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Greetings from the Superior General and from the Editor of the *Annals* 2022

Dear Confrères and Basilian Lay Associates,

I am pleased to present you the *Basilian Annals* for our Bicentennial Year of 2022. A highlight of the year was our pilgrimage to Annonay, France and then receiving Pope Francis' blessing on our Congregation in Rome. Pope Francis confirmed the need for our charism in the Church today and encouraged us to be witnesses of joy.

This little volume is our congregational history for this 200th year of our Basilian Ministry. I want to thank all who contributed to this history. I want to thank Jack Hanna who has compiled and edited this material. Above all, I thank God for inspiring our Ten Founders to live a vision 200 years ago. If you are a Basilian reading these words, you are part of that vision. Let us all continue to be witnesses of joy.

Fraternally, in Christ,


Kevin J. Storey CSB
Superior General

Dear Brother Basilians and Basilian Lay Associates, Apreciados Hermanos, Mes chers confrères,

Jacques Duret, André Fayolle, Joseph Lapierre, Henri Martinesche, Jean François Pagès, Augustine Payan, Jean Baptist Polly, Pierre Tourvieille, 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. The *Basilian Annals* is the continuation of our history that was first recorded by Julien Tracol.

In the *ANNALS* of 2022, we begin by reading about the Basilian ministry in the countries where we serve. At the end of this little booklet, we read of the lives of our brothers who have entered eternal life. That was the structure of the *ANNALS* of 2021 and that will be the structure of the *ANNALS* of 2023. I hope that you enjoy paging through the *Bicentennial Basilian Annals* of 2022. J'espère que vous apprécierez la lecture des *Annales des Prêtres de Saint Basile* de 2022. Espero que Uds. disfruten de la lectura de los *Anales Basilianos* de 2022. **Happy Anniversary! ¡Feliz Aniversario! Bon Anniversaire!**

In the Lord's peace,


Jack Hanna CSB
Secretary / Treasurer General
Editor of the *Basilian Annals*



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Les dix fondateurs des Pères Basiliens



Edwin Espinoza - Artista colombiano

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Arrière, de gauche à droite: Pierre Tourvieille (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.**



Basilian Fathers

Bicentennial Pilgrimage

June 2022



Antonio Ibáñez Santos CSB

Ordinación Sacerdotal, 8 de enero, 2022

Priestly Ordination, January 8, 2022

Les saludo con mucho gusto esperando que este año nuevo sea para ustedes de mucha bendición y que Dios les conceda seguir trabajando por sus proyectos y sueños.

Este primer año de sacerdocio ha sido de mucha bendición, porque la gente de la comunidad de la parroquia de San Lorenzo Teotipilco me ha recibido con mucha alegría y recibido su cariño y su amabilidad. En este sentido he correspondido con mi ministerio para poder atenderlos en sus necesidades, esta cercanía con la gente me ha ayudado a crecer humanamente, espiritualmente y ser empático con su sufrimiento. Como primera experiencia que puedo compartir es la celebración eucarística por que el hecho de hacer presente a nuestro señor Jesucristo son experiencias únicas en mi vida. Otra de las experiencias maravillosas es la visita a los enfermos en las que al principio este misterio de la que solo esperan la Unción y después mueren me trajo emociones encontradas porque no entendía el por qué, pero poco a poco fui entendiendo mi misión de mi ministerio de ser el canal entre Dios y sus hijos.

Por otro lado, también veo que hay muchos retos pastorales en los cuales hay que seguir resignificando el mensaje del evangelio a las nuevas generaciones. Ante estos retos confió en que el Espíritu de Dios me iluminara para seguir transmitiendo el mensaje de esperanza que hoy hace tanta falta. Agradezco a Dios y a la Congregación de San Basilio el apoyo para vivir mi vida religiosa, mi sacerdocio y poderla compartir con el pueblo de Dios.



Antonio con Mons. Gonzalo, Alonzo Calzada Guerrero, Obispo de Tehuacán, Puebla.



Antonio ante su padre para recibir la bendición paterna.

I greet you with much pleasure hoping that this new year will be for you of much blessing and that God will grant you to continue working for your projects and dreams.

This first year of priesthood has been a great blessing, because the people of the community of the parish of San Lorenzo Teotipilco have received me with great joy and received their love and kindness. This closeness to the people has helped me to grow humanly, spiritually and to be empathetic with their suffering. The first experience I can share is the Eucharistic celebration because the fact of making our Lord Jesus Christ present are unique experiences in my life. Another wonderful experience is the visit to the sick in which at first this mystery that only expect the Anointing and then die brought me mixed emotions because I did not understand why, but little by little I understood my mission of my ministry to be the channel between God and his children.

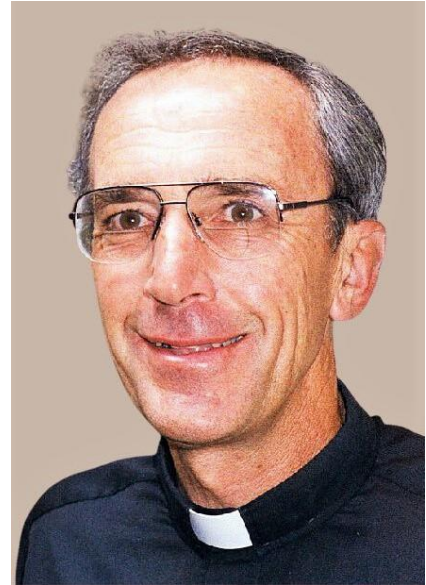
On the other hand, I also see that there are many pastoral challenges in which we must continue to interpret the message of the Gospel to the new generations. Faced with these challenges, I trust that the Spirit of God will enlighten me to continue transmitting the message of hope that is so lacking today. I thank God and the Congregation of St. Basil for the

support to live my religious life, my priesthood and to be able to share it with the people of God.

John Leonard Boscoe

50 years of Priestly Ministry

John is the son of John Boscoe and Kathryn Lagana. He was born in Detroit MI on August 19, 1943. He attended elementary schools in Detroit and graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1961. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate in Pontiac MI and was professed on August 15 1962. He earned a B.A. from St. John Fisher College (now University) and taught at St. Michael's College School in Toronto and at Aquinas Institute in Rochester. He studied Theology in Toronto at St. Basil's Seminary (Later St. Basil's College) and received the degree of Master of Divinity in 1971. He did his fourth year of Theology in Mexico City while serving as a Deacon at San Juan Crisóstomo parish. He was ordained by Bishop John Morkovsky at St. Anne's Church in Houston on June 10, 1972.



When John applied for final vows in the Congregation, he wrote: "After giving the matter prayerful consideration, I can only tell you that if it deemed proper by the Community, I would ask to take final vows. I have arrived at this decision after consulting my spiritual director, and as far as I can possibly judge, it is what God wants of me. In addition, it might be helpful for you to know at this point that it is in the missionary work of our Community that I am most interested."

It was ministry in Mexico where John was first assigned, and he flourished there. He served in two parishes in Mexico City, and he spent 14 years in the parish Santa María de la Asunción in Caltepec in the Diocese of Tehuacán. In the 1980s, John returned to the Diocese of Galveston Houston (later Archdiocese) where he was warmly welcomed by Bishop Joseph Fiorenza. He served in various Basilian parishes including 9 years as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Rosenberg. In 2007, John was asked by the General Council to assume the responsibility of Procurator General at the Basilian Fathers Mission Center in Sugar Land TX. In 2017, John retired and moved to Dillon House in Houston.

John once told Jack Hanna that he enjoyed all of his years in parish ministry in Mexico and Texas. That was why he continued serving in parishes and preaching for the Basilian Missions while he was serving at St. Joseph's Mission Center. "I go wherever God wants me to be," he said. John had a long and fruitful ministry both in Mexico and in Texas. Sadly, while at Dillon House, he began to show signs of dementia and in 2021 he moved to Silverado Memory Care Center in Houston where he resides today.

This article was prepared by the editor of the Basilian Annals

Patrick William Fulton

25 years of Priestly Ministry

I must confess that my twenty-fifth anniversary of priestly ordination took me rather by surprise. In my operant paradigm, I had always thought of “those” Basilians of significant priestly service to be of a vintage. Surely, not I Lord? It has begun to dawn upon me in the last couple of years that I have “been around the block” and begun to accumulate some mileage under this hood. This has been driven home to me in the last couple of years when we have been blessed to live with young people in formation, and as invariably happens whenever the community gathers, we begin to tell stories about our community's past and the characters we have known. Rather than sitting by as a silent listener, I have found myself contributing to the communal storytelling. Not only that, but as the impertinent youth of today will point out, I occasionally repeat my stories. A sure sign that I have found a home in this Congregation.



On a sad note this anniversary makes me realize I have reached a significant milestone in my Basilian life when I look back and remember more than a few Basilian confrères and dare I say, friends, who have been called home before their time or have left the Community. In my musings upon these goings I always wonder, what was the difference between them and me?

Vintage aside, I can name three reasons why I’m blessed to be in this Congregation to celebrate this anniversary. First would be the all the wonderful confrères, many of whom I would call friends, who have supported, encouraged, at times challenged me and ultimately see more in me than I do in myself. Second, I have been blessed in every place and time to be privileged to minister to and be ministered to, by innumerable lay people and my students both past and present. They have made me and continue to make me a better Basilian. Finally, Almighty God seems to time and time again in spite of my poverty and inadequacies, to put me right where I need to be.

This is not always where I want to be but looking back over twenty-five years of ministry, I can see the hand of God gently at play in my life and it is always incredibly humbling to know that he sees something of value in someone like myself. For God’s goodness manifested in my life and vocation, for the people I have been privileged to serve and for my loving and forgiving confrères, I am eternally grateful.

Manuel (Manny) Joseph Chircop CSB

50 years of Vowed Life

50 years as a religious often seems like a long time. Maybe that's because it is. Although it's often a surprise to me how much time I have spent in the Basilian Community, when I look into a mirror, I realize that it's true.

As I reflect on my life, I am grateful for the many graces and blessings given to me. Among those blessings are so many of my confrères that have influenced my life and my vocation. I would like to mention three in particular.

First there was Father Joe Wey who accepted me as a candidate. He was a humble and a very understanding man who accepted his confrères for who they were and not for who he wanted them to be. At that time of my acceptance into the community, out of respect for his office, everyone referred to him as Father Wey. Very few called him Joe. Since I was introduced to him as Joe Wey, I was one that always called him Joe. I was criticized for that by many, but never by Joe himself. He treated me with the utmost respect and dignity. Even when I appeared to him to be in the wrong at times, he was kind and never condemnatory.

The second Basilian who influenced me most was Father Bill Nigh. As I spent almost all of my first years working at Strawberry Island, he was there with me every summer until his death. Each and every morning we had the opportunity to have breakfast together as he was an early riser and I, who loved to cook, would fix him his breakfast every day. Being a fisherman, he would have a bass and warm rhubarb each and every day. During this time, he would reflect on the Basilian Fathers and gave me a solid background into this wonderful community with story after story.

The third person was Cardinal Flahiff. He was one of the most humble men I have ever known. He was accommodating, kind, and never judgmental. I had the honor before my ordination to serve often as his Master of Ceremonies when he celebrated the Liturgy in Toronto. I can only say he was truly a Prince of the Church.

These men and others taught me the value of Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge. For this I will always be grateful. It is truly my hope and prayer that these virtues which we expound on will continue to be foremost in our minds as we continue our work in today's world which seems to be marked by greed, selfishness, and power. May God Bless the Basilian Fathers.



Terence Joseph Kersch CSB

25 Years of Vowed Life

St. Mark's College Basilians in Vancouver attracted me to the Congregation during the early 1990's while finishing my doctoral studies in Political Science at UBC. Jim Hanrahan, Neil Kelly, Leo Klosterman and Pat Gorman comprised the local community. Regular men marked both by frailty and exceptional gifts lived together joyfully while accepting and respecting each other despite temperamental differences.

The Vancouver community experience was not a unique formative experience. I spent my associate year with the Basilians at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Compared to the facilities today, we lived rather rustically, despite the swimming pool. I feel privileged to have known the current house's namesake: Jimmy Keon. Other than Jack Gallagher, Ted Baenziger and Mark Gazin, all the other Basilian members of the house then have since gone on to receive their eternal rewards. I remember them all fondly: Dennis Andrews, Ed Bader, Victor Brezik, Bob Crooker, Don Kuder, Robert Lamb, John McManus, Frank Monaghan, Joe Myers, Harold O'Leary, Dick Schiefen, Fred Sohn, Pat Warden and, our superior, Bill Young.



Alongside Jim Murphy, I completed the novitiate in Mexico. We were the second group of north Americans to undergo that unique formative experience. Bill May, Glenn McDonald, and Jim Stenberg are the only other serving Basilians with that experience. Dan Chui of happy memory also completed his novitiate there. Tom Sepulveda served as novice master and Frank Launtrie as his assistant. Jess Owens, then pastor of San Lorenzo parish, remains my mentor.

Most of my time as a scholastic I spent at the Parkdale scholasticate with Bob Holmes as superior (later Joe Pilsner) and Kevin Storey as his assistant. Kevin replaced Ron Fabbro after he was elected Superior General. Priests in residence, Rocco Volpe and Doug Hilmer, joined the aforementioned Mexico experience Basilians at our two houses in Parkdale.

Prior to joining my last formative community at the University of St. Michael's College, I spent a year at the Colombian scholasticate with Wally Platt in Bogotá. Jim Farge, Wilf Janisse and Alan Smith are now the only surviving members of the then USMC community. To them and the following deceased members, I owe a debt of thanks: Claude Arnold, Dave Belyea, Marty Dimnik, H.B. Gardner (superior), Gerry Gregoire, Owen Lee, Charlie Leland, Bob Madden, Armand Maurer, Bob O'Halloran, Charlie Principe, Peter Swan, and Joseph Wey. God bless them all. God bless the Basilian Fathers.

James Francis Murphy CSB

25 years of vowed life

From Tehuacan to Toronto, Rochester to Oakland, St. Mike's to St. Thomas, I have been blessed to live the Basilian Way of Life. From the moment I met Mitch Dowalgo on my first day as a student at St. John Fisher, my life has been shaped by the incredible men who followed the Spirit's call to be Basilians. Everywhere I go I try to learn about the Basilians who served before me. It is my hope to honor their work as I continue to serve where they once did.

I went to college to study broadcasting not just out of a desire to be on TV, but because I have always loved stories – hearing them, telling them, and explaining what they might mean. This is how I approach teaching and preaching. Most of the Basilians I have met over the years are excellent homilists because we see this as an opportunity to teach and explain an important story.

As a student I learned from Paul Broadhurst's example that Basilians are attentive teachers, well attuned to those students who may be struggling beyond the academics. His care for me during one of the toughest times in my early life has shaped how I perceive my current students.

My first day as an Associate at the Aquinas Institute I learned how dedicated Basilians are to the day to day work of running a school and caring for students. I hope that Pete Etlinger, Al Gaelens, and T. Miller are okay with the work I do now.

When I first professed vows, I truly had no idea what was in store for me, but I do know that I have found a life that brings me great joy in serving people. Distributing Holy Communion will regularly bring a smile to my face as I am granted the privilege to share this amazing Sacrament with God's people.

Every day of my life is a blessing, and I am truly grateful that God directed me to the Basilian Fathers. While I know I can be a moody, whiny brat from time to time, I have no regrets in following the Basilian Way of Life and I pray that I am granted the chance to continue to do so for years to come.



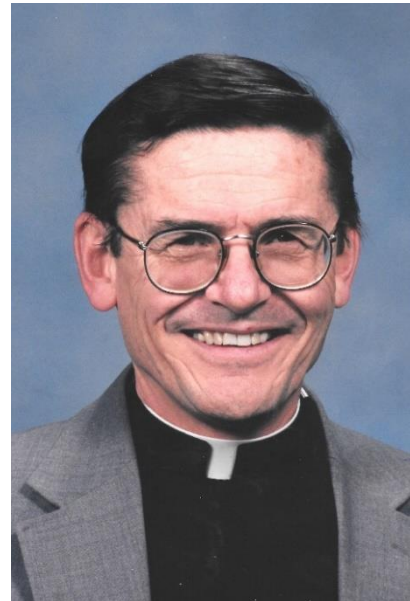
Alexander Leo Reilly

60 years of Priestly Ministry

Leo Reilly was born in Calgary on April 30, 1935, the son of Charles Frederick Reilly and Mary Louise Martin. He graduated from St. Mary's Boys High School and spent one year at St. Michael's College before entering the Richmond Hill Novitiate. He was professed in 1953 and received a B.A. in Honours Classics from the University of Toronto. In 1962 he received an M.A. in Classics from the University of Toronto and that same year he was ordained in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Archbishop Phillip Pocock.

Leo worked for several years on his doctoral research and received a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. His thesis was **Petrus Hellas, *Summa super Priscianum* studies and Texts 113**. In 1993, 18 years after he defended the thesis in 1975, it was published by the Pontifical Institute. Jim Farge reports that the published version runs to 1159 pages of rather small print. Jim says the work sold moderately well.

Leo spent many years (1987-2011) in a fruitful ministry at Ste. Anne Parish in Detroit. Reflecting on his years of priestly ministry, Leo wrote: "I am very grateful for all the years I spent teaching and doing research. But I finally realized in twenty-five years in the warm Latino and Anglo environment at Ste. Anne de Detroit that just to be present and sympathetic seemed to be all that was asked of me. My long interest in philosophy gives me hope of still having something to say in the time left to me. God is in charge and what could be better than that?"



Basilians who were 60 years Professed in 2022

John Boscoe Michael Brand Don McLeod Richard Wahl

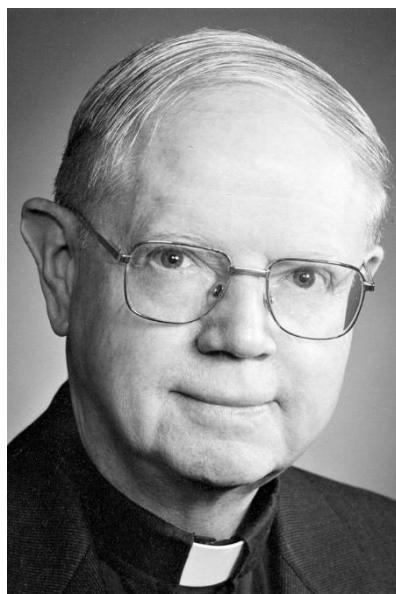
Kevin John Kirley CSB

70 years of Priestly Ministry

Kevin John Kirley was born on July 29 1926 in Lindsay, Ontario, the tenth child of Francis Kirley and Lillian McGeough. He grew up on the family farm and attended local schools. He took Grade 13 at St. Michael's College School, Toronto and entered St Basil's Novitiate on Tweedsmuir Avenue in Toronto and made first profession 15 August 1945. He enrolled in the honours course Modern History and Modern Languages at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1949, after which he went to the Grand Séminaire, Québec city, for first year theology. While completing his theology courses in Toronto he acquired an MA in French Literature and was ordained a priest in June 1952 by Cardinal James Charles McGuigan in St. Basil's church, Toronto.

Kevin went to Paris, France, in September 1953 and enrolled at the Sorbonne in Modern Languages (English, Spanish, French) in pursuit of the teaching licentiate LesL. With the reunion of the French and Canadian/American branches of the Basilian Fathers he was appointed to Annonay and pursued his degree at the University of Lyon, which he acquired in 1956. He taught English and Spanish at the Collège du Sacré-Cœur after which he was appointed to the University of St Michael's College, Toronto, to teach French. In 1964 he was made Rector of St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto. Later he taught for 18 years at St Thomas More College, Saskatoon, 1971-1989. He was then named archivist for the Basilian Fathers and lived in Toronto. In 1997 he was sent to Bogotá, Colombia to open a house of formation, where he remained for one year and then resumed his duties as archivist in Toronto. In 2006 he asked to be replaced as Community archivist; he then retired to Orsini House, Toronto and later to Presentation Manor.

Kevin was a gifted writer and a talented and dedicated research scholar. He wrote ***The Congregation of Priests of St. Basil of Viviers, France***, published in 1981 by the Basilian Press. This was an interesting and informative history of the French Basilians from the separation in 1922 to the reunion in 1955. Two other short but very valuable publications were "**The Ten Founders**" and "**1922 – Before and After.**" He was the historian without equal of the Congregation.



Basilians who were 70 years professed in 2022

Jack Gallagher Brian Inglis Joe Moffatt Roy Oggero Clair Watrin

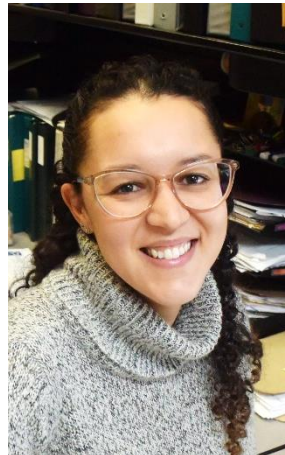
The Curial Office Staff in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre



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.

Basilian Fathers Archives

Michelle Sawyers, Archivist

Nobody could call 2022 boring in the basement of 95 St. Joseph Street. It was time to start preparations for the future of the Basilian archives.

We learned that a new location had been selected for the Curial Office – but it would not be able to accommodate archives storage. Several ideas were considered such as downsizing, Mass digitization, and file storage services. My priorities were to protect the record of the rich history of the Congregation and its members, and to keep that history accessible.

I knew that the best solution would involve teaming up with another group with whom the Basilians already had a good relationship. Many Congregations invest in shared facilities with other religious orders, dioceses, and Catholic universities. Father Storey reached out to St. Michael's College School, and its leaders were enthusiastic about finding accommodations for the Basilian archives.

At the end of 2022, work is underway at Henry Carr Farm, now owned by SMCS, to convert a space suitable for archival storage complete with climate control. The high-density shelves currently in the archives can be moved to the new location. Housing the archives at the farm is a temporary measure – we hope to be able to work with the High School to build longer term storage on their site. There will still be a workspace and limited storage for the archives downtown with the Curial office.

