at Aquinas Institute followed during which he took evening and Saturday courses in Education at the University of Rochester and obtained a M Ed in Secondary Education in 1958. He also received a STB in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College in 1960.



Al was ordained on June 29, 1960, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto by Bishop Francis Allen. Others ordained that year included: Paul Broadhurst, William Brown, Charles Christopher, Albert Cylwicki, Cyril Doherty, Thomas Dugan, John Gallagher, Allen Genca, James Jordan, Gerard McGinn, Robert McKinnon, Robert O'Halloran, John Quinn, Leo Sands, Charles Smith, Frederick Wajda, and Conrad Wieczorek.

Al Gaelens spent most of his life in the ministry of school administration and teaching. He was principal at Aquinas Institute, St. Thomas High School, and St. Pius the X High School in Albuquerque. During his years in high school ministry, Al was a faithful pastoral minister as well. He celebrated Mass in convents and parishes, was always ready to go to a parish for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he visited the sick in hospitals, and witnessed the marriages of many alumni. Al studied at the Catholic University of America and received an MA in Religious studies in 1967. He then served as Rector of the Basilian Houses of Studies in Windsor and in Rochester. "I closed both houses," he would often ruefully remark.

Albert Gaelens had the following appointments in the Congregation:

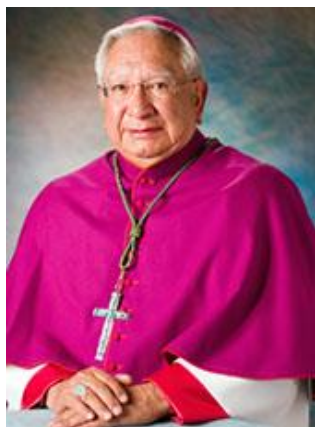
St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester	1950-1951
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1951-1952
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto	1952-1955
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1955-1957
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1957-1961
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1961-1966
Graduate Studies, Washington	1966-1967
Basilian House of Studies, Windsor	1967-1969
Basilian House of Studies, Rochester	1969-1970
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1970-1977
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1977-1994
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1994-1998
St. Pius X High School, Albuquerque	1998-2000
St. Thomas High School, Houston	2000-2017
Dillon House, Houston	2017-2021

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anne's Church in Houston on December 30. John Huber CSB presided and Carl Belisch CSB preached. Burial took place in the Basilian plot at Forest Park, Lawndale, Houston TX.

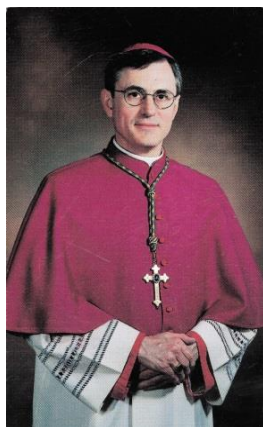
Family Deaths January 2021 – December 2021

Mary Kinahan-Humphrey, the sister of **Gordon Kennedy CSB**, died January 1.
 Mary Holt, the sister of **Kevin Storey CSB**, died February 12.
 Mary Bolard, the sister of **Neil Hibberd CSB**, died February 22.
 Lauro Sánchez Rojas, the father of **Lauro Sánchez Sánchez CSB**, died February 24.
 Cameron Roy May, the brother of **Bill May CSB**, died August 15.
 Bob Katulski, the brother of **David Katulski CSB**, died September 21
 Joanne Pledge, the sister of **+Ron Fabbro CSB**, died October 16
 Larry Robert Schaefer, brother of **Les Schaefer CSB**, died December 27
 Shirley Mannara, the mother of **Kevin Mannara CSB**, died December 31.

Good Shepherds of the Flock: Our Basilian Bishops



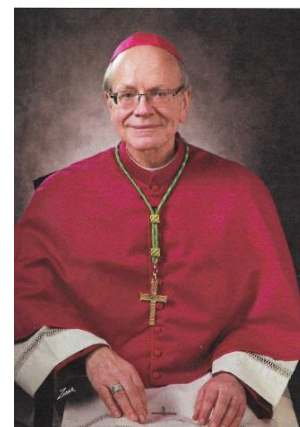
+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB
Bishop Emeritus, Las Cruces NM



+ 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, 2021

4 Bishops, 122 Priests, 1 Deacon, 19 Scholastics (USA-1, Mexico-13, Colombia-5)

146 Professed Basilians

France – 3* Canada – 64 USA – 48 México – 21 Colombia – 10

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

Ages of ordained* Basilians

20-29	1
30-39	4
40-49	9
50-59	9
60-69	23
70-79	33
80-89	39
90-99	9

Number of ordained* Basilians

***Ordained:** Deacon, Priests, and Bishops
 127 - total ordained
 (Deacon Antonio Ibáñez to be ordained
 a priest on January 8, 2022)