I have been busy preparing the holdings to be moved: disposing of things that don't need to be kept (eg. extra copies of publications), rehousing items to take up less space, and general decluttering. There will be room for all the important material produced and collected by the Congregation's members.

In other news, Father Jim Farge decided to resign as the Director of Archives to focus on the important task of updating the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography*. Over the past nine years he has been an invaluable resource to me; from answering questions about the Congregation that aren't easily found in books, to championing the cause of Basilian history. Thank you, Father Farge!

Over the year I continued to receive research requests. A few of the subjects were the CFBC chapel, Donlon Hall in Windsor, Father Charles Lavery, Father Eugene Cullinane, Henry Carr Farm, Catholic Central High School, and the St. Basil and St. Mary statues that originally stood at the Pontiac novitiate.



Among the donations to the archives in 2022, one that stood out was made by Bishop Ricardo Ramírez. He sent digital copies of over 500 talks and articles that he has written over the years. ¡GRACIAS!

(At left) Father Ed Ronan CSB with friends at Henry Carr Farm.

Communications Office

**Jillian Kaster Miller,
Coordinator**

**Amanda Parcher,
Interim Coordinator**



A big thank you to Amanda Parcher who expertly took on the responsibilities of the communications office while I was away on parental leave. During this time, she oversaw the rollout of the communications surrounding the bicentennial celebrations, including unveiling the bicentennial website, which featured a timeline of all the apostolates where Basilians have served in their 200-year history. She also attended the General Chapter in July.

I returned from parental leave in September 2022 and managed communications for the conclusion of the bicentennial year. This celebratory year included banner installations depicting the Congregation's history on display in many of the apostolates, testimonial videos on social media, and sharing news of the wide variety of celebrations that took place.

November and December are typically busy months in the communications office. In preparation for National Vocations Awareness Week, which took place the first week of November, new blog posts were added to *Discerning*, the vocations blog, and the vocations welcome video was updated. I created a video for Giving Tuesday to bring awareness to the Basilian Retirement Fund. The video titled 'Celebrate the Basilian Legacy and Support our Aging Community Members' features photos from many of the Basilian Bicentennial celebrations and explains why the Congregation needs support.

Audiences continue to grow on social media and popularity spiked during the General Council elections as this year's most popular posts were news of the members elected to the General Council. Throwback Thursday posts, featuring archival photos with a caption, and Meet a Basilian profiles are also well received by the online communities.



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Presidium Standards Monitor

Alice Turner

The year started with collating and uploading the documentation for Praesidium including our *Policies and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct*, revisions to our Screening and Formation process, and evidence of Abuse Prevention training for active members and men in formation.

A total of 30 files were uploaded in January 2022. The documentation was reviewed by our Praesidium Accreditation Specialist. During this time, at the request of Father Storey, work began on updating our social media Policy. The team was comprised of Father Morgan Rice, Father Warren Schmidt, Ms. Amanda Parcher and me.



The Praesidium On-Site audit was conducted May 4-6, 2022. By mid June, we received the preliminary audit report that confirmed: 17 standards in compliance, 2 standards in partial compliance & 1 standard incomplete i.e. holding an annual meeting with a Virtual Review Board, which was scheduled for September 1, 2022. The Basilian Fathers were granted a five-year Accreditation.

The Bicentennial General Chapter

Kingbridge Conference Center King City, Toronto, July 2022



First Row, Left to Right: Patrick Fulton, Andrew Leung, Jack Hanna (Secretary), Erick de Jesús Enríquez, Anderson Úsuga, José de Jesús Rodríguez, David Basil, Julio César Martínez (Secretary).

Second Row, Left to Right: George Smith, Dennis Noelke, Eduardo Rivera, Tim Scott, Richard Wahl, Paul Walsh, Jeff Thompson, David Bittner, Paul English, John Huber, Kevin Storey, Pedro Miguel Mora, Terry Kersch, Jim Farge, Jim Murphy, Ed Heidt, Kevin Mannara, Tom Rosica, Bill May.

COVID Quarantine: José Alberto Juárez, David Katulski, Jim O'Neill, John Reddy, Morgan Rice.

The Curial Community

The new Curial House of the Basilian Fathers is located at 16 Bernard St. in the area of Toronto known as the Annex. It is a spacious home built in 1915 and renovated by the previous owners.

Morgan Rice is the Second Councilor on the General Council, and he is also the Rector of the Curial Community. Kevin Storey, the Superior General, will also live in the Curial Residence along with the Vicar General, John Huber. David Katulski is the fourth member of the local community. Though no longer a member of the General Council, David will continue in his work with our attorney Susan Metzler as the Congregation continues to deal with legal issues of sexual abuse. Jack Hanna, Secretary-Treasurer General, will continue to reside at Frassati House.



The General Council 2022



Morgan Rice

John Huber

Kevin Storey

Pedro Mora

Paul English

Les Basiliens d'Annonay et le Collège du Sacré-Cœur



Nos deux confrères français mènent une vie humble après avoir contribué pendant de nombreuses années au service désintéressé du peuple de Dieu en Ardèche. Notre frère Joseph Hunt est décédé de la maladie de Charcot à l'hospice Jeanne Garnier à Paris le 30 mai. John Huber lui avait rendu visite et avait prié avec lui la veille de son décès.

François Morfin vit confortablement à l'EPHAD Saint-Joseph de Varagnes à Annonay. Il aime suivre l'actualité basilienne et s'intéresse aux activités de ses confrères de l'autre côté de l'océan. Il a une très mauvaise vue, mais il est capable de lire un peu. Il a pu concélébrer la messe du bicentenaire à la chapelle du Collège du Sacré-Cœur le jour de la Pentecôte.

Bernard Buisson est passé de la grande Maison Saint-Joseph à une résidence plus petite mais modernisée dans l'ancien couvent sur la propriété du Collège. Il prend ses repas avec le corps enseignant et continue à exercer son ministère dans diverses paroisses d'Annonay et des environs.

Le Collège du Sacré-Cœur continue à bien se porter avec un nombre record d'inscriptions. L'excellent directeur de l'école, M. Michaël Bouvier, a terminé plus de 20 ans de service et est devenu directeur d'une autre école catholique à Tournon. La nouvelle directrice s'appelle Mme. Stéphanie Robin.

Un grand événement cette année à Annonay a été la célébration du Bicentenaire de notre Congrégation. Une messe de célébration a eu lieu le 5 juin, jour de la Pentecôte. L'évêque de Viviers, Jean-Louis Balsa, était le célébrant, et John Huber a prêché. Kevin Storey, Pedro Mora, Alejandro Estrada, Morgan Rice et John Wheeler se sont joints à plusieurs autres prêtres diocésains pour concélébrer également. Kevin Storey, John Huber, Morgan Rice, Pedro Mora, Alejandro Estrada et Bernard Buisson se sont rendus le lendemain à Saint-Basile pour célébrer la messe dans l'église originale du XIII^e siècle de Saint-Basile. Les habitants de la ville se sont joints à la célébration.

Bien qu'il ne reste que deux Basiliens à Annonay, nous sommes reconnaissants à Dieu pour l'impact énorme que les Basiliens ont eu sur l'Eglise en Ardèche, et, comme nous le savons, bien au-delà de cette ville ! L'enseignement catholique de qualité se poursuit au Collège. L'école primaire, "Montalivet", est en train de déménager dans notre ancienne Maison Saint-Joseph. Avec deux écoles sur le même campus, les institutions appartiennent maintenant à "L'ensemble Scolaire Saint-Basile", un merveilleux hommage à l'éducation basilienne qui a commencé à Annonay il y a plus de deux cents ans.

The Basilians in Annonay and the Collège du Sacré-Cœur

The two French confrères live a humble life having contributed many years of selfless service to God's people in the Ardèche. Our brother Joseph Hunt, passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease in Paris on May 30. John Huber had visited and prayed with him the day before his passing.



François



Bernard

François Morfin lives comfortably at the Saint Joseph de Varagnes Assisted Living in Annonay. He enjoys keeping up with Basilian news and is interested in the activities of his confrères on the other side of the ocean. He has very poor vision, but he is able to read a limited amount. He was able to concelebrate the Bicentennial Mass at the Chapel of the College du Sacre-Coeur on the Feast of Pentecost.

Bernard Buisson has transitioned from living in the large Maison Saint-Joseph to a smaller but modernized residence in the old convent on the property of the College. He has his meals with faculty and staff and continues to minister at various parishes in and around Annonay.

The College du Sacre-Coeur continues to do well with a record enrollment. The excellent principal of the school, Mr. Michaël Bouvier completed over 20 years of service and has moved on to be principal at another Catholic school in nearby Tournon. The new principal is Madame Stephanie Robin.

A great event this year in Annonay was the celebration of the Bicentennial of our Congregation. A celebratory Mass was held on the Feast of Pentecost, June 5. The Bishop of Viviers, Jean-Louis Balsa was the celebrant, and John Huber preached. Kevin Storey, Pedro Mora, Alejandro Estrada, Morgan Rice and John Wheeler joined several other diocesan priests to concelebrate as well.

Kevin, John, Morgan, Pedro, Alejandro and Bernard Buisson journeyed the following day to Saint-Basile to celebrate Mass in the original thirteenth century church of Saint-Basile. People from the town joined in the celebration.

While only two Basilians remain in Annonay, we are grateful to God for the tremendous impact that Basilians have made to the Church in the Ardèche, and, as we know, far beyond this little city! Quality Catholic education continues at the Collège. The primary school, "Montalivet", is in the process of moving into the former Maison Saint-Joseph. With two schools now on the same campus, the institutions now belong to "L'ensemble Scolaire Saint-Basile", a wonderful tribute to Basilian education.

Basilian Brothers associated with Local Houses (Canada)

Bernard John Pinsonneault: Windsor, ON (*Associated with Assumption Parish, Windsor*)



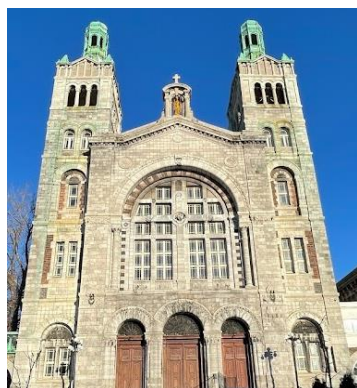
Bernard writes: "I am blessed to be able to share Mass each and every day of the week with my fellow residents here at Kensington Court in Windsor. I am amazed that they would want to have Mass everyday but that was their request, and they are attending. Each Mass is preceded with the rosary prayed for the well-being of our residents and for peace in the world. There is a homily at each of the Masses. The accompanied photo is from the in home Masses celebrated periodically. Holy Water is being blessed for the use of those in the home.

"I have completed successfully the acquisition of Ontario driver's license and also a Michigan driver's license in this past month. I thank the Basilian Fathers for the continuous support. Peace to all."

Joseph Edward Johnson (Ted): Parkhill, ON (*Associated with Presentation Manor, Scarborough ON*)
Ted lives the good life of an Ontario farmer. He resides with his sister. He enjoys reading Theology articles and books.

Joseph Ian Boyd: Edmonton, AB (*Associated with Presentation Manor, Scarborough, ON*)
Ian continues as the President Emeritus of the G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture, housed at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. On 22 November the Institute rebroadcast A *Chestertonian Conversation with Father Ian Boyd*, conducted by Dermot Quinn, the editor of *The Chesterton Review*. Ian resides with his sister, Betty, in Edmonton, AB. Betty reports that Ian is taking care of his health and she is happy to have him living with her.

Timothy McHugh Scott: Montreal QC (*Associated with the University of St Michael's College*)



Timothy writes: "My life continues in Montreal as pastor of St. Gabriel's and St. Charles communities, both celebrating in St. Charles' Church (*Photo at left*). A venerable place of worship, one wonders how we will ever find the money to repair it. I teach courses in Old Testament at the Grand Séminaire, now affiliated with Laval University and serve on the Roman Catholic-Lutheran Church Canada national dialogue. My work with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is particularly rewarding following the visit and apology of the Holy Father this past summer."

Mark Gazin: South Surrey–White Rock, BC (*Associated with Assumption Parish, Windsor ON*)



*Jeff Thompson, +Michael Miller, and Mark Gazin
Gather for a French Bicentennial meal, prepared by Jeff.*

Mark writes: “I was assigned to St. Francis de Sales in Burnaby, BC for a year to bring parish stability for a diocesan priest with health difficulties. In July I was reassigned to Star of the Sea Parish in South Surrey–White Rock, BC. I have also continued my Tribunal work as Defender of the Bond (*in casu*) along with other legal casework at the Vancouver Regional Marriage Tribunal. In June I gathered my family for my mother’s funeral and burial next to my father at Gardens of Gethsemani Cemetery.”

Jefferson Mark Thompson: North Vancouver, BC (*Associated with the Basilians at SMCS, Toronto*)

In addition to his ministry and responsibilities as Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in North Vancouver, Jeff Thompson also serves the Archdiocese of Vancouver as a member of the Presbyteral Council, as a



“Deep Cove” is a lovely spot within the boundaries of St. Pius X Parish.

member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Archdiocese, and as the Archbishop’s Representative to St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School on the North Shore. Jeff continues to enjoy cooking, gardening, and scenic hikes and walks along the beautiful West Coast.

Walter Werbylo: Scarborough, ON (*Associated with USMC, Toronto ON*)

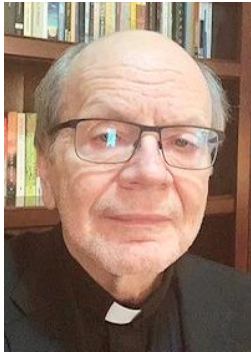


Walter is working and living at St. Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto, where he is an Associate Professor and teaches New Testament courses. He is one of six priests who serve as spiritual directors for the seminarians and who give various talks on matters concerning the spiritual life and priestly formation to the seminarians. Living at the seminary are eleven priests who work at full-time ministry in the seminary. There are thirty four seminarians living in the seminary in years 1 through 4 of theology or in the initial spiritual year, plus five 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.

Joe Redican: Toronto Island, Toronto, ON (*Associated with the Curial Community*)

Joe says: "I am living in blissful retirement on Toronto Island on the scenic shore of Lake Ontario. However, it was not so blissful during the winter blizzard of late December. The waves were as high as I had ever seen them, and snow was piled everywhere. Here is the odd thing: downtown Toronto was not affected by the weather as much; the islands absorbed the brunt of this apocalyptic storm."

+Robert Michael Kasun: Toronto ON (*Associated with the Curial Community*)



Bob writes: "To say that 2022 has been a "hard year" for church people would be an understatement. In spite of it, however, I have had to look for the signs of goodness in the Archdiocese of Toronto to keep things focussed on the positive. Here are two examples I would like to share with you.

"First is the opportunity I have every year to work with the first-time pastors, to help them navigate through the multiplicity of pastoral and administrative surprises, which, for the most part, they didn't know existed prior to becoming a pastor. It's a privilege and a joy to accompany the new pastors as they come to new awareness and new insights. You can see the "a-ha" moment in their facial expressions. It makes me feel like I am a Basilian teacher again!

"Secondly is the opportunity I have to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Catholic Broadcasting Council which produces the Daily TV Mass. These are good days for the NCBC. It's a delight, even to play a very small role in helping to bring the TV Mass to over 100,000 people in Canada, and now, around the globe, on average for a weekday Mass, and to over 150,000 people on average for a "Sunday Mass. "Not exactly "perks" of the job, but still, great experiences for which I am grateful."



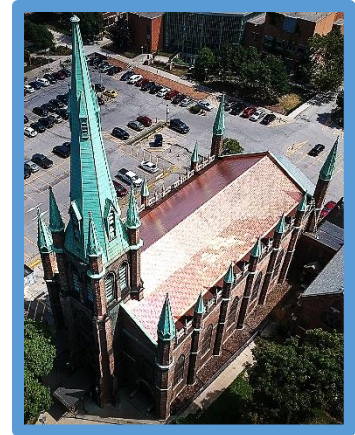
"The prayerful foundation of the Chapter of 2022 was established by Bishop Bob Kasun who affirmed that for Christians, death always leads to resurrection. Bob's honest and unadorned presentations facilitated conversations where confrères shared their struggles with dedication to personal prayer, isolation during COVID, and frustration due to pastoral demands. We shared ways to cultivate a joyful community. Bob was a blessing to us all."

Kevin Stoney, C.S.B.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Windsor ON

The Basilian Fathers of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish minister in the Windsor Heritage Catholic Family of Parishes, which includes Assumption Parish at the University, St. Alphonsus Parish in the downtown core, and St. Angela Merici Parish, the Italian cultural parish of the Windsor area. These three very different parish ministries keep all house members engaged with the limitations of the retired members and the full-time ministry of a diocesan priest.



Daily Masses take place at all churches, as well as funerals, memorials, weddings, First Communions, and Confirmations. Parish programs have regular outreach to the needy people in our local area with Forgotten Harvest distribution, St. Vincent de Paul outreach and our own Assumption Cares ministry of food, clothing, and programs for social inclusion. In the Basilian House we have regular Office, meals, and a community dinner for our neighbourhood priests on Saturday evenings. In June we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi with an outdoor procession. *(Photo at left)*

In honour of the 200th Anniversary of the Basilian Fathers all feasts of the Basilian minor patrons were celebrated within the Family of Parishes. All confrères concelebrated liturgies at St. Alphonsus, St. Angela Merici, and Our Lady of the Assumption.



The initial feast of St. Basil was somewhat reduced due to renewed COVID-19 restrictions, but all others were concelebrated by the house. These celebrations culminated on the Feast of the Presentation, November 21st, with Bishop Ronald Fabbro presiding. Concelebrants included members of the Amica Retirement Community. The Basilian Lay Associates attended. *(See the photo above).*

Steven Huber is the Administrator of the Family of Parishes: a role he fully assumed in July of 2022. Steven has spent much of this year learning Italian, in order to better serve the community of St. Angela Merici. As Steven has taken on more responsibility in the Family of Parishes, he found it necessary to step down as Chaplain of Campus Ministry at Assumption University in May of this year. However, he still enjoys serving the students who come to Mass at Assumption. He continues to exercise his musical talents as an active member of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Windsor Classic Chorale.

Maurice Restivo continues to experience “long haul” COVID. Due to this he took leave from the parishes from January through June. He returned to active ministry as Associate Pastor on July 1. In addition, he remains active in 12-step recovery (mostly via zoom), works out with a trainer twice a week, and takes frequent walks.

Leo Walsh has been retired by both the Basilian General Council and London Diocese. He still assists with pastoral ministry when needed.

Jim O’Neill is the current acting rector and with Angel his dog helps at various gatherings in the parishes. Dog walking, cooking, some pastoral ministry, and small projects involving retired confrères take up most of his time. He spends his off time at beautiful Pelee Island and with his family. His travelling has been temporarily curtailed due to COVID but more plans are in the works for 2023.



*Leo Walsh, Maurice Restivo, Jim O’Neill, Steven Huber,
and Angel, the Director of Hospitality and Chief Greeter at Mass.*

The Basilian Fathers of Edmonton

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 Bishoy Dawood, our novice. The local community gathers at 7:15 AM Monday to Friday for morning prayer, with communal Mass on Tuesday mornings. During 2022, 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. In addition, he continued to serve as Director of Novices for Canada/US, ably assisted by Warren Schmidt. 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. We all enjoy our times together.



Glenn McDonald, Bishoy Dawood, David Bittner, Warren Schmidt, and Jim Stenberg enjoy a meal together.

Dave was the Edmonton delegate to the General Chapter. He returned to Edmonton following the Chapter, and then flew to Detroit with Dan Ryan for his First Profession at Catholic Central in Novi.

In early August, Dave was able to visit his family in Maryland and Florida, his first in-person visit since 2019.

Bishoy Dawood is currently a novice living with the Basilian Fathers of Edmonton. Given that Bishoy worked and studied for over 20 years, he appreciates this graceful time of prayer, reading, and living in a community that is closely linked to the parish life of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare parishes in Edmonton, AB. Bishoy describes this year as one when he was most spiritually and physically fit! *(See the article on the Novitiate for more detail.)*

Father Glenn McDonald CSB is pastor of St. Alphonsus and St. Clare parishes with the indispensable help of Father David Bittner CSB. He also serves as a Division Chaplain for Edmonton Catholic Schools. His work with ECSD involves school Masses, online liturgies, fostering reconciliation between the Church and First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and staff, overseeing LGBTQ+ student groups, and other sensitive pastoral situations.

For board involvement, Glenn started his second term with L'Arche Edmonton, which is focused on rezoning and renovating a 4-plex to create a new Community Day Centre. Glenn also serves on the Board of St. Michael's College School and the Basilian Finance Committee.

At the request of the Archbishop, Glenn developed a consecrated virgin formation program for one of his spiritual directees, gave a presentation to the Bishops of Alberta and the NWT about navigating LGBTQ+ issues, and assisted with the archdiocesan synod process. He was then selected as a delegate for the North American continent phase of the synod process. A word of thanks to all those who pray for and have assisted Glenn with his work. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, his work would fail. Glenn hopes that 2023 will be quieter than 2022.

Warren Schmidt CSB, successfully defended his PhD thesis cum laude in liturgical theology at l'Institut Catholique in Paris in July. His final thesis title is *L'évolution de la tension entre pouvoir et charisme dans le sacrement de l'ordination presbytérale après Vatican II : l'apport des textes conciliaires et des Rituels réformés de l'ordination* (The Development of the Tension between Power and Charism in the Sacrament of Orders to the Presbyterate after Vatican II: Significance of the Conciliar Texts and post-Vatican II Rituals of Ordination). Warren subsequently joined the full-time faculty at St. Joseph's College as a Basilian Academic, with teaching, research, and chaplaincy responsibilities.

Warren taught two courses at St. Joseph's College from January to April, 2022 (CHRTC 100: The Bible: An Introduction, and CHRTC 266: Jesus in the New Testament) and one course in May and June (CHRTC 101: Catholicism: An Introduction). From September to December, Warren taught another section of CHRTC 101 along with CHRTC 250: The Theological Education of the Catholic Teacher. For a second year—first with Dan Ryan, professed as of July, and then Bishoy Dawood, the current Canada-U.S. novice in Edmonton, also as of July—Warren has served as assistant novice master to David Bittner, CSB, novice master for Canada and the U.S. Warren leads one novitiate conference per week on the Basilians' history. Warren enjoys cooking, walks in the various nature reserves around Edmonton, cross-country skiing, and choral music, having joined the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus for 2022-2023. He



The Basilians celebrate the Bicentennial Mass in November with the St. Joseph's College community.

continues to lead a group of family and friends in daily Vespers on Zoom. This year, Warren began as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Michael's College School and served as a resource person on the Basilian Bicentennial Committee.

Jim Stenberg continues to be the rector of the local community, and serves at St. Joseph's College as the main chaplain.

He meets biweekly with the College President. Among the interesting things that occurred at the College, an increase in the seating in the chapel is the most visible. A sponsorship agreement between the Basilian Fathers and St. Joseph's College is probably the most significant, however, as it includes a Basilian hiring policy that ensures that qualified Basilians will always have a place here.

Jim keeps his hand in teaching by continuing with PHIL 209 (The Human Person: Philosophical Issues) in the Winter term. He also likes to discuss issues (including, but not limited to, theology, philosophy and politics) with Warren. The best time is before Warren has his morning coffee, as his wits are still slow.

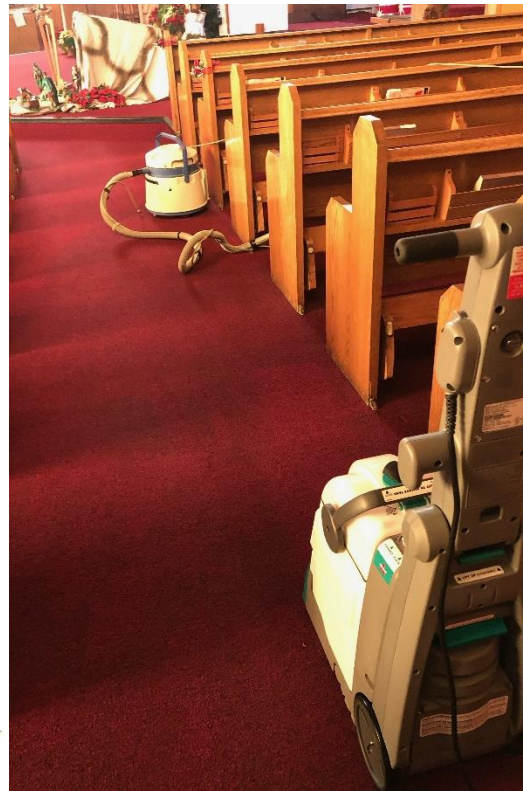
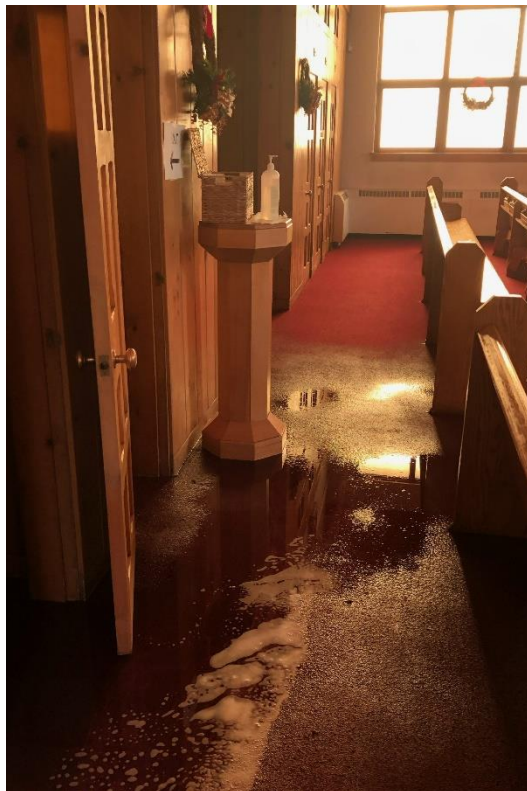
The discussions are usually not serious: for example, one topic was how the Bible supports LGBT people; Jim argued that since in one genealogy of Christ the father of Joseph was given as Eli, and in the other it was Jacob, that therefore St. Joseph had two daddies, and the Bible therefore supports all kinds of families.

Jim visits his mom every few months. She lives about two hours away, near Stettler, with her granddaughter and her nine(!) cats. They - humans and animals alike - are all happy and in good health. Jim should finish his dental odyssey this year - one dental implant has successfully taken, and the other should happen this spring.



The Edmonton Basilians had everything prepared for the Christmas celebrations of 2022 at St. Alphonsus and St. Clare churches. The manger was set up, the wreaths were on display, the music was rehearsed, and the church was cleaned. However, the famous cold of the Edmonton winter brought them an unpleasant surprise: a water pipe burst in St. Alphonsus church and flooded part of the church and some adjacent areas. With some quick work from the Basilians and the Physical Plant Director, the leak was repaired and little by little the water was cleaned up in time for the Christmas Masses. It was indeed a Christmas miracle!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!



Basilian Fathers Novitiate for Canada and the USA

Edmonton AB

During 2022, the Basilian Novitiate for Canada/US has consisted of Dave Bittner, Director; Warren Schmidt, Assistant Director; Dan Ryan, Novice (until his First Vows on July 27, 2022); and Bishop Dawood, Novice (beginning July 7, 2022).

The Novitiate programme 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 previous novices and by Norm Tanck CSB, Director of Associates. Dave leads the Monday through Thursday morning conferences, while Warren leads the weekly conferences on Basilian history.

The spiritual programme of the Novitiate has primarily involved participation 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 a spiritual director (also via Zoom). Dan's participation ended in late April. Bishop began the Spiritual Exercises on September 20.

Ministry during the Novitiate has primarily centred on serving at weekday and Sunday liturgies at St. Alphonsus and St. Clare parishes. In addition, Dan led the Friday evening Stations of the Cross at St. Alphonsus and designed and led a Tenebrae Service which took place at St. Alphonsus following the Good Friday Service. Our local community celebrates a Community Mass every Tuesday at 7:15 AM, led by that week's leader of prayer. During the weeks that a novice is the leader of prayer, Dave serves as celebrant and the novice preaches. Both Dan and Bishop have given excellent reflections.

In early April, Dan was finally able to get his COVID booster. The timing proved to be providential, since two weeks later all four of the priests tested positive for COVID and had to spend time in isolation. Dan did a fantastic job: shopping, cooking all the meals, bringing food to our rooms, and cleaning-up.

Bishop arrived in Edmonton on Wednesday, June 29. Dan was cooking that evening and planned a special welcome dinner using recipes from the *Vatican Cookbook*. Unfortunately, Bishop's plane was delayed, so the meal did not go quite as planned. However, even re-warmed in the microwave the food was excellent! The Novitiate retreat took place at Providence Renewal Centre July 3-7. Timothy Scott CSB preached the retreat, which served as the pre-profession retreat for Dan and the pre-novitiate retreat for Bishop. The official entrance into the novitiate took place following the



Bishop Dawood, David Bittner, Dan Ryan

closing Mass, with Tim Scott and Dan Ryan serving as witnesses. Dan and Dave flew to Detroit on July 23. Dan's first profession took place in the School Chapel at Catholic Central in Novi (*photo below*).



Warren sings in the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus. The annual *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* took place on November 28. Bishoy and Dave attended this service. On the following Monday, Bishoy, Warren, and Dave attended the Greenwood Singers Christmas concert (*The Many Moods of Christmas*). Dave is a former member of Greenwood but had to withdraw due to growing mobility issues.



Those two concert experiences prepared us for wonderful Christmas liturgies. Bishoy served at the 8:00 PM Mass during the Night at St. Alphonsus, at which Glenn McDonald was presider and preacher and the 9:30 AM Mass of the Day at St. Clare, at which Dave was presider and preacher (*photo a left*).

On Christmas Eve morning, a pipe at St. Alphonsus Church burst, flooding the church. Bishoy, Glenn, and the Director of Physical Plant spent two full hours repairing the pipe and drying the water, thus saving the day for all the Masses at St. Alphonsus and the free Christmas luncheon on Christmas Day.



The Novitiate Community: David Bittner, Bishoy Dawood, and Warren Schmidt. Bishoy is continuing his preparation for vows on July 8, 2023

Frassati House

Toronto ON

Frassati House started off in 2021 with four confrères: Norm Tanck, who serves as rector of the house, Bob Holmes, Jack Hanna, and Doug Hilmer. While camping in British Colombia Bob Holmes contracted an e-coli infection which led to meningitis. He spent most of the fall and December of 2021 in Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital. In 2022 Bob was released from there and moved to Providence Health Care Centre in Scarborough not far from Presentation Manor. When he no longer needed hospital care he moved briefly to a senior living facility until a place opened for him with the Basilian Community at Presentation Manor. Bob's company, conversation, and his signature pasta sauce and French onion soup are greatly missed.



Since COVID we also miss having guests for dinner or to spend a few days with us while visiting Toronto. With many COVID restriction lifted we hope that we will see more visitors again. After almost three years of being COVID free, all of us came down with the virus at the same time in October. We were all fully vaccinated, so our symptoms were mild, and we recovered quickly.

We follow a regular schedule with Morning Prayer and Mass Monday through Friday at 7:15 AM and dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by Evening Prayer. The homilies during Mass are a source of inspiration, challenge, and support for each of us.

We take turns preparing dinner. Each of us has a specialty and Doug often takes the time to bake coffee cakes and muffins. Jack's favorites are paella and duck with cherries. Occasionally, we enjoy going to a neighborhood pub for dinner and out to a restaurant to celebrate our birthdays.

We had fruitful discussions of the three Chapter Reflection Papers., *"200 Years of Basilian Ministry"*, *"The Basilians and Interculturality"*, and *"Synodality and the Bicentennial"*.

This year we were pleased to join with our Basilian brothers and Basilian Lay Associates in celebrating the Basilian Bicentennial. Kevin Storey presided and preached at a Mass in St. Basil's Church, 20 November, the Feast of Christ the King. That evening the professed members and the BLAs enjoyed a fine dinner at the Cardinal Flahiff Centre.

Norm continues as part-time associate pastor at St. Basil's and is the Director of Associates before they go to the novitiate. He is also the ordained coordinator of the Toronto-London Basilian Lay Associates. Since COVID most of the monthly BLA meetings have been via Zoom which allowed for presentations by Basilians in Houston, Edmonton, and Windsor. In October Norm was scheduled to be the Retreat Master for first annual Lay Associate retreat since COVID restrictions were lifted, but because he had tested positive he was unable to do so in person. However, he was able to present his talks via Zoom to BLAs from Toronto, London and Windsor who were gathered at Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre in Toronto.

Several people come to Norm for Spiritual Direction and in November, after a three-year hiatus, he resumed joining the Toronto Sisters of St. Joseph's discernment community for their monthly Mass. He also has presided and preached at the University of St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology-Regis College Wednesday Eucharist.

Norm attended the first annual Archdiocese of Toronto's Priests Workshop since the COVID pandemic began where he contracted the COVID virus and then brought it home and shared it with Jack and Doug. Since he was down the week before Halloween he was able to watch all horror movies ever made and now is an expert on the genre.

Doug continues to be an important part of Frassati House, contributing to the physical, spiritual, and social wellbeing of the community. Over this past year he has supported his parents as their needs have increased while he continued to work in an elder care facility for those living with dementia. He is grateful for the support of his confrères as he has tried to juggle community life, ministry, and family support. During this past year he has been grateful and mindful of the many Basilians who have gone before us in our last 200 years. Our neighbourhood is an interesting mixture of privately owned or rented townhouses and subsidized or social housing. Doug can often be found on our front porch and has gotten to know many of our neighbours well.



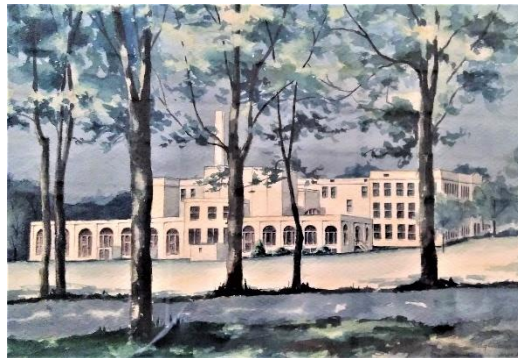
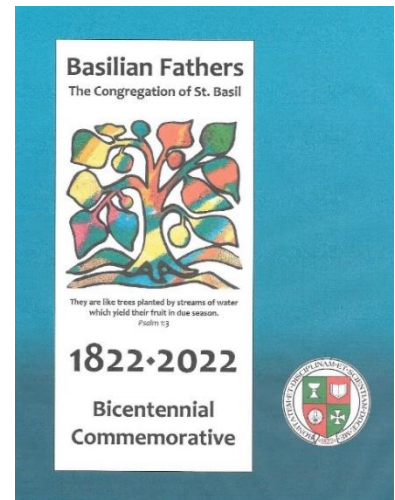
Jack Hanna says that he lives happily at Frassati House. Jack keeps the grass cut in the summertime but only very rarely pushes the snowblower in the winter. Jack had cataracts removed from both his eyes in the fall and now sees colors that he did not know existed.

Frassati House – Spring will come again!

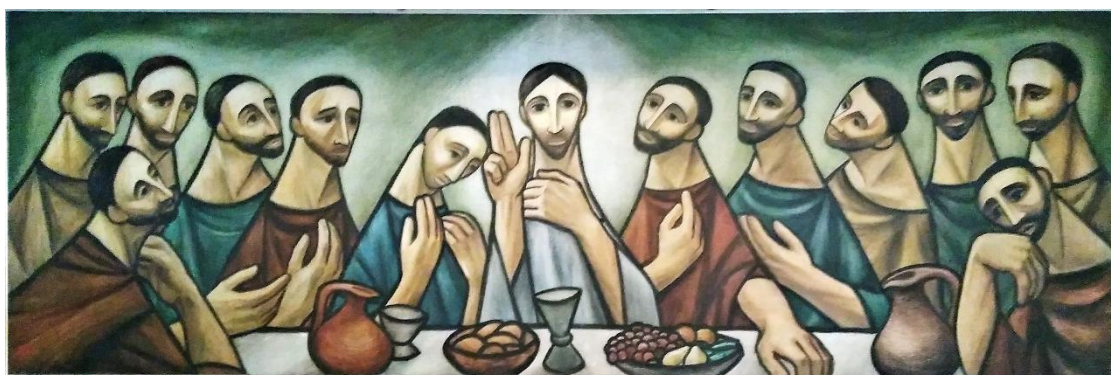
Jack continued his work as Secretary and Treasurer General. Since this year was a Chapter year, much of his time was spent working with the Steering Committee in Chapter preparations. Jack was in charge of “local arrangements” at the Kingbridge Centre and he handled the massive work of printing that is always necessary in preparing for a General Chapter.

The General Council had decided that this Bicentennial Chapter would be completely bilingual (English/Spanish). Jack prepared Morning and Evening Prayer in a bilingual format, Paul English prepared the Eucharists in a bilingual format, and Morgan Rice obtained the services of excellent simultaneous translators for the general sessions. Jack prepared the “Chapter Handbook” with all contents in both English and Spanish. Assisting Jack in the secretarial and translation ministry was Julio César Martínez, a scholastic from Mexico, along with Amanda Parcher and Rebecca Campbell from the Curial Office.

Another major project that Jack undertook this year was the preparation of the Bicentennial Commemorative Book. Jack consulted with Kevin Kirley and used Kevin's excellent history **1922 - Before and After** as a starting point. With the help of Michelle Sawyers, photos from the General Archives of the Basilian Fathers as well as other sources were included with the text. Jack added sections on the Hispanic Ministry in Texas, Mexico and Colombia and several other areas of work and ministry. Jack finished off the book with chapters on each year from 2014 through 2022. Putting together this Bicentennial Commemorative was a very interesting adventure. Jack says that he learned a lot about our history. He was glad to have had the opportunity to work on this project. However, he says, this will be his last bicentennial book. Jack includes some significant art below.



Artwork by Ray Jackson CSB “rediscovered” and published in the *Bicentennial Commemorative*
St. Mary's in Hepworth, Aquinas Institute, and the Strawberry Island Hotel



“The Last Supper” by Canadian artist Gerald Trottier (1925-2004).

This painting was commissioned in 1950 and was hung in the Refectory of St. Basil's Seminary. It is painted on a 12' by 4' panel of British Columbian fir which has several coats of sealer and two coats of white zinc paint.



Presentation Manor

Scarborough ON

At the end of four years in Presentation Manor, the Basilian community continues to reside in different parts of the building—some in assisted living and others in independent living—but nevertheless functions as one community with John Reddy and John Malo reappointed as superior and first councillor respectively, and Tom Rosica elected second councillor on 22 July. Current (December 2022) members of the community are Denis April, Leo Burns, Robert Barringer, Daniel Callam, James Carruthers, Michael Fallona, Donald Finlay, John Gallagher, Neil Hibberd, Robert Holmes, 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. Deaths in 2022: Joseph Hunt and Gordon Walker. Every resident has been vaccinated with booster shots in the course of the year. Consequently, there have been relatively few cases of COVID-19 and minimal imposition of isolation or lockdown.

A Mass is celebrated each weekday in the chapel, with two on Sundays to accommodate a larger congregation. As restrictions imposed because of COVID-19 have been relaxed, easier access to the building has been afforded to visitors. This was particularly evident on 21 November, the day of our bicentenary, when solemn vespers were said in the



Vespers for the Feast of the Presentation, November 2022

chapel, with Tom Rosica presiding. In attendance was a large number of residents as well as Basilians from other houses. Tom prepared a splendidly illustrated booklet that contained not only the psalms and prayers for vespers, but also information about the feast of the Presentation, our origins and apostolate, and our founders and patrons. The hymns were led by members of Saint Michael's choir school, who also performed a polyphonic version of the Magnificat. Dinner followed in the private dining room; Mrs. Margaret Smith, George's mother, was our guest.



Bicentennial celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, November 2022



Celebration of the Feast of the Presentation, November 2022

On 12 December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a community Mass was celebrated at 3:30 PM followed, again, by dinner in the private dining room. The cuisine was Mexican, prepared by Giancarlo Romero, our generous and efficient Circle of Care Coordinator. First Friday talks were resumed in September with a presentation by one of the religious men or women in residence here. Tom Rosica has organized several series of lectures to mark the liturgical seasons of the year, delivered either by a visitor or by himself. Details can be found in his entry below.

At various times in the course of the year, we are visited by members of the General Council and other Basilians. One such visit was particularly memorable: on 21 July, Pedro Mora, Anderson Úsuga, José de Jesús Rodríguez, and Erick de Jesús Enriquez came to Presentation Manor. After a tour of the building, John Reddy conducted them to the community room where they met with Bob Barringer and Kevin Storey. The confrères in independent living gather informally daily in the community room before dinner. Meetings of those in assisted living are more restricted because of the increasing number of lay people living in that section of the building, but there are pre-prandials for them on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

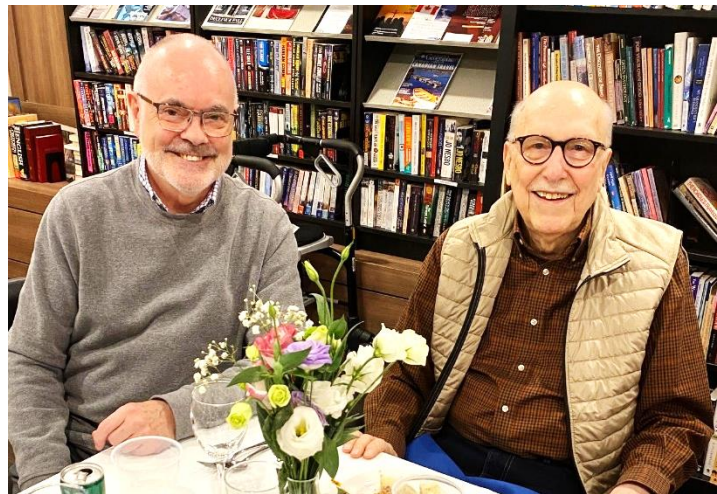
Bob Barringer retired at the end of June 2022 from the task of shepherding the fortunes of Saint Augustine's Seminary through the political labyrinth of the Toronto School of Theology. He had dedicated his time there to restoring the contribution of Saint Augustine's within the TST and making its presence more visible and effective: a task that will always be incremental and never finished. His focus now turns to a series of obligations which follow from his role as the literary executor for two persons (one a Basilian), obligations which he has successfully kept just outside of his field of vision for many years but now must face head on. His fondest hope is to have cleared the necessary decks by the beginning of 2023 so that he can tackle this new work. He may also be involved (as a clandestine consultant) with his step-sister in her campaign to become the *Wordle* champion of the family.

Leo Burns reports that he is currently playing BINGO and euchre while locked up in an old-folks' home. As a member of the army reserve and the Knights of Columbus, he laid a wreath in the chapel on Remembrance Day, 11 November.



Dan Callam celebrates Mass at Holy Rosary Church regularly on Mondays and occasionally on weekends. From time to time, he also celebrates for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. He is a board member of the Society for Catholic Life and Culture, the Chesterton Institute, and *Catholic Insight*, now an e-magazine, and a regular contributor to its web page. He made a presentation to the Seniors' Club of Holy Rosary Church on Krzysztof Kieslowski's film *Dekalog V: "Thou shalt not kill."*

Jim Carruthers writes: This has been a very good year at Presentation Manor. With the encouragement of our local leader, John Reddy, Tom Rosica has continued to provide us with some excellent lecture series both religious and secular, Dan Callam has reinstated our First Friday lecture series. He has been inviting members of the various congregations living here to tell their stories. Bob Holmes did a presentation on his peacekeeping ministry. All of the above has enriched me and the house. As for me, I am struggling with some health issues (like most of us), but my new helper, a walker, is a major asset. If I can find an interested party, we attend the "Live from the MET"—a real gift. Giancarlo Romero is another gift. We all agree on that."



Two good friends: John Reddy and Jim Carruthers

Don Finlay, now bedridden, is able to maintain his interest in current affairs, both in the community and more broadly, thanks to a steady stream of visits from family members, friends, and confrères.

Jack Gallagher writes: My article on the residential schools was published in *The B.C. Catholic* and reprinted in a shortened (and weakened) form by *The Catholic Register*.

Bob Holmes, recovering from a severe attack of meningitis, was well enough to move into Presentation Manor in May. He is now quite recovered aside from a constriction of the throat that prevents him from swallowing. Until that condition will have righted itself, he must take nourishment through a tube inserted directly into his stomach. A man who had been extremely active in working for social justice as well as in robust health, Bob has accepted the limitations of his condition with remarkable *sangfroid*. He preaches occasionally at Mass and with Rosemary Williamson OLM, like him a member of CPT (Community Peacemaker Teams), gave a talk to the residents of Presentation Manor on 8 December: "Journey to the Conflicted Holy Land: In Search of Today's Beatitude People: Gospel peacemaking (Luke 4:18)."



Brian Inglis plays the Steinway grand most afternoons in the dining room. He also presides regularly at the Eucharist in the Manor chapel and plays the piano to accompany the singing on Sundays and special days.

Wilfrid Janisse would like to thank those who compiled the beautiful commemorative book for our two-hundredth anniversary for their excellent work. We can all be proud. Bravo!

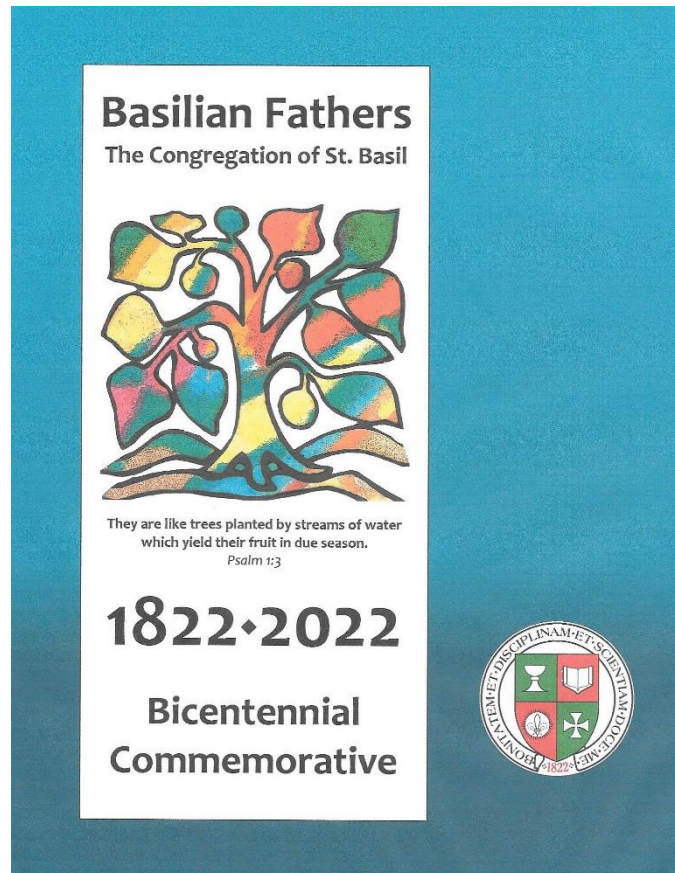
Credit goes to Kevin Kirley (a major source of information and data), Jack Hanna (organizer of information and layout), Michelle Sawyers (Archivist), Jim Farge (graphic design), Rebecca Campbell (Curial Office), and Bob Barringer. Bob spent hours proofreading the text and making valuable contributions in terms of style and consistency of expression.

Gordon Kennedy arranges for the maintenance and servicing of one of the community cars at Presentation Manor. He assists with arrangements for the hospitality hour prior to the evening meal. Occasionally he provides fresh seasonal fruit (tomatoes, peaches, etc.) for snacks in the community room. A variety of farmers' markets are open across the city daily, and they provide a much-appreciated addition to confrères' diets. He appreciates the fitness room and the therapeutic pool, 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 kilometres while the participant burns two hundred calories an hour.

Kevin Kirley, who turned ninety-six on 29 July, is now the oldest living Basilian. He enjoys remarkably good health owing largely to his adhering to a rigorous regime of prayer, reading, and exercise. He celebrated 70 years of priestly ministry in 2022.

John Malo is now, at his request, designated at first councillor, thus surrendering the title of assistant superior. In September, on vacation in British Columbia with Don McLeod, John suffered massive internal bleeding and was taken to Lions Gate Hospital for emergency surgery. Don McLeod attended John there; after more tests and procedures, they were able to return to Toronto on 22 September, with John little worse for what had been a harrowing experience.

Jim McConica writes: "My worst moment came when I doubled up with pain during Mass with all the symptoms of a heart attack, but the agonizing pain in my right shoulder proved to be from arthritis (my best moment). I have found spiritual reading that suits me well, and I have seen my nephew and his family at Thanksgiving, which balances out. I enjoy getting acquainted with other residents, who have formed a genuine community. Mass is therefore a community event again, as it should be. I am very content."



Don McLeod concluded his service on the Collegium of Saint Michael's College, after a nine-year run, in October. He continues to serve as a Trustee and Director of CRSIRP (*Catholic Religious Self-Insured Retention Program*) and as Chair of the Board of Governors of Assumption University. He has also been re-appointed as a representative of Saint Michael's College to the Board of Governors of PIMS (Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies), and as a member of the Board of the Saint Michael's College Foundation. Don also continues as Director of Healthy Aging and Eldercare for the Congregation, primarily in these days of COVID-19 through researching and disseminating information on various topics. Likewise, as a result of the pandemic, his flying continues to be restricted to the simulator—not the ideal, but a way to maintain a basic level of skill and competence (*see photo at left from the pre-COVID days*). Locally, he volunteers with Becoming Neighbours and as coordinator of presiding assignments for the liturgy committee at Presentation Manor.



John Reddy continues in his role as superior of the local community with John Malo as first councillor and Tom Rosica as second councillor. Everything this year has been circumscribed by COVID-19. Several times the residence was in one form of lockdown or another. Thank heavens none of the confrères was hospitalized with the virus. The administration of Presentation Manor has been careful and vigilant in preventing a large outbreak in the residence. John managed to go to Ireland for a long and relaxing visit. As needed, he helps with Mass at the local parish and at Saint Thomas More Church.

Leo Reilly: work in progress: "The Importance of Stoic Philosophy." Leo celebrates 60 years of ordained ministry in 2022.



Tom Rosica serves as second councillor of the local community. For the past year, he has offered weekly conferences to all the residents of Presentation Manor on various Scripture topics. Last year during Advent, he spoke about the Infancy Narratives for four weeks. During the first part of 2022, he presented the major themes of Luke's Gospel. Three more weekly series followed on Lenten, Easter and Pentecost themes. A four-week series on the Parables of Jesus took us into the summer months. After Pope Francis' penitential pilgrimage to Canada this past summer, Tom explored for the residents the purpose of the Pope's visit and the complexities of reconciliation with the indigenous peoples of Canada. Many residents of Presentation Manor have attended and appreciated these weekly sessions in a packed chapel.

In addition to his in-house activities at Presentation Manor, Tom also lectures at the Sisters of Saint Joseph residence in Toronto and is a regular weekend celebrant at Saint Peter's Parish in Toronto and Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish in Mississauga. He has also led retreat weekends at Saint Andrew's Parish in Oakville, Ontario, the Manresa Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Pickering, and for the Precious Blood Sisters in Toronto. In November, he led a pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land for a group of Catholic educators and leaders from various dioceses in Ontario. He also led the multi-parish pre-Advent mission in Chatham, Ontario. Tom continues to lecture in the on-line Scripture program for the Notre Dame de Sion Centre for Biblical Formation in Jerusalem.

For our Congregation, Tom is co-director of Ongoing Formation along with Morgan Rice. Recently, the General Council asked Tom to begin working with our newly ordained confrères in Mexico and Colombia, helping them to discern new opportunities for ministry.

Tom was a delegate to the General Chapter this past summer. Over the past year, Tom has organized our Basilian meetings to discuss the Chapter topics and serves as the Congregational Synod resource person. At the end of the year, Tom was appointed to the Board of Directors of Presentation Manor.

Joe Walsh writes: “We were among the first in Ontario to receive vaccinations for COVID-19 and for the flu early in the year. We were also tested multiple times. In January we were confined to our rooms, aside from outdoor walks. After the January confinement I tested positive, but asymptotically, for COVID-19. On 1 March we resumed daily Mass in the main chapel.”

Clarence Watrin writes: “Let us pray for each other and for our community. Let us trust in the power of our prayers because the Lord loves us and hears our prayers. We started as a very small group, and we can start again and grow and be a blessing for the Church. All things are possible through prayer.”

Associated Members (See the pages 19-21)



Curial Office Staff brings Christmas cheer and decorations to Presentation Manor - December 2022

Basilians of St. Michael's College School

Toronto, Ontario

This year of grace 2022 saw many blessings. These were a tad more obvious as blessings than the past two years of the COVID 19 pandemic blessings. A full return to in-person classes at St. Michael's College, thanks to Andrew Leung's leadership team, brought about a much hoped for hint of normalcy for the entire St. Michael's College School Community.



Both Andrew Leung and Bill May were privileged to attend the attenuated and historic Basilian Chapter of 2022 at the Kingsbridge Centre; thanks to St. Michael's College School, and Andrew's talent for logistics, face masks and personal COVID-19 Rapid Test Devices were made available to the confrères. Though the Chapter was rightly shortened, the blessings of interacting face-to-face with confrères provided a much needed return to telling and hearing of our stories as well as providing many more stories to share in the future.



Andrew's logistical talents were also recognized by the Archdiocese of Edmonton when he was called upon to help plan and execute Pope Francis' historic visit to Canada in the wake of the horrific revelations about the Canadian Residential School System. His knowledge of the Archdiocese and Papal Masses assisted the Canadian Church in her journey of reconciliation and truth seeking.



Bill started a sabbatical year after a truly blessed academic year. He is grateful for the opportunity and recommends it to everyone! He is most grateful to the Basilian Communities of Keon House and Catholic Central for their hospitality during his pilgrimage-loop through the United States of America.



Hope and difficult realities have been mixed together this past year adding a particular glow to the celebrations of the Basilian Bicentennial. We look forward to each day's evidences of God's love, strength, and challenges.

St. Basil's Collegiate Church

Toronto ON

The COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions continued to affect parish life in 2022. Although we were not limited in capacity, masking continued to be required until June 30 in accordance with the policy followed by the University of St. Michael's College (USMC). After Easter, we discontinued livestreaming the 10:30 AM Mass. Throughout the year, particularly beginning in September, church attendance began increasing noticeably. By the end of the year, our weekend Mass attendance was about two-thirds of pre-COVID numbers.



Father Dan Donovan continued to celebrate the weekday 7:30 AM Mass, while the 11:30 AM confessions and 12:10 PM weekday Masses were celebrated by Morgan Rice (Pastor), Norm Tanck (Associate Pastor), Jim Farge, Joe Pilsner, and Jesuits Gordon Rixon and Adam Lalonde. Our weekend Mass schedule continued with Masses at 5 PM Saturday and 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM, and 4:30 PM Sunday. The USMC Campus Ministry added a 6:30 PM Saturday Mass geared towards students and celebrated by various priests associated with USMC.

Our outreach programs operated year-round with the help of dedicated volunteers who prepared and distributed take-away bagged meals to patrons in Scollard Park on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. In September, we modified the schedule for meal distribution to Mondays and Tuesdays only with the resumed option of indoor dining in addition to take-away. Our parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was busier than ever assisting neighbours in need by providing food vouchers by mail and, later in the year, through in-person visits.

St. Basil's was happy to welcome JoAnn Lopez as the new Director of Faith Formation. She began in late September and quickly organized the start of the RCIA program in October. We have 18 participants this year, with about half unbaptized and the other half seeking reception into full communion. Our Synod on Synodality committee continued the synodal process at the parish level by offering two opportunities in November for the community to discuss belonging and community. More sessions are planned for 2023. A Tuesday evening online faith sharing session coordinated by JoAnn began in Advent with the hopes of its continuing throughout the coming year. We were unable to offer the Catechesis of Good Shepherd program in the fall but hope to start things back slowly in 2023 along with sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.



As part of the Basilian Bicentennial celebrations, St. Basil's hosted a beautiful Bicentennial Mass on Sunday, November 20 at 12 PM. Kevin Storey presided and preached. A reception in the basement followed. A display set up in the back of the church provided some Basilian historical highlights.

Just in time for the November celebrations through the generosity of the Basilian Fathers of USMC and the General Council, we were grateful to receive the statues of the Virgin Mary and St. Basil from the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre as they were relocated to the west and east sides of St. Basil's Church, respectively.

Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College and the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Toronto, ON

A semblance of normalcy returned to the campus after the past two years of lock-downs and other restrictions. The five members of our local community remained in reasonably good health, though not everyone managed to escape a COVID-19 infection. The five members of the community, Rev. James



Farge, CSB (Local Councillor), Rev. Michael Lehman, CSB, Rev. Joe Pilsner, CSB, Rev. Morgan Rice, CSB and Rev. T. Allan Smith, CSB (Rector), and the two associated members, Rev. Timothy Scott, CSB and Rev. Walter Werbylo, CSB, all carried out their respective ministries throughout the challenges of the pandemic. In April, the house celebrated Fr. Lehman's seventieth birthday. Fr. Smith was principal celebrant and homilist for the Feast of St. Michael held at the 12:10 PM Mass at St. Basil's church, commemorating the 170th anniversary of the University of St. Michael's College and the 200th anniversary of the Congregation of St. Basil. Those who were well enough joined in the congregational celebrations of the bicentennial on 20 and 21 November organized by the General Council. The house underwrote the relocation of an Italian marble statue of St. Basil to a garden niche at the east entrance to St. Basil's church. It also assisted with the relocation of a statue of Our Lady of Grace to Scollard Park on the west side of the church. Father Farge handled the details of the relocation. Both sculptures had

originally installed at the Pontiac Novitiate and later moved to the Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre.

James Farge is Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections in the Library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. Benefitting from a large donation, he has been seeing to the conservation of damaged books; but he also performs a wide range of library tasks. Last year he discovered that, since 1937, the library has housed an *unicum* – the only known copy in the world of a work on logic printed in 1521. (See photo on the following page) A short article about it, co-authored with a French scholar, appeared this year in the journal *Histoire et civilisation du livre* (2022). Jim is Secretary of the Institute's

Board of Governors and serves on its Finance and Audit Committee. He remains on the Editorial Board of the Collected Works of Erasmus and on the Comité de lecture of the *Revue d'histoire de l'Église de France*. He is secretary of the Corporation of the Basilian Fathers of the University of St. Michael's College, and serves as sacristan and fire marshal with Joseph Pilsner. He presides at the weekly Tuesday noon Mass at St. Basil's church and helps with confessions. The General Council delegated Jim to look into new homes for congregational art works at the Flahiff Centre that cannot be accommodated in its new quarters. St. Basil's church basement will receive Gerald Trottier's *Last Supper*. The carved wooden statues of Mary and Joseph will go either to St. Michael's College School or to St. Basil's. The Casavant pipe organ, the Rambusch altar and bronze candelabra, the carved statues of Basil and Francis (currently in the central stairway), and the Stations of the Cross may be difficult to re-locate. The above-mentioned responsibilities have greatly slowed Jim's work on the supplement to the *Dictionary of Basilian Biography* that will include deceased Basilian priests who died from 2003 to 2022. So far he has completed 176 biographies (49 of them former Basilians), with 35 others (5 former Basilians) in process. He found it expedient this year to resign as Director of Archives.

Michael Lehman continues his ministry at the Toronto Catholic District School Board in Chaplaincy and Faith Development in the Catholic Teachers' Centre as well as supporting the Religion Resource Team in delivering religion and family curriculum to the more than 180 schools in the system. Michael regularly facilitates days of reflection, retreats, professional development sessions for the elementary and secondary teachers as well as for senior staff, administrators and trustees. Michael also supports the elementary and secondary units of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and the provincial office of OECTA. He coordinates and celebrates all the liturgies at the Board Office as well as celebrating all school Masses, class Masses, staff Masses, and various seasonal celebrations including Advent and Lent. This year Michael was asked to provide pastoral support to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto at various celebrations and gatherings. Given the challenges of the last couple of years of COVID, Michael has devoted much time and effort in supporting and journeying with the community as they have navigated through various scenarios of curriculum delivery. He has co-responsibility for car maintenance, and is the guest master and infirmarian. In his spare time, Michael enjoys cooking, crossword puzzles, catching up on current events and remaining in touch with current educational and religious trends.

Joseph Pilsner served in 2022 as Registrar at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. In this position, he administrated the program for the Licentiate Degree in Mediaeval Studies and the Mellon Fellowship Program. In addition to his work at the Institute, he celebrates the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Basil's church when requested. He celebrated the Eucharist weekly for the Sisters of Life in Toronto and occasionally assisted in their ministry. He shares responsibilities of fire marshal and sacristan and is the house librarian.



Abbreviatio exponibilium by Gaspar Lax,
a Spanish mathematician and philosopher.
The only copy in the world is in the
PIMS Library in Toronto.

Morgan Rice continues as Pastor of St. Basil's Parish. (Refer to the St. Basil's entry for more information in that regard.) He joined Alejandro Estrada, John Huber, Pedro Mora, and Kevin Storey, on the Basilian Bicentennial Pilgrimage to France and Italy in June. At the General Chapter in July, not only did he catch COVID-19, but he also was elected to serve the Congregation on the General Council as Second Councillor. He was appointed Rector of the Curial Community and has been on the team overseeing the renovations of the curial residence and office. In the local house, he is the treasurer and cellarer and has co-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 second year of a two-year term. In addition to his daily ritual of learning some French with the Duolingo app, he has taken up the challenge of *The New York Times'* Wordle. Morgan visited his family in Texas in November in celebration of (American) Thanksgiving.

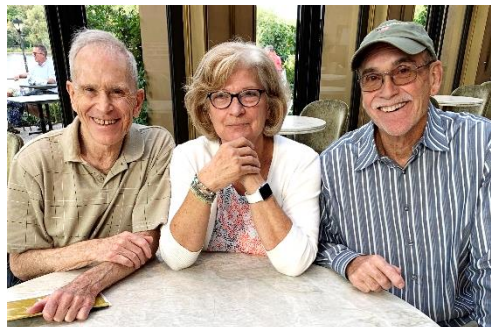
T. Allan Smith is Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College and a Fellow of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. He was appointed Adjunct Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto, until 2025. During the winter semester, he taught "Russian Thinkers" for the Slavic Department; the first six weeks of the class were conducted via zoom and then the class of eighteen happily returned to a physical classroom for the remainder of the semester. The disastrous invasion of Ukraine hit the department very hard, with many faculty and students having relatives directly affected. In addition to the human suffering it has caused, the invasion was a horrible enactment of some of the ideas discussed in the course. He set comprehensive exams in the field of medieval Russian literature for two of the department's doctoral students and is a member of two dissertation supervisory committees, one dealing with Tolstoy and the other, Dostoevsky. His annotated translation of Sergii Bulgakov, *Philosophy of the Name*, NIU Press and Cornell University Press, appeared in print in October. He continues his work on a collaborative project based in England, *Wisdom in Exile: Sergii Bulgakov's Theological Works, 1918-1944*. This is a four-volume collection of English translations of Bulgakov's writings to be published by T & T Clark/Bloomsbury in 2025. This year he contributed the following translations to volume one: "Chapters on Trinitarity," "Fragments One and Two," "Hypostasis and Hypostaticity," "Male and Female," "Male and Female in the Divinity," and "Towards a Description of the History of Modern Philosophy." A gift subscription to the Criterion Channel enabled him to see for the first time two towering masterpieces of Soviet cinema: Sergei Bondarchuk's eight-hour epic production of "War and Peace" and the ethereal "The Ascent," by Larysa Shepit'ko. He gained a new appreciation for Alain Resnais' enigmatic "L'Année dernière à Marienbad," a film that had left him with a headache of incomprehension as an undergraduate. He has enjoyed attending performances by the Canadian Opera Company and the National Ballet of Canada.



*Morgan Rice, Joseph Pilsner,
T. Allan Smith, Michael Lehman,
and James Farge celebrate
the 4th Sunday of Advent 2022*

Basilian Brothers associated with Local Houses (USA)

Ed Heidt: Las Cruces, NM (Associated with Dillon House Houston, TX)



Ed and his sister-in-law, Carmella, and his brother Jim at Stratford Festival, September 2022

Ed is still enjoying life in New Mexico but as the years tick by the speed at which he functions slows markedly. Lumbar disc degeneration has caused numbing in the left foot but it's manageable. He still enjoys reading: auto(biographies), plays, and the classics like Shakespeare, Samuel Beckett and Edward Albee.

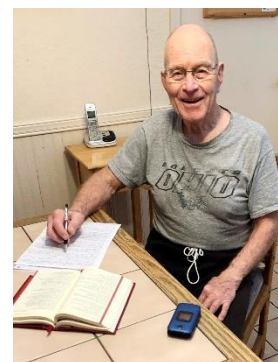
He saw the 60th anniversary production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* in Los Angeles with his sister and got to see the brand new Tom Paterson theater in Stratford, Ontario, Canada with his brother and his brother's wife. He got to go to the Chapter as an alternate delegate and enjoyed seeing old friends again but did not enjoy getting covid. On the

brighter side, getting covid enabled him to delay his next covid booster. Checking in with 8 different doctors for eight different body parts is challenging but luckily he is healthy for a 76 year old.

David Otto Klein: Las Cruces NM (Associated with Dillon House, Houston TX)

David writes: "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 has celebrated Mass each Sunday at the historic San Isidro Mission outside of Las Cruces for the past six years. He also ministers to the elderly at the Good Samaritan Retirement Center in Las Cruces and helps at other parishes as needed."

David Otto faithfully and carefully prepares his homily for Sunday Mass each week.



David Sharp: Wickenburg AZ (Associated with Dillon House, Houston TX)

David Sharp loves the Desert Southwest and is glad that he lives there. David writes: "We hade more rainfall this year than in any of the previous 19 years. So, the desert is screaming out with new life, new color, and new growth. I want this to be my message as well. I am sending a photo so everyone can enjoy the glory of the desert and the glory of God."

George Smith: Rochester NY

George concluded three and a half years of service at St. Paul University in Ottawa in June, having served as Interim Dean of the Faculties of Theology and Human Sciences. He began a new appointment at St. John Fisher University in Rochester NY serving as the William and Helen Cavanaugh Chair of Catholic Studies. In this position, he teaches full time in the Department of Religious Studies and facilitates lectures and symposia on Catholic Studies in an interdisciplinary context. He also serves the University chaplaincy as needed, and a local parish. He continues to Chair the Board of Trustees of the Toronto School of Theology and is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. John Fisher University.

Ron Borg: Roseville, MI *(Associated with the Basilian Fathers of Novi, MI)*

Ron writes to us: "I will be 80 years old on January 3. I like to eat out and visit antique stores. I am taking life easy. I no longer do funeral services, please pray for me and I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers. God bless you all."

Joe Moffatt: Northville MI *(Associated with the Basilian Fathers of Novi, MI)*

Joe sent the verses of the beautiful Huron (Wyndot) Carol, by St. Jean du Brebeuf SJ (1642)

'Twas in the moon of wintertime , when all the birds had fled
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.

Before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born. *In excelsis gloria!*

James (Jaime) Blocher: St. Louis, MO *(Associated with the Curial House, Toronto)*

Jim Blocher continues to live at Cedarhurst Senior Living in St. Louis. He writes: "Recently I had a Christmas visit from John Huber who bought me a new Bible and brought me some homemade cookies from Houston. I stay in touch with my Blocher brothers, and I say Mass on Sundays in my room. I see my Spiritual Director once a month. It's been cold with some snow. Please pray for me as I do for you."

Anthony Giampietro: Washington DC *(Associated with Keon House, Houston TX)*

Anthony continues his ministry in education as President of St. Anselm's Abby School, a Catholic boys' school from which he graduated, with grades from 6 through 12. He is involved in pastoral ministry in various places and in January 2023 he is preaching one of the Retreats for Diocesan Clergy in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Thomas Dugan: Rochester NY

Tom writes: "Since 2015 I have been a resident of the Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House in Rochester , NY. There are about 80 Sisters in residence. Six diocesan priests, and a monk of the Abby of Piffard form our resident community. A walker is my faithful companion, it has basket-seat for the "things" and for me to rest. Thank God for the sidewalk around the house; it affords about 30 minutes of fresh air exercise. These days my ministry is praying."

The Basilian Fathers at Catholic Central Novi MI



In this Bicentennial year, a definite highlight of the local community was the celebrations we enjoyed on the Eve and day of the Feast of the Presentation of Mary. Though in typical Basilian fashion where we might prefer to remember the blessings of two hundred years of service with a celebratory drink by the fireplace, the very generous and supportive lay people associated with the Catholic Central community would hear none of that. Chaired by **Dennis Noelke**, an army of moms, dads, staff, and alums prepared a celebratory vision of thanks for the faithful service of the Basilian Fathers in Detroit and Windsor. The planning took months and many meetings. On the eve of the Feast there was an Open House with a program of acknowledgement. Letters of Congratulations were read from Archbishop Vigneron, The Very Reverend **Ronald Fabbro, CSB** and greetings brought from Mayor Bob Gatt of Novi. Guests were serenaded by the Catholic Central Strings and Jazz Bands. While guests from the Detroit and Windsor areas snacked on various appetizers, many Basilian connections were remembered or rekindled.



Left to Right: Deacon Bob Fitzgerald, Archdiocese of Detroit, CC grad; Father Bob Schikora, Diocese of Saginaw, CC grad; David Basil CSB, John Wheeler CSB, John Huber CSB, Rob Moslosky CSB, Jim O'Neill CSB, Dennis Noelke CSB, Patrick Fulton CSB

The next day at Eucharist presided over by Vicar General **John Huber, CSB** (Principal and President Emeritus of CC), the Basilians and guests were given a wonderful overview of the history of the Basilians, the scope of the lives touched, and seeing in all of it the finger of God and hope for another two hundred years of service in the Church whatever form that may take.

Another particular blessing of the Bicentennial year was the first profession of vows of **Dan Ryan, CSB** in August. It was a wonderful occasion to witness the profession as well as to have the opportunity for new conversations and new perspectives.

For a third year in a row, we are blessed to have a unordained member of the house in **David Basil CSB**. He was assigned to the Basilian Fathers of Novi with ministry at Detroit Catholic High School for an experience of the high school apostolate. He assists with campus ministry, is faithful to his duties in the house, is doing practice teaching and brings an infectious joy and laughter to the house. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, David was installed in the liturgical Ministry of Acolyte by Patrick Fulton during the school Mass at CC.

(Photo at right)



When not running from pillar to post engaged in school administration, meetings, events and planning for the 2022 Chapter, **Patrick Fulton, CSB** hit the milestone of twenty-five years of priestly ordination. In the summer months during his spare time, he tends to the courtyard garden and fends off the menagerie of wildlife who view the area as a convenient salad bar. He also serves as the local Superior.

Dennis Kauffman, is known in the Catholic Central community as “Father Everywhere.” Dennis manages to faithfully attend countless numbers of athletic and co-curricular events. The students appreciate, from freshmen to seniors, his faithful fan attention. He is also the Senior Class Moderator, is Director of School Improvement and is a regular assistant at Our Lady of Victory parish in neighboring Northville.

For many years, **Rob Moslosky** has been the Treasurer for the house and can be relied upon to always keep a keen eye on the house’s finances. He also engages in the thankless task of awaiting the indefinite arrival of repairmen and as a result is always learning something new about the mechanical workings of the house. He is a member of CC’s “Retirees” group that regularly meets. Rob also serves as the house’s reliable fact checker, whipping out a smart device or querying Alexa to ascertain the veracity of statements or queries of confrères during drinks or dinner.

“Retirement” has allowed **Dennis Noelke** (*Principal Emeritus of CC*) the luxury to turn his attention to many pastoral initiatives both within the school and abroad. As chair of the CC Bicentennial Committee he harnessed and channeled the goodwill and energies of stakeholders and was always spurring the Basilian community to add input and vision. Like the Cure de Ars, he sits in the school confessional bringing souls to Christ. Dennis is a member of the Board of Directors of Detroit Cristo Rey School, its Mission Effectiveness Committee, and its Principal Search Committee. He is also on the Board of Governors of Assumption University. Of particular note are two initiatives that he’s developed; the first being a “Discernment Group” for students at CC who are exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The second initiative is the Order of Christian Initiation of Teens (OCIT). At the last school Mass of the year Bishop Don Hanchon, a long time friend of the Basilians from when he was pastor of Holy Redeemer parish, baptized and received into the Church four young men. This year the OCIT has fourteen possible catechumens and candidates. Dennis has been the pastoral hand in developing a team that unleashes the gospel in the lives of the Shamrocks. Dennis serves as First Councillor.



Bouts of occasional ill health have not slowed down **John Wheeler** from continuing to be a major pastoral force in the Archdiocese. With parish ministry and care to generations of alumni and their families, John is extremely sought after for his priestly presence. John also is a member of the Board of Governors of Assumption University and serves as Infirmarian and Second Councillor.

In a bittersweet moment the local community said it’s farewell to **Bishoy Dawood** who had a stunning year as a Teaching Associate, to move onto the novitiate in Edmonton. He was a great blessing to all of us. In spite of many blessings remembered, and those unrecorded here, there are moments of sadness. The local community buried **John Fiore** who died in Hammond, Indiana. **Arthur “Tunney” Hathaway** also went to his eternal reward and at the request of his Detroit family, we hosted his final rites at Catholic Central High School. Both were interred at the Basilian plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Michael Buentello and José del Toro decided to depart from the Basilians in 2022.

May God in His infinite goodness, see fit to bless our humble and holy Congregation with another two-hundred years and may we have the courage to embrace His vision!

Dillon House

Houston TX

The community of Dillon House is composed of eight men: Fathers Jamie Abercrombie, Carl Belisch, Vince Dulock, Bob Glass, Paul O'Connor, Ron Schwenzer, Richard Wahl, and Bishop Ricardo Ramírez. Our associated members who live apart for health reasons are Fathers Wilfred Canning, Jim Gaunt, Roy Oggero, Joe Roussel, Les Schaefer, Tom Sepulveda, John Boscoe, Al Sinasac, and Phil Acquaro. Three of our men who were in assisted living died this year – Bill Frankenberger, Al Sinasac, and Phil Acquaro.

Vince Dulock was appointed to Dillon House during the summer and is a welcome addition. Bishop Ramírez keeps us entertained with his stories and jokes. They both have been great contributors to our community by their presence and prayers and all they have done to make living here even more pleasant. Bishop Ramírez preaches well at Community Mass and he preached a retreat for Dillon House last Lent and one for Keon House during Advent.



The chapel at Dillon House is a place of quiet and peace.

Jamie Abercrombie checks all the doors every night and turns out lights. Bob Glass continues to improve walking without his walker. Paul O'Connor has had a very difficult year with two of his brothers dying – Richard in October and Bruce in December. Carl Belisch celebrates Saturday evening Mass for the Dominican Sisters and on Sundays at St. Dominic's Village.



Richard Wahl continues in full time ministry at the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal as Adjutant Judicial Vicar. He provides Eucharist and Reconciliation to a variety of parishes and convents, as well as teaching one course in the fall semester at St. Mary's Seminary. He and Eduardo Rivera took a tour of Eastern Europe and especially enjoyed the Passion Play at Oberammergau in early June.

We had our challenges this year. The HVAC went out in July and that meant no heating or cooling on the second floor. The first floor and third floor were kept running. Now, finally after years of problems, we are getting a whole new system. It is a challenge to live in the building while they are doing it. Ron Schwenzer celebrated Mass regularly at St. Anne's church until, on December 3, he was preparing for a wedding at Annunciation church when he fell on the steps in the sanctuary and hit his head on the floor. He was taken to the hospital and was there for 13 days. He is using a walker now, but he is getting stronger.

Our Basilian Lay Associates as a group come a couple of times a year to celebrate with us. They put up a Christmas tree 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. We have a cook six days a week and Ron fixes Sunday supper. On the first Sunday of each month a Lay Associate will volunteer to bring Sunday supper and we appreciate it very much.

Keon House

Houston Texas

Members: Ted Baenziger, Mitch Dowalgo (Superior, October 2022 -), Paul English (Superior January to October, 2022), John Huber, Jim Murphy; **Scholastics:** David (Semivule) Basil, Julio Cesar Martínez. **In residence:** Father Janusz Ihnatowicz. **Guest:** Father Gregorz Holub (Fall semester).

Weekly Community Mass on Monday at 5 PM

Liturgy of the Hours 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

House Meetings the first Monday of each month after supper

January 2	Participated in the Houston area St. Basil's Day celebration at St. Anne's.
April 30	David (Semivule) Basil US Citizenship, surname change
May 30	Basilians and BLA celebrated Memorial Day at Keon House.
July 4	Participated in Houston Area Basilian Barbecue, Dillon House
July 10-13	Jim Murphy, John Huber and Paul English participated at the General Chapter.
September 5	The Houston area Basilians and BLA celebrated Labor Day with Texas Barbecue
November 21	Bicentennial Mass and Reception, St. Anne's

David Basil:

In the first semester, I attended theology classes at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston as well as being involved in the parish experience at St. Anne's parish. While at St. Anne's, I taught CCD and was also involved in the RCIA both of which were enriching experiences for me. Additionally, sharing in the life of the parish for me was a great opportunity to learn more about teamwork, and identify my strengths and my weaknesses. After my time at Keon House, I said farewell to the community there and moved to Catholic Central in Novi to begin a new phase of Basilian life. I am forever grateful to the Basilian Fathers for all the opportunities.

Ted Baenziger:

The French community celebrated our first Christmas in the Chapel of Saint Basil since the pandemic began. It was followed on Facebook and Zoom by hundreds, including in France, Burkina Faso, Cameroun and other places. There were also small gatherings in people's homes.



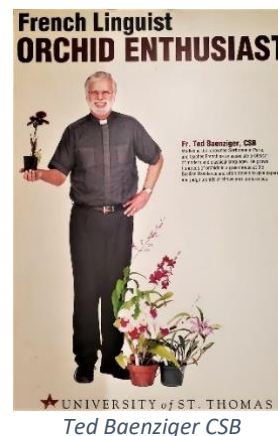
I have continued my work as a certified judge for the American Orchid Society and for several years I taught a course in orchid genetics in the UST Biology Department. The most recent orchid we awarded in Houston is pictured on the left: *Fredclarkeara Desert Bordeaux*

Many of the Basilians in Keon, as well as Janusz Ihnatowicz, tramped down to the Christus clinic 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, I'm finding the job quite restful, except for the taxi service to the dentists, hearing specialists, cardiologists, neurologists, ophthalmologists, etc.

In the French parish, we had a few baptisms, three funerals, and a large class of Confirmations. The latter was thanks to Cardinal DiNardo, who, recovering from a stroke, made our ceremony his first official liturgy because he loves us, and also because it was small, only 16 youngsters.

I spent nearly a month in France during the summer, visiting Basilians plus French families from the parish of St-Basile (UST). I came home on July 29 on Air France, the longest birthday of my life, 31 hours! Aside from orchid judging, I continue 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.



Mitch Dowalgo:

I returned to St. Thomas High School for tutoring twice a week. I was elected superior of Keon House in October. I enjoy working in the kitchen, but I don't know if teaching Claudia, our cook, how to make bread counts!

Paul English:

I've been wearing a lot of hats: Superior of Keon House (January to October), UST Chaplain, Executive Board of the Aquinas Institute of Rochester, Board member of St. Thomas High School in Houston, Member of the Basilian JPIC committee, Member of the 2022 Chapter Steering Committee, and elected to the General Council as Fourth Councilor. I am a member of the Religious Formation Conference "ForMission" Program: January (Zoom, graduation), June (St. Louis, as new team member). I have done priestly ministry in Spanish at various parishes. I keep myself occupied with reading, walks and golfing.

May 24-26	Catholic Campus Ministry Association Convention 2022, San Antonio.
June 21-23	Participated in Latin American Summit.
December 25-31	Vacation: Syracuse & Rochester.
August 6,7	Preached for Basilian missions, Oswego, NY.
September 10-19	General Council meetings, Toronto.
November 13-17	General Council meetings, Toronto.
September 17	Funeral in Rochester; Visit with T. Dugan.

John Huber:

I provided sacramental assistance at St. Anne's, UST Chapel, and Incarnate Word Academy. I also assist Ted Baenziger with the French parish, occasionally celebrating Mass and preaching. I serve as Priest-accompaniment in *Les Équipes Notre-Dame* faith sharing French-speaking couples, and am chaplain to the French speaking Scouts (Boys and Girls). Twice a week I said Mass for Dominican Sisters.

I serve on five boards: University of Saint Thomas, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston School Board, Incarnate Word Academy, Detroit Catholic Central and the Aquinas Institute. At the University of St. Thomas, I have served on the Executive, Enrollment, Finance and Core Curriculum Committees, and the Presidential Advisory Cabinet. I chaired the Catholic Identity Group and served on the Presidential Search committee of the Aquinas Institute or Rochester NY.

January 3:	St. Thomas High School Faculty and Staff Retreat: "The Life and Teachings of Saint Basil"
March 3:	Celebrated Ash Wednesday at St. Thomas High School
March 7:	Celebrated Memorial Mass for Al Sinasac at St. Anne's Church
April 4-8:	Canonical Visitation of the Mexico City Scholasticate
April 21:	Presentation to Faculty of St. Michael's College School: "Leadership from a Basilian perspective"
June 21-23:	Participated in Latin American Summit
October 14:	Presentation to St. Thomas High School Faculty and Staff: "Archbishop Michael's Miller's Five Marks of Catholic Education"

Two of the memorable events of the wonderful Bicentennial Pilgrimage in June were to preach at the Mass at Collège du Sacré-Coeur in Annonay on June 5 and to preside at a Bicentennial Mass at L'Église Saint-Basile, Ardèche on June 6 with Basilians Pedro Mora, Kevin Storey, myself, Alejandro



Estrada, Bernard Buisson, and Morgan Rice. Also in attendance were some of the folks from the little hamlet of Saint-Basile. In Rome, on June 9, we were privileged to have a private audience with Pope Francis.

Julio César Martínez:

In June, I participated in person at the Basilian Latin American Summit, held in Puebla, México. In July, I served the General Chapter at Kingbridge Centre in King City, Ontario, as secretary. In September, I was named to Keon House where I am studying English as part of the new Basilian Language Acquisition program. I began my studies in October at LCI in Houston, very near Keon House.

Junio, Participación presencial en la Cumbre Basiliana Latinoamericana, en Puebla, México. Julio, Participación como secretario en el Capítulo General Bicentenario, en Toronto Canadá. Septiembre, Nombrado a la Casa Keon House, Houston, TX. Octubre, Inicio de adquisición del idioma inglés, LCI Houston.

Jim Murphy:

I serve as President of St. Thomas High School, Chaplain for the Charity Guild of Catholic Women, Board Member for the University of St. Thomas and the Regis School of the Sacred Heart.



2022 was a year of moving back to some normalcy for St. Thomas High School. The New Father Wilson Field is under construction and should be completed in the spring. I was able to return to Holyoke, MA for St. Patrick's Day which was good for my Irish soul. The year has been filled with weddings, meetings, and the regular list of Houston galas. Also, this year I celebrate my 25 years of vowed life. To care for my overall well-being I have walked on a regular basis and according to my calculations, I've walked 1,640 miles in 2022. Not bad!

Saint Anne Parish Houston TX

Again, this past year at Saint Anne's Catholic Community has brought us times of great joy and sorrow. Our greatest sorrow came with the passing of Father Jay Walsh from mesothelioma on September 18, 2022. Jay faced his sufferings from this cancer with great strength and hope in the Lord. Although he was residing at the Village of South Hampton, Jay was able to attend his 87th birthday party here at the parish with many friends and staff members present. He is missed.



Jay Walsh and friends at his birthday celebration at the parish.

Even though the serious threat of the Covid-19 virus seems to have diminished greatly, we still continue to livestream our Sunday 11:00 AM English and 12:45 PM Spanish Masses each week in order to reach out to our parishioners. We concluded our bicentennial celebrations of the founding of our Congregation with a special Mass and dinner held at our parish on November 21 with many Basilian priests from the local houses and lay associates attending. Our parish participated in the diocesan wide synodal process with many parishioners from both our English and Spanish speaking communities taking part. One of the highlights of the year for our Spanish speaking community was that we were able to resume the tradition of our *Pastorela* or Christmas play, with many of the youth participating.



St. Anne parishioners took the "listening process" of the Synod seriously. This is hard work, but it is very worthwhile.

Although, once again, we were not able to have our Fall Fiesta this past year, we still held communal gatherings with a crawfish boil in Lent and an artisans' market in the fall. Both these events were great successes. In November, our school held its annual gala in our new gym. The theme of the gala was from the Wizard of Oz, with the slogan, "There's no place like home." Surely there is no place like Saint Anne's Catholic Church and School. Jim Murphy CSB was our Master of Ceremonies for the gala.

Mass attendance continues to grow. Our RCIA Class this year is one of the largest we have had in a very long time. On January 8th of this coming year, Cardinal DiNardo will grant permission for the precious

blood to be once again distributed to all the faithful during Mass within our Archdiocese. 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 exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every first Saturday of the month. 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 are held throughout the week and on Sundays.

The great joy we have in our parish is the arrival of Dan Ryan (*photo at right*), one of our scholastics (seminarians), who along with taking classes, also serves as sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, and helping with classes for RCIA as well as teaching middle school students in our catechesis program. He is enjoying the pre-Theology program at the University of St. Thomas; he has brought home many interesting philosophical discussions to the dinner table. Dan is looking forward to beginning his studies in Theology at St. Mary's Seminary in the Fall of 2023. Dan is from Detroit but is making himself right at home in Houston.



*the Basilian Pastoral Team at St. Anne:
David Zapalac and Eduardo Rivera*

Father Eduardo Rivera has been greatly involved in our parish, helping and guiding many of the different ministries. Finding volunteers and liturgical ministers at St. Anne is still a struggle. Eduardo is helping to train new English and Spanish liturgical ministers. He, along with Father David Zapalac, has been preparing couples for marriage and giving presentations for candidates in RCIA. Eduardo occasionally celebrates Mass at St. Thomas High School and the University of St. Thomas. Eduardo also helps to facilitate a monthly discernment group that is organized by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. As director of scholastics, he meets with Dan Ryan weekly for conferences ranging from pastoral skill building, spirituality, financial management, living the vows, and other human formation topics.



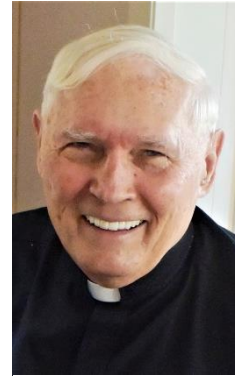
As pastor, David Zapalac continues to serve in both the English and Spanish speaking ministries and is extremely grateful for the local confrères who help out in so many ways, along with the local Basilian lay associates who are always ready and willing to lend a helping hand.

*St. Anne's School is energized!
"Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge" is not just a motto.
It is a commitment.*

St. Joseph Mission Center

Sugar Land, TX

Father Vince Dulock is the Mission Procurator and Father Terry Kersch is based at the Mission Center and serves as Director of Studies for Scholastics. Vince Dulock has had some health issues in 2022 and is currently residing at Dillon House in Houston.



Vince Dulock



Aron Fernandez

The Director of Operations at the Mission Center is Aron Fernández, who has worked at the Mission Center since 2016. Aron oversees the day to day operations of the Mission Center, is responsible for the physical plant, schedules all the mission preaching assignments for Basilians, does all the banking, records donations, and manages the accounting with the part-time assistance of María Hernández.

The Basilians who preached on behalf of the Missions in 2022 were: Paul Walsh, Vincent Dulock, Terence Kersch, Norm Tanck, Paul English, Kevin Mannara, Don McLeod, Richard Wahl, and James Murphy. These Basilians preached in 11 different Dioceses and Archdioceses. Mission preaching remains a major source of income for the Basilian ministries in Latin America. Donations solicited with the twice yearly mailing of the *Basilian Mission Newsletter* are also significant.

The Mission Center support Basilian ministries in Colombia and Mexico. These include many services for people and families who are economically deprived such as health clinics, education, and activities for young children after school hours, workshops to empower women to find employment and ways of supporting themselves, dental clinics, mental health clinics, literacy, food for the children and elderly, and other social ministries. Of course, announcing the Good News of the Gospel and celebrating the Sacraments are an essential part of the Basilians ministry in Latin America.



The Body of Christ nourishes



Basilians prepare food for distribution



After school care and the health clinic

Los Padres Basilianos en México 2022

The Basilian Father in Mexico 2022

En el año que se acaba en estos días, 2022, la comunidad de los Padres Basilianos en México experimentó el mundo un poquito menos preocupado con la pandemia de COVID. Algunos de nosotros contrajeron el virus, pero sólo experimentaron algunos días de la enfermedad; y, generalmente, el contagio no pasó a los demás en la casa o en nuestros lugares de servicio. Uno o dos de nosotros siguen con efectos desde cuando fueron afectados en 2020.

Dos acontecimientos

Los acontecimientos más importantes de 2022 fueron el noviciado internacional y una nueva responsabilidad en la Ciudad de México: una rectoría con tres capillas. En enero de este año siete mexicanos y tres colombianos empezaron el camino que es el noviciado. Fue una oportunidad de crecer espiritual y personalmente como individuos y como una comunidad con P. Pablo Walsh de Canadá el director de novicios y P. Javier Higuera de Colombia como el director asistente. Hubo tiempos de oración y actividades en comunidad, estudios y recreación, días de desierto y paseos, talleres y ejercicios espirituales. Pasamos varios días en un monasterio trapense en Michoacán y los ejercicios ignacianos en el centro jesuita en Jalisco. Ahorita, llegando al final del año se quedan los tres colombianos y cinco mexicanos quien, primero Dios, harán primeros votos el 7 de enero, 2023.



Casa San Felipe: abajo desde la izquierda: Raúl Z., Erick E., "Justo" R., Enrique H., "Pepe" Z.; De pie desde la izquierda Walter M., Juan Gabriel G., P. René E., P. Javier H., Alejandro B., Marco S. P. Dan Porter, P. Pablo W. (ausente P. Jess O.)

Después de más de un año sirviendo en una parroquia en Tlalpan, P. Beto Rojas es rector de una nueva comunidad pastoral. Al momento de escribir hay todavía ciertos trámites que tenemos que hacer, pero la arquidiócesis de México y los P. Basilianos están comprometidos para formar una rectoría. Una de las bendiciones de esta nueva iniciativa es tener un lugar para nuestros escolásticos para hacer servicio

pastoral como parte de su formación. Pero más importante es el sentido de la gente que estamos caminando a su lado como pastores y hermanos.

Las celebraciones de 200 años

La comunidad basiliana tomó varios momentos de celebración de nuestro bicentenario. Celebramos dos misas en Los Reyes Mezontla y San Luis Atolotitlán donde pasamos 19 años en la parroquia de Santa María de la Asunción en Caltepec. En ambos lugares la capilla nos recibió con mucho cariño y recordó los muchos basilianos que servían allá: en Los Reyes la gente recordó con mucho afecto al P. Lorenzo Morán, mientras en San Luis P. Jess Owens reanudó amistades desde su tiempo allá.



Misa en Los Reyes Mezontla, Celebración de 200 años; Bicentenary Mass in one of the missions of Caltepec.

En la parroquia de San Lorenzo, establecieron los Basilianos un nuevo centro pastoral con consultorios y un salón para reuniones y celebraciones. Fue nombrado por nuestros diez fundadores celebrando 200 años desde la fundación de la comunidad. La parroquia también celebró una misa y convivencia domingo el 20 de noviembre con gente de todas partes de la ciudad y región de Tehuacán.

El próximo día, la comunidad se reunió en la capilla de Nuestra Señor de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México para celebrar el día mismo de nuestra fundación. Fue para nosotros una oportunidad de ver la rectoría y encontrar a su gente. Fue una pequeña celebración, pero con todo el cariño de nuevos amigos: los Padres Basilianos y la rectoría de Lupita.

Una descripción breve de la comunidad

Al final del año somos ocho sacerdotes (a veces nueve), diez escolásticos y ocho novicios. Los Padres José Alberto Juárez y Beto Rojas (y a veces P. Terry Kersch) están en la Ciudad de México; P. Alberto es el director de escolásticos, P. Beto es rector de la rectoría y P. Terry es director de estudios para todos los formandos de la comunidad. Por el momento hay seis escolásticos en el escolasticado: Lauro Sánchez,

Juan Ángel Vivas, Juan José Ortiz, Jesús Rodríguez, César Enrique Hernández y Alejandro García. Julio César Martínez se encuentre en Houston estudiando inglés y viviendo en Keon House.

En la parroquia de San Lorenzo en Tehuacán hay dos sacerdotes, P. Alejandro Estrada el párroco y P. Antonio Ibáñez, casi un año después de su ordenación. También, hay dos escolásticos, Óscar Martínez y José Adán Gómez involucrados en el pastoral de la parroquia en las capillas y la oficina. Forman juntos el curato o casa parroquial de San Lorenzo.



Celebración de la independencia mexicana; Celebrating Mexican Independence

Casa San Felipe (nombrado por el primer mártir de México, Felipe de Jesús) es casa del noviciado con los novicios José Raúl Zarama (de Colombia en la Amazonia cerca de la frontera con Ecuador), Jose Enrique Hoyos (de la costa caribeña de Colombia) y Juan Gabriel Galvis (del Norte de Santander en Colombia), Luis Alberto Rodríguez (o “Justo” es de cerca de Toluca en el estado de México), Marco Antonio Sierra (de Colima), José (Pepe) Antonio Zamudio (del estado de México cerca de la CDMX), Alejandro Balderas (de Santiago Miahuatlán cerca de Tehuacán), y Walter Roberto Martínez (de Jonacatepec en el estado de Morelos).

P. Pablo Walsh y P. Javier Higuera han sido trabajando con los novicios y el escolástico Erick de Jesús Enríquez hace pastoral en la parroquia y ayuda en la operación del noviciado. En el último mes del año P. Javier regresó a Colombia para empezar preparaciones para el noviciado colombiano en 2023; los jardines de la casa y todos nosotros lo extrañamos. En casa también hay Padres Jess Owens y Daniel Porter sirviendo en la parroquia de San Lorenzo y Padre René Espejel sirviendo en la parroquia de San Pedro Acoquiaco. Los novicios han hecho pastoral en ambas parroquias.

Resumen

Entonces, después del año de nuestro bicentenario es claro que Dios nos ha bendito mucho. Damos gracias por sus bendiciones y pedimos que el Señor siga bendiciendo a toda la comunidad.



Preparando la tumba de P. Isidro Castillo para el día de los Muertos;

Preparing Father. Isidro Castillo's grave for November 2.

The Basilian Fathers in Mexico 2022

In the year that is ending, 2022, the community of the Basilian Fathers in Mexico experienced a world a little less concerned with the COVID pandemic. Some of us contracted the virus, but only experienced a few days of illness; and, generally, the contagion did not spread to others in the house or in our places of service. One or two of us are still affected from when they were infected in 2020.

Two Events

The most important events of 2022 were the international novitiate and a new responsibility in Mexico City: a rectory with three chapels. In January of this year, seven Mexicans and three Colombians began the journey that is the novitiate. It was an opportunity to grow spiritually and personally as individuals and as a community with Father Pablo Walsh from Canada as the novice director and Father Javier Higuera from Colombia as the assistant director. There were times of prayer and community activities, studies and recreation, desert days and outings, workshops and spiritual exercises. We spent several days in a Trappist monastery in Michoacán and the Ignatian exercises in the Jesuit center in Jalisco. Right now, coming to the end of the year, the three Colombians and five Mexicans remain who, God-willing, will make their first vows on January 7 of 2023.

After more than a year serving in a parish in Tlalpan, Father Beto Rojas is rector of a new pastoral community. At the time of writing there is still some paperwork that we have to do, but the Archdiocese of Mexico and the Basilian Fathers are committed to forming a rectory. One of the blessings of this new initiative is having a place for our scholastics to do pastoral service as part of their formation. But more important is the sense of the people that we are walking alongside as pastors and brothers.



Pre-Vows Retreat accompanied by 4 religious women and 1 diocesan priest. Los ejercicios espirituales antes de los votos, acompañados por 4 religiosas y un sacerdote diocesano.

Celebrating 200 years

The Basilian community took several moments to celebrate our bicentennial. We celebrated two Masses in Los Reyes Mezontla and San Luis Atolotitlán where we spent 19 years in the parish of Santa María de la Asunción in Caltepec. In both places the chapel received us with great affection and remembered the many Basilians who served there: in Los Reyes the people remembered especially Father Lorenzo Moran with great affection, while in San Luis Father Jess Owens resumed friendships from his time there.

In the parish of San Lorenzo, the Basilians established a new pastoral center with offices and a room for meetings and celebrations. It was named for our ten founders celebrating 200 years since the founding of the community. The parish also celebrated a Mass and fellowship Sunday November 20 with people from all over the city and region of Tehuacán.

The next day, the community gathered in the chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to celebrate the day of our founding. It was an opportunity for us to see the rectory and meet its people. It was a small celebration, but with all the warmth of new-found friends: the Basilian Fathers and Lupita's (Our Lady of Guadalupe) rectory.

Novices and Scholastics in the Chapel of Guadalupe prior to the bicentenary Mass. Novicios y escolásticos en la capilla de Lupita antes de la misa bicentaria.

A description of the community

At the end of the year, we are eight priests (sometimes nine), ten scholastics and eight novices. Fathers José Alberto Juárez and Beto Rojas (and sometimes Father Terry Kersch) are in Mexico City; Father Alberto is the director of scholastics, Father Beto is rector of the rectory and Father Terry is director of studies for all those in formation in the community. At the moment there are six scholastics in the



scholasticate: Lauro Sánchez, Juan Ángel Vivas, Juan José Ortiz, Jesús Rodríguez, César Enrique Hernández and Alejandro García. Julio César Martínez is in Houston lives at Keon House studying English.

In the parish of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán there are two priests, Father Alejandro Estrada the parish priest and Father Antonio Ibáñez, almost a year after his ordination. Also, there are two scholastics, Óscar Martínez and José Adán Gómez involved in the pastoral care of the parish in the chapels and the office. Together they form the parish house or rectory of San Lorenzo.



The Community gathered to nominate a superior; Juntos en comunidad para proponer un superior.

Casa San Felipe (named after Mexico's first martyr, Felipe de Jesús) is home to the novitiate with novices José Raúl Zarama (from Colombia in the Amazon near the Ecuadorian border), Jose Enrique Hoyos (from the Caribbean coast of Colombia) and Juan Gabriel Galvis (from Norte de Santander in Colombia), Luis Alberto Rodríguez (or “Justo” is from near Toluca in the state of Mexico), Marco Antonio Sierra (from Colima), José (Pepe) Antonio Zamudio (from the state of Mexico near Mexico City), Alejandro Balderas (from Santiago Miahuatlán near Tehuacán), and Walter Roberto Martínez (from Jonacatepec in the state of Morelos).

Father Pablo Walsh and Father Javier Higuera have been working with the novices and the scholastic Erick de Jesús Enríquez does pastoral care in the parish and helps in the operation of the novitiate. In the last month of the year Father Javier returned to Colombia to begin preparations for the Colombian novitiate in 2023; the gardens of the house and we all miss him. Living here are also Fathers Jess Owens and Daniel Porter serving in the parish of San Lorenzo and Father René Espejel serving in the parish of San Pedro Acoquiaco. The novices have done pastoral work in both parishes.

Resume

So, after our bicentennial year, it is clear that God has blessed us greatly. We give thanks for all his blessings, and we ask that the Lord continue to bless the entire Congregation.

Unas notas del Alejandro Estrada, párroco de San Lorenzo.



*St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr*

En este año la casa cural que está constituida por cuatro miembros (p. Alejandro Estrada, p. Antonio Santos Ibáñez, hno. Oscar Martínez Ávila y hno. José Adán Gómez Villalvazo -ambos escolásticos.) nos ha tocado trabajar y compartir la vida comunitaria.

Oscar y José Adán han trabajado arduamente a lo largo de este año. Por el lado de Oscar, a construir los consultorios para atención psicoterapéutica en el Centro Comunitario San Basilio (oficinas parroquiales) así como el Salón Parroquial "Diez Fundadores", la atención de dentista y asistencia social (tiendita social -artículos de primera necesidad a bajo costo a los más necesitados) y la coordinación en el centro.

Por el lado de José Adán, ha contribuido a mantener unida a la comunidad de la capilla del Nuestra Señora del Carmen junto con la hna. Isabel Margarita MSCJX coordinando diferentes actividades pastorales y litúrgicas, la dirección de diversos grupos parroquiales, la edificación de nuevas comunidades dentro de la capilla y la construcción de nuevos baños.

Por el lado del p. Antonio (p. Toño), su contribución al trabajo parroquial ha sido extraordinaria; ha realizado su ministerio sacerdotal de manera puntual y amorosa con aquel que le ha necesitado. Aunque él mismo admite que "aún falta mucho por aprender", tiene muy buena disposición.

En resumen, ha sido un año bendecido por Dios. Los deseos de cada uno de nosotros son la fraternidad, el encuentro con Cristo, la mutua comprensión, y el trabajo pastoral constante.

Some notes from Alejandro Estrada, pastor of San Lorenzo.

Padre Antonio Ibáñez Santos, Oscar Martínez Ávila and José Adán Gómez Villalvazo -both scholastics- have had the opportunity to work and share community life.

Oscar and José Adán have worked hard throughout this year. On Oscar's side, to build the offices for psychotherapeutic attention in the San Basilio Community Center (parish offices) as well as the Parish Hall "Ten Founders", dental care and social assistance (social shop - basic necessities at low cost to the most needy) and coordination in the same center.

José Adán has contributed to keep together the community of the chapel of Nuestra Señora del Carmen together with Sister Isabel Margarita MSCJX, coordinating different pastoral and liturgical activities, the direction of various parish groups, the construction of new communities within the chapel and the construction of new bathrooms.

Father Antonio (Father Toño), his contribution to the parish work has been extraordinary; he has carried out his priestly ministry in a punctual and loving manner with those who have needed him. Although he himself admits that "there is still much to learn", he is very willing to carry out the tasks of the vicar.

In summary, it has been a year blessed by God's action. The wishes of each of the members of the community are fraternity, an encounter with Christ, mutual understanding and pastoral work.

**Unas notas de la 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, 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. Contamos con 15 catequistas que han recibido un curso para ofrecer la catequesis a los niños. Se cuenta con servicio de catequesis presacramentales, como también un proceso de catecumenados.

Hemos preparado a un grupo de personas para ser instituidos como ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión. 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.

**Some notes from the Parish Community of Saint Peter Apostle, Acoquiaco.
Diocese of Tehuacán, Puebla, Mexico, Father René Espejel CSB**

The parish church of San Pedro Apóstol, Acoquiaco is the oldest church in the valley of Tehuacán, dating from 1575. The pastor is René Javier Espejel González CSB. In this year of pastoral life, we have maintained the pastoral service in the dimension of children's catechesis, with the preparation of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. We have 15 catechists who have received a course to offer catechesis to children. We have a pre-sacramental catechesis service, as well as a catechumenate process.

We have prepared a group of people to be instituted as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We do social service with talks and help with groceries every 15 days. We have 5 people who work in the parish, as sacristan, secretary, cleaning and order of the parish facilities.



Los Basilianos en Colombia

Casa Annonay, Bogotá



Atrás, de izquierda a derecha: P. Juan Carlos Rojas CSB; P. Óscar Fernando Gómez CSB; P. Pedro Miguel Mora CSB; P. Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB.
Delante, de izquierda a derecha: Marlon Rincón CSB; Osman De La Hoz CSB; Raúl Ruiz; Anderson Úsuga CSB; Eduard Guerrero CSB; Germán Suárez; Antony Lagos (ya no está con nosotros) y Amaury Rafael Ramos.

Los Padres Basilianos en Colombia apuestan por la dignificación de las personas, haciendo que estas puedan saberse hijos amados del Señor, a la manera Basiliana, es decir, desde la educación y la predicación. (*La comunidad colombiana está a la izquierda.*)

The Basilian Fathers in Colombia are committed to the dignity of all people, so that they may know that they are beloved children of the Lord, in the Basilian way, that is, through education and preaching. (*The Colombian community is at the left.*)



Los Basilianos en Medellín, como se verá en las siguientes páginas, acompañan y lideran estas obras, asegurando que cumplan con su razón de ser. Así mismo, las capellanías buscan extender esta misión a los demás habitantes que conforman los diversos sectores de la parroquia. Sin duda, la vida fraterna enriquece la vida parroquial, en la medida en que los feligreses tienen la riqueza de beneficiarse del trabajo en equipo organizado y, sobre todo, pensando en el crecimiento personal y espiritual de las personas.

The Basilians in Medellín, as will be seen in the following pages, accompany and lead these works, ensuring that they fulfill their *raison d'être*. Likewise, the chaplaincies seek to extend this mission to the other inhabitants that make up the various sectors of the parish. Fraternal life undoubtedly enriches parish life, in that the parishioners have the richness of benefiting from organized teamwork, and above all, thinking about the personal and spiritual growth of the people.

De la misma manera, los Basilianos también tienen presencia en la Ciudad de Bogotá, en la Casa Annonay, donde se encuentra el Escolasticado. Allí los jóvenes en formación, adelantan los estudios de filosofía y teología, teniendo también, espacios para el compartir fraterno, la oración, el crecimiento espiritual y la pastoral.

In the same way, the Basilians also have a presence in the city of Bogotá, in the Annonay House, where the Scholasticate is located. There, the young people in formation study philosophy and theology, having also spaces for fraternal sharing, prayer, spiritual growth and pastoral work.



Los Basilianos colaboran en diversas parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Bogotá con las eucaristías y la cura de almas. Sin embargo, durante este año el servicio pastoral se ha enfocado en dos comunidades parroquiales: San Lorenzo Diácono y, Nuestra Señora de Egipto. Los Basilianos colaboran con la preparación de los sacramentos de iniciación, la formación de laicos y ministros lectores y de la eucaristía. Se ponen en práctica los conocimientos recibidos en la formación académica.

The Basilians collaborate in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Bogotá with the Eucharist and the care of souls. However, during this year the pastoral service has focused on two parish communities: San Lorenzo Diácono and Nuestra Señora de Egipto. The Basilians collaborate with the preparation of the sacraments of initiation, the formation of lay people and lectors and Eucharistic ministers. The academic formation of the scholastics is put into practice.

Finalmente, agradecemos a Dios y su Espíritu, por continuar obrando en la Congregación de San Basilio que peregrina en Colombia. Agradecemos también a los Basilianos que, de una u otra forma, siguen construyendo Reino desde la Educación y la Predicación en tierras colombianas.

Finally, we thank God and his Spirit for continuing to work in the Congregation of St. Basil on pilgrimage in Colombia. We also thank the Basilians who, in one way or another, continue to build the Kingdom through Education and Preaching in Colombia.



Casa y Parroquia de San Basilio

Medellín

Es para nosotros un gusto compartir con todos ustedes, nuestras experiencias vividas a nivel fraterno, espiritual, pastoral y de formación en la casa Local y la Parroquia San Basilio; acompañados de este pueblo de Dios, donde nos ha puesto el Señor, y con los hermanos que nos ha regalado durante este año 2022, en esta ciudad de Medellín, para servir en el carisma de la Educación y la Evangelización.

It is a pleasure for us to share with all of you our fraternal, spiritual, pastoral and formation experiences in the Local House and the San Basilio Parish; accompanied by this people of God, where the Lord has placed us, and with the brothers that he has given us during this year 2022, in this city of Medellín, to serve in the charism of Education and Evangelization.



La formación de los Asociados

Nos ha bendecido el Señor con un grupo de hombres que ha venido para compartir nuestra forma de vida. Amaury Rafael, Germán Darío, Cristián Eduardo, Anthony Steven, y Raúl Enrique, quienes en la víspera de la Fiesta de la presentación del Señor se unieron a la comunidad en Medellín. Este grupo de hermanos, bajo la guía del P. Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB. y del P. Oscar Fernando Gómez CSB. estuvieron discerniendo su llamado y conociendo nuestro estilo de vida en oración, estudio, vida fraterna y pastoral. Oremos por su vocación.

The formation of Associates

The Lord has blessed us with a group of men who have come to share our way of life. Amaury Rafael, Germán Darío, Cristián Eduardo, Anthony Steven, and Raúl Enrique, who on the eve of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord joined the community in Medellín. This group of brothers, under the guidance of Father Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB. and Father Oscar Fernando Gómez CSB. were discerning their call and getting to know our way of life in prayer, study, fraternal and pastoral life. Let us pray for their vocation.



Bendición y Entrega de Albas | sábado 26 de febrero en una Eucaristía comunitaria, los asociados Amaury Rafael, German Darío, Cristián Eduardo, Anthony Steven y Raúl Enrique, recibieron de parte del superior local y formador, el P. Carlos Arturo Rodríguez Marciales CSB, las cogullas o albas con las cuales podrán prestar su servicio litúrgico como Asociados de la Congregación en Colombia. Pedimos a San Basilio les ayude a configurarse en su día a día con Cristo, Sumo y Eterno Sacerdote, y a María la gracia de permanecer en el llamado que han recibido.

Blessing of the Albs

On Saturday, February 26, during a community Eucharist, the associates Amaury Rafael, German Darío, Cristián Eduardo, Anthony Steven and Raúl Enrique, received from the local superior and formator, Father Carlos Arturo Rodríguez Marciales CSB, the albs with which they will be able to wear during their liturgical service as Associates of the Congregation in Colombia. We ask St. Basil to help them to be configured in their daily life with Christ, High and Eternal Priest, and we ask Mary for the grace to remain in the call they have received.



Cumpleaños

Celebramos fraternalmente el don de la vida, en gratitud a Dios por regalarnos estos hermanos, y por



permitirnos vivir estos momentos fraternos y el haberlos llamado a compartir nuestra vida. *"...nosotros no escogemos a nuestros hermanos en Cristo; es Dios quien nos los da..."* FVB 35. Son momentos de gracia que animan nuestro camino en el seguimiento al Señor.



Birthdays

We celebrate fraternally the gift of life, in gratitude to God for giving us these brothers, and for allowing us to live these fraternal moments and for having called them to share our life. "...we do not choose our brothers in Christ; it is God who gives them to us..." FVB 35. These are moments of grace that encourage our journey in following the Lord.

Pastoral en la Parroquia San Basilio

La Parroquia San Basilio, este año ha retomado de manera presencial su plan de trabajo pastoral, reactivando los ministerios de la Palabra, la comunión y de la Casa; las Pequeñas Comunidades de Base; los procesos de catequesis Pre-Sacramental. Cabe resaltar que todos estos espacios pastorales cuentan con la participación de los asociados; quienes bajo la guía del Párroco, el P. Oscar Fernando Gómez Soto CSB., y el P. Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB., contribuyen a la evangelización en el ambiente sinodal que pidió la Iglesia universal para este año 2022.



Pastoral Ministry in St. Basil's Parish

San Basilio Parish, this year has resumed its pastoral work plan, reactivating the ministries of the Word, communion and the House; the Small Base Communities; the processes of Pre-Sacramental catechesis. Óscar Fernando Gómez Soto CSB. and Father Carlos Arturo Rodríguez CSB., contribute to evangelization in the synodal environment requested by the universal Church for this year 2022.

Pastoral en la Parroquia San Basilio / Pastoral Ministry in the Parish of San Basilio



Tiempo de cuaresma

Con la celebración de la Santa Misa e imposición de la Ceniza, tanto en el Templo como fuera de él, en la capilla “Jesús amigo”, y en la parroquia la Inmaculada; en el sector “Altos de Calasanz” y colegios de las parroquias, con la participación de los sacerdotes, Asociados y las hermanas Hijas de las Misericordias, se pudo dar inicio a la Cuaresma 2022.



The Season of Lent

Lent 2022 began with the celebration of Holy Mass and the imposition of ashes, both inside and outside the church, in the chapel "Jesus our Friend" and in the Immaculate Conception parish, in the "Altos de Calasanz" sector and in the schools located in the parish,, with the participation of the priests, Associates and the Daughters of Mercy.

Escuela de Catequistas

En la Fiesta de nuestra Señora, la Virgen de Chiquinquirá, se llevó a cabo la II Jornada de formación con los catequistas de nuestra Parroquia San Basilio. En esta ocasión, nos volvió a acompañar la Hermana Fabiola Esquivel de la Congregación de las "Hijas de la Misericordia", logrando profundizar en el sentido de la catequesis como experiencia sinodal que nos lleva a caminar junto con la realidad de nuestros niños y jóvenes.



School of Catechists

On the Feast of Our Lady, the Virgin of Chiquinquirá, the II Day of formation was held with the catechists of our Parish San Basilio. On this occasion, Sister Fabiola Esquivel from the Congregation of the "Daughters of Mercy" accompanied us again, deepening the meaning of catechesis as a synodal experience that leads us to walk together with the reality of our children and youth.

Profesión de votos perpetuos del Anderson Úsuga CSB



En el marco de nuestras Fiestas Patronales, en honor a San Basilio, y celebrando la Solemnidad de Corpus y el 16° aniversario de evangelización en este sector de la Arquidiócesis de Medellín, profesó sus votos perpetuos el hermano Anderson Fabián Úsuga Giraldo CSB ante el Superior en Colombia, el P. Pedro Miguel Mora. Le acompañaron todos sus hermanos Basilianos en Colombia y el hermano Juan Ángel CSB., de México, al igual que su familiares y amigos.



Profession of perpetual vows of Anderson Úsuga CSB

Within the framework of our Patronal Feasts, in honor of St. Basil, and celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and the 16th anniversary of evangelization in this sector of the Archdiocese of Medellín, Brother Anderson Fabián Úsuga Giraldo CSB professed his perpetual vows before the Superior in Colombia, Father Pedro Miguel Mora. He was accompanied by all his Basilian brothers in Colombia and Brother Juan Angel CSB, from Mexico, as well as his family and friends.



Misión de Evangelización en los Sectores de la Parroquia San Basilio

Para conmemorar el 16° aniversario de presencia de la Congregación de San Basilio en este sector de la Arquidiócesis de Medellín se llevó a cabo la Misión de Evangelización en los sectores de la Parroquia. Con la dirección del P. Oscar Fernando Gómez Soto y de los sacerdotes Basilianos: P. Pedro Miguel Mora, P. Carlos Arturo, y el P. Juan Carlos, y con el liderazgo de los Escolásticos y Asociados en Colombia, y la participación del Hno. Juan Ángel Vivas García de México, y la participación de los Ministerios y Comunidades de Base se pudo llegar a todos los barrios que hacen parte de la Parroquia anunciando el Evangelio y compartiendo con los más necesitados.

Mission of Evangelization in the Sectors of St. Basil's Parish



To commemorate the 16th anniversary of the presence of the Congregation of St. Basil in this sector of the Archdiocese of Medellín, the Mission of Evangelization was carried out in the sectors of the Parish. Óscar Fernando Gómez Soto (Parish Priest) and the Basilian priests: Father Pedro Miguel Mora (Superior in Colombia), Father Carlos Arturo (Local Superior), and Juan Angel Vivas García (from Mexico), and the participation of the Ministries and Base Communities, we were able to reach all the neighborhood streets that are part of the Parish announcing the Gospel and sharing with the most needy.

Celebramos Bicentenario de los Basilianos

Para dar gracias al Señor, por estos 200 años de presencia de los Padres Basilianos, en el mundo; aquí en Colombia se organizó una peregrinación al santuario de Nuestra Señora del Rosario de las Lajas en Ipiales, Nariño - Colombia. Allí celebramos una solemne Eucaristía el 21 de noviembre junto a los peregrinos que nos acompañaron de las ciudades de Medellín y Bogotá.



We celebrate the Bicentenary of the Basilians

To give thanks to the Lord for these 200 years of presence of the Basilian Fathers in the world, here in Colombia we organized a pilgrimage to the sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Las Lajas in Ipiales, Nariño - Colombia. There we celebrated a solemn Eucharist on November 21 together with the pilgrims who accompanied us from the cities of Medellín and Bogotá.

200 años de Ministerio Basiliano - 200 years of Basilian Ministry



Peregrinaje Basiliano Bicentenario al Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Rosario en Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia
Basilian Bicentennial Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Ipiales, Nariño, Colombia

Diciembre: mes de alegría espiritual. ¡Feliz Navidad!

Cerramos el año con varios eventos, fruto del esfuerzo del año de pastoral, tales como la celebración de los sacramentos de los niños y los jóvenes y las novenas en preparación a la celebración de la navidad. Un año lleno de gracia donde ha habitado la presencia de Dios y la intercesión de San Basilio.

December: a month of spiritual joy. Merry Christmas!

We closed the year with several events, fruit of the efforts of the pastoral year, such as the celebration of the sacraments of the children and youth and the novenas in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. A year full of grace where the presence of God and the intercession of St. Basil has been felt.



The Windsor Area Lay Associates

Coordinators: Father Paul McGill CSB and Anne Marie Handsor

The Windsor Area amazingly is still growing and thriving despite the fact that COVID still continues to be an issue for us. This year of 2022 was meant to be a wonderful year filled with many extraordinary events to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Basilian Fathers. Because of COVID many of the events at certain times had to be scaled down, but we continued to make the most of each special occasion. In January Father Jim O'Neill had planned a Celebration on the Feast of St. Basil. Due to restrictions that came up in January we did celebrate a beautiful Mass with Father Jim, Father Leo Walsh, Father Maurice Restivo, Father Steven Huber and Father Paul McGill.

We continued to have our monthly meetings throughout the year but several of the members could not attend due to complications from COVID. That was a common thread for us during 2022. Our June meeting was a success as I had invited a Diocesan Priest from Flint, Michigan who had just retired after 50 years. Father Phil Schmitter along with Sister Joanne Chiverinni were the co-founders of St. Francis Prayer Centre in Flint, Michigan. The Prayer Centre was in the heart of the poorest area of Flint. Father Phil had so much to share with us that evening in June. We had to celebrate with a cake because one of our long standing members, Marilyn Morrison, was celebrating a birthday. Father Maurice made a vegan chocolate cake, and it was one of the best cakes we had ever tasted.

During the month of August, we planned to have an outdoor BBQ in the Assumption Court yard. We had an intense heatwave in August and on the day of our BBQ severe storms were predicted. So we played it safe and had a very nice meal in Rosary Hall. It was so nice to reconnect with everyone.



In October, 2022 we had our Annual BLA Retreat in Mississauga. There were originally 15 participants but due to COVID a number of people were unable to attend. Even our Retreat Master, Norm Tanck, had COVID. But he did his presentation on Zoom. In spite of COVID complications, it was an uplifting spiritual time. *(Photo at left)*

The weekend of the November 19 to the 21, 2022 was a very beautiful weekend. Father Maurice and I attended a

reception in Novi at Catholic central High school. It was a very pleasant evening and I was able to meet many of the people from Novi including David Basil who is in formation to be a Basilian.

On November 21, 2022 we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of Mary with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Fabbro. All the area Basilians concelebrated including Father Q. Johnson, who was in the front row pew. The Mass was well attended; it was a beautiful way to end the Year.

Beginning in 2023, Anne Shore will be the lay coordinator of the Basilian Lay Associates. The ordained coordinator is yet to be announced. I pray that 2023 is a very good Year for all of us. I pray for peace, I pray for the end of COVID, and I pray for all Basilian Fathers and all Basilian Lay Associates.

Rochester Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: Kevin Mannara CSB, Cathy Poirier

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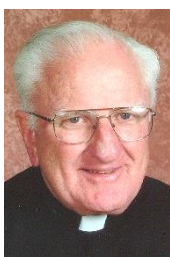


Over the years many Basilian Fathers ministered to the Rochester Community, while establishing and teaching in two educational institutions. With few ordained Basilians in Rochester this past year, our Lay Associates focused on continuing to support the legacy the Basilians established at Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College (University) and to participate in community outreach causes such as St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and assisting at the Cancer Support Group (Gilda's Club).



We were fortunate to attain a permanent meeting place at St. Kateri Parish in order to hold our monthly meetings indoors throughout the year. We have been able to resume meeting for dinner and prayer with Father Tom Dugan at St. Joseph's Motherhouse each month. Unfortunately, Father Tom contracted Covid before Christmas so we were unable to celebrate a holiday dinner with him. However, we look forward to resuming our gatherings with Father Tom in the new year. Our members were delighted that Father George Smith has joined Father Kevin Mannara here in Rochester and had a welcoming dinner for him at an area restaurant earlier this year. Several of us have been attending Mass at the SJF Chapel on Sundays to be a support to Father Kevin and Father George and a presence to St. John Fisher students and alumni.

During our July meeting the Aquinas Campus Minister, Jodi Schott spoke to us about the Aquinas theme of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge and how the school is responding with monthly Masses, prayer services and reconciliation services to push the mission forward. She suggested the BLA can be "Prayer Warriors" for the students and witnesses to faculty and staff. For our first project we received a list of the approximately 100 new Aquinas students which was divided among us. We prepared a special greeting card with a personalized note for each student to be placed in their Orientation Day packet on September First. The text of the card reads: ***"We welcome you as you begin your journey in the Basilian Tradition of goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge. Please know that I and the other Basilian Lay Associates of Rochester will be praying for you during your journey."*** The project was a success and we hope to continue it for future new students.



On November 4th the BLA were invited along with Father John Huber to a luncheon with the Basilian Scholarship winners at Aquinas. Each of the four proud students read his or her application letter to us. Each letter beautifully articulated how they tried to integrate Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge into their lives. Their scholarships were well deserved! This year our BLA donation to the Basilian Scholarship Fund is in memory of Father Al Gaelens, former principal at Aquinas.

Last fall St. John Fisher Campus Ministry held their Halloween Candy Drive for underprivileged city Catholic school students. The campus ministers greatly appreciated our contribution of several large bags of candy, toothpaste and toothbrushes for the children. We are looking forward to working with Jodi at Aquinas to be "prayer warriors" for students and faculty and to continue supporting the Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher University. Although some of the Rochester BLA still miss the presence of the Basilian Fathers who were relocated, we are thankful to have Father Kevin Mannara and Father George Smith here with us to pray together and share our gifts.

Toronto Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: Norm Tanck CSB, Brenda Holz, Nancy Strader

Our membership numbers have remained constant over the year. We (Brenda and Nancy) are in our fourth year as lay coordinators. Father Tanck is in his fifth year as our ordained coordinator. In January 2022, we began our third year of remote gatherings using Zoom. With the fall, we started to meet in person but continued to use Zoom to facilitate participation.



In January, Father Jack Hanna CSB explained General Chapter to us. He spoke of the origin in the early days of monasticism. He went on to speak of first Chapter held by the founders who wanted to give continuity to their ministry of teaching and preaching. In February, we continued to follow Basilian bicentennial events. Father John Huber CSB spoke to us about the celebrations for 2022. Two noteworthy events included the Mass at Annonay in June and the Mass in Toronto at St. Basil's on November 21. Our March meeting focussed on Reconciliation as experienced in Western Canada. Father Glenn McDonald CSB spoke to us from Edmonton. He used Rose Prince as the model.

Father Mitch Dowalgo CSB spoke in April about celebrating Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday. He started with the joy and moved through the betrayal, abandonment, torture, and grief in turn. He outlined the Triduum, which celebrates our salvation. In May, we learned about contemplation from Ann Marie Tedesco, who is the Coordinator of the Contemplative Women of St. Anne. This group uses a contemplative practice of prayer where one learns to listen and seek an interior pathway of the heart. Our June gathering focussed on Synodality as it unfolded at St. Basil's parish. Mark Buklis, a liturgical minister at the church led this session.

During July, August and September, the team of Father Tanck CSB, Brenda Holz and Nancy Strader worked to finalize the BLA Retreat planned to take place in October at the Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre. The uncertainty regarding COVID restrictions made it difficult to confirm attendance. However, Toronto and Windsor BLAs were able to gather in Mississauga and experience the first retreat since 2018. Several unfortunate happenings did mar the event. Father Tanck had to deliver all sessions to the group using Zoom due to COVID. Several Lay Associates tested positive for COVID after the event. The theme for the Retreat, "Earthen Vessels," was introduced by means of a film, *The Potter*. Father Morgan Rice CSB introduced the first session. Father Tanck developed his theme throughout the following sessions. Father Kevin Storey CSB came to close the Retreat with a Mass.



In November, we held a business meeting. In December, we held our first in person Christmas Party since 2019 and were also able to celebrate Father Tanck's birthday was the same day. The setting was the Flahiff Centre Dining Room. We had a joyous celebration! (Photo at left)

Houston Area Basilian Lay Associates

Coordinators: David Zapalac, Barbara Bishop

Our year began with the annual St. Basil Day Mass and dinner on January 2, 2022. It is always such a nice occasion! It was really good to see some people who had been staying away from large groups due to Covid. One of the things we have struggled with is finding a day for our meetings as we “get back to normal.” We tried Sunday afternoon, Saturday morning and it seems that after Mass on Saturday evening is best. At that time, we have dinner together.

I am delighted to say that we have five Come and See members. They are really enjoying being a part of our group. Darlene and Delbert Fore, Sharon Cameron, Nita Sacco and Joe Amante are all long time, active parishioners at St. Anne’s and we are thrilled they are a part of our group.

This past Spring we had our annual Memorial Day Mass and dinner. This past year, the gathering was held at Keon House. Again, we had a picnic on the Fourth of July. The priests at Dillon House always enjoy hosting this gathering and go all out for decorations. Our annual Labor Day gathering was at Keon House. As always, it was a lovely gathering!

In September, Father Kevin Storey was in Houston and came to our meeting. He spoke about what is currently happening and talked a great deal about the future. We were all very interested in what he had to say. The intracultural plans for the future are very interesting. All surely enjoyed his informative talk and look forward to hearing more about as things progress.

We are reading a book as a group. “A Hill of Beans” is a book about dealing with those situations that most of us deal with at one time or another. We have discussed the book at a couple of meetings and will wind it up soon. Our next book will be “The Jewish Roots of Mary.” We read “The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist” several years ago and it was wonderful! Also, Brant Pitre, the author, has written “The Jewish Roots of Holy Week” which we plan to watch during Lent. He is a highly respected theologian.

On November 21, we all attended Mass and had dinner to celebrate the end of the anniversary year. It was a lovely occasion and well attended. We are taking dinner to Dillon House monthly! They do not have a cook on Sunday and Father Schwenzer deserves a break! They have started asking us to stay for dinner! We all really enjoy visiting! A good time is had be all!

Of course, we had a Christmas dinner. The priests at Dillon House invited us to come to their house! We all brought food. We held our party on a Sunday evening in December.



John Joseph Fiore CSB

January 27, 1929 – January 15, 2022

Father John Fiore CSB, died peacefully in hospice care at Albertine Home in Hammond, IN. He was 92; he had been a Basilian for 70 years and had served in priestly ministry for 64 years.

John was born in Toronto, ON; his parents were Joseph Fiore and Anne Cancelli. He had two siblings, his brother Ben, and his sister Marie Losole. He attended St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School and St. Michael's College School. After two years in the Music and Arts course at the University of St. Michael's College, he entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Richmond Hill. He was professed on August 15, 1951. Returning to USMC, he obtained his BA from the University of Toronto in 1953 and a STB in 1957 from USMC. Later, he obtained a MS in Musicology from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI in 1965.



He was ordained on June 29, 1957, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by Cardinal James McGuigan. His First Mass was celebrated in St. Agnes Church, Toronto; Father Maurice Whelan CSB preached. Others ordained that year: James Daley, Lawrence Elmer, Richard Elmer, 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.

John spent most of his adult life pursuing a doctorate in Musicology at the University of Chicago. He was researching a group of songs known as *Canzonette Spirituali*. These were light secular melodies that had been adapted to spiritual texts. They were published widely for years beginning around 1550. These little musical pieces were an effort of the Counter Reformation Catholic Church to promote a wider religious involvement among lay people. However, until John Fiore began his investigations, they had scarcely been studied at all.

Professor Howard Mayer Brown, professor of Music at the University of Chicago, was John's academic advisor for his doctoral thesis. He wrote to Jim Daley CSB: "I was delighted when John and I formulated this dissertation topic. The subject was one he could do justice to, and it would be pertinent to his religious vocation."

John Fiore had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Richmond Hill	1950-1951
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1951-1954
St. Michael's College School, Toronto	1954-1955
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1955-1958
St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg	1958-1961
Assumption University, Windsor	1961-1966
Graduate Studies, University of Chicago and Pastoral Ministry	1966-1985
Basilian Fathers of Merrillville IN, Andrean HS	1985-2012
Albertine Home, Hammond	2012-2022

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 20, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Oak Lawn, IL. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the same church the following day. Interment was scheduled later in the Basilian plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield MI., Dennis Noelke CSB, presided.

William Joseph Frankenberger CSB

March 8, 1943 – February 15, 2022

Father William Frankenberger CSB died peacefully at Silverado Memory Care Center in Houston TX. He was 78; he was a Basilian for 59 years and served in priestly ministry for 48 years.

Bill was born in Rochester NY; his parents were William Frankenberger Sr., and Peggy O'Reilly. He had 4 sisters, Clare, Mary, Anne, and Ellen, and 3 brothers, Michael, Richard, and Mark. He attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School and Aquinas Institute in Rochester. He entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Pontiac, taking first vows on August 15, 1962. After receiving a BA in Spanish from St. John Fisher College, Rochester in 1966, he taught in Rochester and in Houston. He began theological studies at the Toronto School of Theology in 1969, and received the degree of Master of Divinity in 1972.



Bill took his fourth year of theology in Mexico City while serving as a deacon on the staff of San Juan Crisóstomo Parish, assistant to Father John Broussard at the chapel of Jesús Obrero (Jesus the Worker). He was ordained on May 26, 1973, in the Church of Annunciation, Rochester, by Bishop Joseph Hogan. The following day a Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, with Father Paul Burns CSB giving the homily. Others ordained that year included: Michael Brand, Jamie Abercrombie, John Depa, John Murphy, Patrick Parkin, Richard Ranalletti, and Richard Wahl. Bill (or "Berger" as he was fondly called) began his Hispanic ministry as a young deacon in Mexico City and was a faithful and joyful minister to Hispanic communities all of his life. He spoke Spanish fluently and was at home in Basilian parishes in Mexico and in later years with the Hispanic community at St. Anne's parish in Houston TX.

William Frankenberger had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Pontiac	1961-1962
Studies, St. John Fisher, Residence at Aquinas, Rochester	1962-1963
Studies, St. John Fisher, Rochester House of Studies	1963-1966
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1966-1968
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1968-1969
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1969-1970
St. Basil's College, Toronto	1970-1972
Parroquia De San Juan Crisóstomo, Mexico City	1972-1977
Iglesia Jesús Obrero, Mexico City	1977-1983
Centro de Experimentación Catequética, Caltepec	1983-1987
Parroquia de Santa Maria de la Asunción, Caltepec	1987-1989
Parroquia de San Lorenzo, Tehuacán	1989-1994
Parroquia de San Juan Crisóstomo, Mexico City	1994-2000
Padres Basilianos de Caltepec, Tehuacán	2000-2003
Parroquia de San Lorenzo, Tehuacán	2003-2004
St. Anne's Parish, Houston	2004-2012
Dillon House, Houston	2012-2018
St. Dominic Village, Houston	2018-2019
Silverado Memory Care Community, Houston	2019-2022

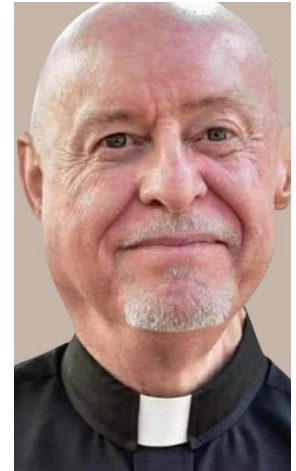
The visitation was held on Wednesday evening, February 23 at St. Anne Church followed by the Mass of Christian Burial. John Huber CSB was the celebrant of the Eucharist and Vince Dulock CSB was the homilist. Interment was the following day at Forest Park, Lawndale.

Alvin Alexander Sinasac CSB

March 24, 1951 – February 17, 2022

Father Alvin Alexander Sinasac CSB, died peacefully in palliative care in Houston TX. He was 70 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 46 years and had served in priestly ministry for 42 years.

Al was born in Amherstburg, ON on March 24, 1951. His parents were Ellwood Sinasac and Ilene Meloche. He was part of a large family: four brothers, Ronald, Lynwood, Gary, and Calvin, and three sisters, Marilyn, Nancy, and Audrey. He attended St. Gerard's Elementary School and General Amherst High in Amherstburg from which he graduated in 1968. He went on to study at St. Clair Community College in Windsor and received a certificate in Architectural drafting in 1971. After his employment as a draftsman, he was accepted as an associate in 1973 and received his BA degree from the University of Windsor in 1974.



He entered St. Basil's Novitiate, in Rochester, New York, in 1974, and was professed on August 17, 1975. Three years of theological studies followed at St. Basil's College at the University of St. Michael's College, and he was awarded the Master of Divinity Degree in 1978. Final vows were professed that year in Saskatoon, SK at St. Thomas More College. He was ordained to the diaconate on September 23, 1978, by Bishop James Mahoney, Saskatoon, and spent his fourth year of theology doing pastoral work at St. Augustine's Parish, Saskatoon. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1979, in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by George Cardinal Flahiff CSB. He celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 10, 1979, at St. John the Baptist Church, Amherstburg. The homilist was Father Michael Brand CSB. Others ordained that year included: Ronald Borg, Bernard Buisson, David Katulski, Dennis Kauffman, John LaCroix, John McCarthy, Paul Rennick, and Thaddeus Valencia.

Al was fluent in Spanish, and he served as a formator in Mexico City for 8 years. Al also participated in the administration of the Congregation as a whole; he served as a member of the General Council from 1997 to 2006. Al served faithfully in parish ministry at St. Anne's parish in Houston where he was much loved and was named pastor in 2010. However, tragedy occurred when Al was assaulted in front of the church on May 26, 2020. He suffered a hemorrhagic stroke and multiple cranial fractures. After several days in intensive care, he was transferred to the Texas Institute for Research and Rehabilitation in Houston. Al never fully recovered from this horrific attack.

Alvin Sinasac had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Rochester	1974-1975
St. Basil's College, Toronto	1975-1978
St. Augustine's Parish, Saskatoon	1978-1979
Basilian Fathers of Calgary	1979-1982
Casa San Felipe, Mexico City	1982-1990
Casa San Basilio, Houston	1990-2008
St. Anne's Parish, Houston	2008-2021
Dillon House, Houston	2021-2022

Burial was in the Basilian plot at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston TX on Thursday, February 24, 2022. A Memorial Eucharist was celebrated at St. Anne Church on March 7 at 6:00 PM.

Joseph Hunt CSB

April 13, 1945 – June 1, 2022

Father Joseph Hunt CSB, died peacefully in Paris, France after a long hospitalization. He was 77 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 51 years and had served in priestly ministry for 46 years.

Joseph was born in Rochester, New York. His parents were Joseph Hunt and Angelina Amico. He has one sister, Joyce Hunt. He attended Public School No. 11 for his elementary education and East High School in Rochester. From there he entered St. John Fisher College graduating in 1968 with a BA degree. He joined the Basilian Community as an Associate and spent from 1968-69 teaching at Andrean High School in Merrillville, Indiana. The following year he made his novitiate at St. Basil's College, Toronto; he was professed in 1971. He began his theological studies in 1971 in Paris, then at St. Basil's College, Toronto. In June of 1973, he returned to Annonay to continue his theological studies. He was awarded the M.Div degree in 1974 from the University of St. Michael's College.



Bishop Jean Hermil of Viviers ordained him Deacon on November 21, 1974, in the Chapel of the Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur. He was ordained to priesthood by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on August 16, 1975, in St. Philip Neri Church, in Rochester, New York. He celebrated his first Mass in the same church the following day with Father Leo Sands CSB, giving the homily. Others ordained that year included: Francis Amico, David Armstrong, James Blocher, Brian Hogan, John LaCroix, Arthur McCarthy, Paul McGill, J. Michael Miller, and Daniel Porter.

Joe spent many years in ministry in the Basilian School in Annonay. Later he moved to Paris, where he had a very fruitful pastoral ministry. He ministered for several years at the parish of St. Louis d'Antin, not far from the Galleries Lafayette Haussman, in a busy section of downtown Paris. Besides the celebration of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the main ministries of this parish. During the week, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated to 8:00 AM until 7:45 PM. Joe Hunt was a regular confessor and he often remarked about the importance of this ministry and how fruitful it was for him as a priest. The last years of his life, Joe was afflicted with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. As the disease progressed it became more and more difficult for Joe to walk and typing even a few words was extremely difficult for him.

Joseph Hunt had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Andrean High School, Merrillville	1968-1969
St. Basil's College, Toronto	1969-1970
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur, Annonay	1970-1971
Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux	1971
St. Basil's College, Toronto	1971-1973
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur, Annonay	1973-1999
Sanctuaire de Notre Dame de Valfleury, Valfleury	1999-2003
Orsini House, Toronto	2003-2004
Notre Dame de Lorette, Paris	2004-2005
Notre Dame de Clignancourt, Paris	2005-2016
Paroisse St. Louis d'Antin, Paris	2016-2020
La Maison Marie Thérèse, Paris	2020-2022

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, June 7, at 11:00 AM by Mgr. Philippe Marsset, one of the Auxiliary Bishops of Paris, in the Chapel of the Maison Marie Thérèse. The interment occurred on Wednesday in the Basilian Cemetery of the College du Sacré Coeur in Annonay.

Gordon William Walker CSB

January 22, 1928 – August 8, 2022

Father Gordon William Walker CSB, died peacefully at Providence Health Care, Toronto. He was 94 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 59 years and had been a priest for 52 years. He was the fourth oldest Basilian.

Gordon was born in Toronto; his parents were Percy J. Walker and Rita Mary O'Reilly. He had one brother, John, and five sisters, Elsie McLellan, Ruth Madden, Muriel Walker, June Carrey, and Edith Murray. He attended St. Helen's Parish School, De La Salle High School, and later De La Salle College, all in Toronto. After working for several years and teaching elementary school for two years, he entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Erindale, in 1961. After his first profession on September 12, 1962, he attended the University of Windsor, obtaining a BA degree in General Arts in 1965, an STB from the University of St. Michael's College in 1969, and an MA from the University of Ottawa in 1982. He taught at Assumption High School, Windsor, for one year from 1965-66, and then entered St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, for theological studies. He was ordained to priesthood by Bishop Thomas B. Fulton on December 13, 1969, in Holy Rosary Church, Toronto, and his first Mass was concelebrated in the same church the following day. The homily was delivered by Father Wallace Platt CSB. Others ordained that year included: Thomas Amlin, Thomas Bales, Donald Benwitz, Michael Cerretto, Vincent Dulock, Neil Hibberd, Gordon Judd, James Kelly, Stephen Martin, Joseph Mitrano, and Robert Seguin.



In his last years, Gordon suffered with ever increasing confusion and disorientation. However, he was always pleasant and greeted people in the office or in the hall, even if he was not sure of their names. One afternoon, Jack Hanna met him in the chapel around 2:00 PM. Gord asked "Where is everyone? I came for Evening Prayer." Jack took him back upstairs and told him that someone would let him know about the time for prayer. "That's good. I don't want to miss it," said Gord.

Gordon Walker had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Erindale	1961-1962
University of Windsor	1962-1964
Assumption College School	1964-1966
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1966-1969
Holy Rosary Church, Toronto	1969-1970
Michael Power High School, Islington	1970-1976
St. Basil's Church, Ottawa	1976-1977
St. Mary's College, Sault Ste. Marie	1977-1984
Basilian Fathers of Kelowna	1984-2003
St. Peter's Parish, Princeton, BC	2003-2011
Orsini House, Toronto	2011-2014
Anglin House Toronto	2014-2015
Memory Unit, Providence Health Care, Toronto	2015-2022

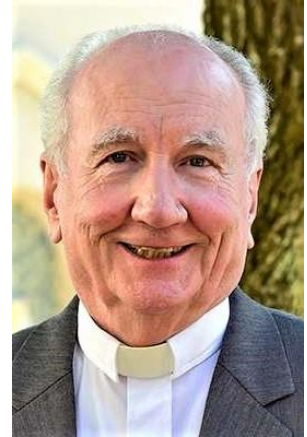
The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Chapel at Presentation Manor in Toronto. Kevin Storey CSB presided and Bob Holmes CSB preached the homily. Gord's ashes were interred at the Basilian Plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill, ON.

Jay Francis Walsh CSB

August 30, 1935 – September 18, 2022

Father Jay Francis Walsh CSB, died peacefully at The Village of Southampton, a nursing care facility in Houston. Jay had suffered from Mesothelioma. He was 87 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 65 years and he served faithfully in priestly ministry for 56 years.

Jay was born in Rochester, New York. His parents were Francis Walsh and Irene Donovan. He had one brother, Donald. He attended Immaculate Conception and St. John the Evangelist elementary schools; he attended high school at Aquinas Institute in Rochester. After graduating from Aquinas in 1953 he was employed by the Eastman Kodak Company and attended classes in the Evening Division of the University of Rochester from 1953-56. He entered the Rochester Novitiate and took his first vows on September 12, 1957. He obtained a BA from Assumption University of Windsor in 1960 and an MA in Education from the University of Rochester in 1964 and a STB in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College in 1965. He taught at Aquinas Institute from 1960-62.



He was ordained by Bishop James Kearney in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Rochester, on December 11, 1965. His First Mass was offered in this same church; Father Leon Hart CSB preached. Others ordained that year included: Carl Belisch, Murray Bogdasavich, Edward Bourg, Alphonse De Valk, Donald Finlay, George Freemesser, Terence Hunt, Jerry Kiessling, Nicholas Manherz, John Pinsonneault, James Rent, Paul Rybicki, James Samberg, and Patrick Warden.

Jay Walsh had a long and blessed ministry serving in parishes. He was much loved by the parishioners, wherever he was sent in Canada and the United States. Jay was adaptable, he was gentle, and he was an admirable parish priest.

Jay Walsh had the following appointments in the Congregation:

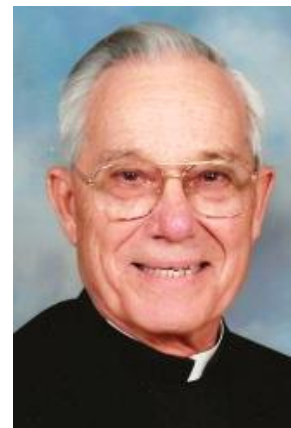
Rochester Novitiate	1956-1957
Assumption University of Windsor	1957-1960
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1960-1962
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1962-1966
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1966-1970
St. Anne's Church, Houston	1970-1974
St. Pius X Church, Calgary	1974-1976
St. Basil's Church, Toronto	1976-1977
St. Basil's Church, Angleton	1977-1980
Holy Family Church, Missouri City, TX	1980-1983
Christ The King Church, Rochester	1983-1985
St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound	1985-1991
Sabbatical	1991-1992
St. Pius X, Rochester	1992-1993
St. Boniface Church, Rochester	1993-1994
Basilian Fathers of East Rochester	1994-1995
St. Augustine Church, Saskatoon SK	1995-1996
St. Joseph's Church, Salmon Arm, BC	1996-2002
St. Anne's Church, Houston	2002-2005
Dillon House, Houston	2005-2008
St. Anne's Parish, Houston	2008-2022

A wake with a Rosary was celebrated at St. Anne Parish on Thursday, September 22, David Zapalac CSB presided. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday evening, September 23, Kevin Storey CSB presided and Eduardo Rivera CSB preached. Burial was in the Basilian plot at Forest Park Lawndale in Houston, Eduardo Rivera CSB presided.

Robert Joseph Matzinger CSB

August 15, 1929 – September 21, 2022

Father Robert Matzinger CSB died peacefully at the Morada Friendswood Assisted Living Center. He was 93 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 74 years and had been a priest for 65 years.



Robert was born in Houston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank G. Matzinger and Marie Allison, and two of his brothers, John and James. He is survived by his older brother Frank, and his youngest brother, Thomas. He attended Christ the King elementary school and St. Thomas High School. After graduating from St. Thomas High School, he entered the Rochester Novitiate and was professed on September 12, 1948. On the completion of his course at Assumption College he obtained a BA from the University of Western Ontario in 1952. He then taught at St. Thomas High School. He also received a STB from the University of St. Michael's College in 1957, a MED from the University of Houston in 1965 and an MRE from the University of St. Thomas in 1974.

He was ordained on June 29, 1957 in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, by James Cardinal McGuigan. His first Mass was celebrated in Christ the King Church, Houston, on July 6. Father William Duggan CSB preached the sermon. Others ordained that year included: James Daley, Lawrence Elmer, Richard Elmer, John Fiore, Lawrence Galla, Robert Hall, Arthur Holmes, William Keils, Howard Keon, Owen Lee, William Marceau, John Murray, Eugene O'Reilly, Maurice Pierce, Paul Sheehan, and Rocco Volpe.

Jim Farge CSB, was a scholastic teaching at St. Thomas High School with Bob Matzinger. Jim related: "Bob was a great athlete and a great coach. Whether in the classroom or on a practice field, Matz enjoyed being with students and they enjoyed being with him. He was the baseball coach, and I was the debate coach. We both had a part in forming the men of St. Thomas in Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge."

Robert Matzinger had the following appointments in the Congregation:

Rochester Novitiate	1947-1948
Holy Rosary Seminary, Toronto	1948-1949
Assumption College, Windsor	1949-1952
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1952-1954
St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto	1954-1958
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1958-1977
St. Catherine of Siena Church, Houston	1977-1984
Sacred Heart Church, Manvel	1984-1991
St. Theresa's Church, Sugar Land	1991-2001
Dillon House, Houston	2001-2002
Associated: Basilian Fathers of Angleton	2002-2015
Associated: Dillon House, Houston (<i>Living apart</i>)	2015-2022

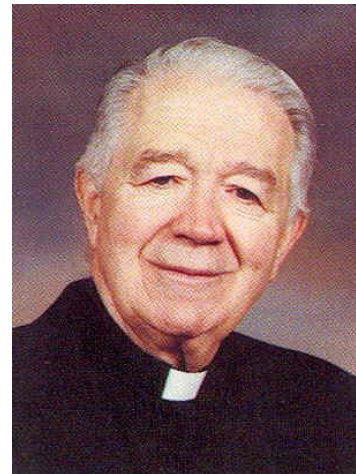
The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anne Church in Houston on Tuesday, September 27, Paul English, CSB was the celebrant. Burial will be at a later date in the Basilian section of Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. For the last several years of his life, Bob suffered from dementia. Thanks to Becky and Terry Sheehan who oversaw his care. Before his death, Bob Matzinger received the Anointing of the Sick at the hands of Ron Schwenzer CSB.

Arthur Thomas Hathaway CSB

February 11, 1926 – October 20, 2022

Father Arthur Thomas Hathaway CSB, died peacefully at Sunrise of Windsor Senior Living Care. He was 96 years of age (the oldest Basilian at the time of his death). He was a Basilian for 78 years and served in priestly ministry for 68 years.

Arthur (known by all as “Tunney”) was born in Detroit, Michigan. His parents were Arthur Hathaway and Cecilia McPeak. He was the youngest of six brothers, James, Charles, John, William, and Robert (all now deceased). After graduating from Catholic Central High School, he entered St. Basil’s Novitiate, Rochester, taking first vows on August 15, 1944. He took one year of his Arts course at the University St. Michael’s College before going to Assumption College where he obtained a BA from the University of Western Ontario in 1948. In 1951 he obtained a Secondary School Teacher’s Certificate for the State of Michigan from the University of Detroit, as well as an MA. He was ordained in St. Basil’s Church, Toronto, on June 29, 1954, by James Cardinal McGuigan. His first Mass was celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit; Father James Embser CSB preached. Others ordained that year included: Frank Boehm, John Callaghan, Dan Coughlin, Paul Donohoe, Brian Higgins, William Kelly, Leo Klosterman, George Kosicki, Joseph Miller, Francis O’Grady, Ron Pazik, Denis Rowan, Jack Whitley, Albert Williams, Gene Oser and Francis Lally.



A person who was in close contact with Tunney was Mark Sickich, the Circle of Care person for the Basilians in Windsor. Mark recalls: “Father Hathaway, known by all as Father Tunney, was a kind, thoughtful, gentle man. He enjoyed playing the piano and reading scripture to his fellow residents at Sunrise Senior Living. He was loved by everyone and generously bestowed blessings with a smile.”

Tunney Hathaway had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil’s Novitiate, Rochester	1943-1944
University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto	1944-1945
Assumption College, Windsor	1945-1948
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1948-1949
St. Thomas High School, Houston	1949-1950
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1950-1951
St. Basil’s Seminary, Toronto	1951-1953
St. Michael’s College School, Toronto	1953-1954
St. Basil’s Seminary, Toronto	1954-1955
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1955-1967
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1967-1970
Parish Apostolate, Detroit	1970-1973
St. Basil’s Center, Pontiac	1973-1974
Holy Name Parish, Birmingham	1974-1979
Assumption College School, Windsor	1979-1983
St. Mary’s Church, Owen Sound	1983-1986
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Rosenberg TX	1986-1987
Assumption College School, Windsor	1987-2006
Living independently (Parish Ministry)	2006-2016
Sunrise of Windsor	2016-2022

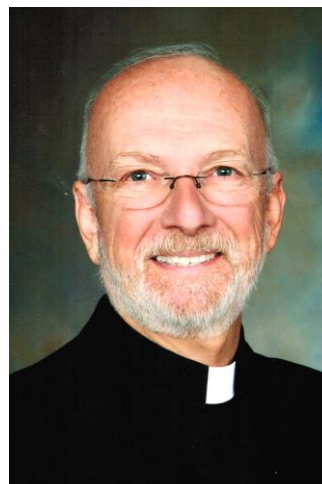
The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, October 29, in the chapel of Catholic Central High in Novi, MI. Kevin Storey CSB presided and John Wheeler CSB preached the homily. The burial took place in the Basilian plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield MI.

Philip Anthony Acquaro CSB

December 11, 1940 – December 1, 2022

Father Philip Anthony Acquaro CSB, died peacefully at the Village of Southampton, an elder care facility in Houston. He was 81 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 57 years and had served in priestly ministry for 51 years.

Philip was born in Detroit, Michigan. His parents were Philip Acquaro and May Pino. He has one sister, Shelley Sikora. He attended St. Augustine and Assumption Grotto parish schools and graduated from St. Anthony High School in 1958. He then attended the University of Detroit, the University of Nevada, and St. Benedict's College. He joined the Brothers of the Rosary and taught for three years in Reno, Nevada.



He entered St. Basil's Pontiac Novitiate in September 1964. After his first profession on September 15, 1965, he completed his studies at the University of Windsor, receiving a BA in Mathematics, Philosophy and Biology in 1966. He then taught at Aquinas Institute in Rochester for one year. He began his theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, in 1967, receiving the Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the University of St. Michael's College in the fall of 1970. He completed his theology at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan, while teaching part time at Catholic Central High school in Detroit. He was ordained by Bishop Walter Schoenherr at St. Scholastica Church, Detroit, on December 5, 1970. He concelebrated his first Mass at St. Jude Church, Detroit, the following day. Father Robert J. Seguin CSB, preached. Others ordained that year included: Dennis Andrews, William Brown, Charles Delaney, Lawrence Finke, Robert Hale, David Klein, Paul O'Connor, Gerald Sharp, Brian Sweeney, Daniel Vernelli, and John Ward.

Phil also received a MS in Botany from the University of Nebraska in 1974. During his 10 years in the classroom at Catholic Central, Phil taught Biology. In 1980, Phil left the classroom behind and used his administrative skills as Principal of Catholic Central High School. Phil began his studies in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America and received the degree of JCL in 1990. He began his ministry at the Tribunal in Phoenix AZ and served as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church for 15 years. In 2007, Phil retired to Dillon House in Houston where he supervised the construction of the current retirement residence. Phil's health began to fail, and he moved to St. Dominic's Center, back to Dillon House, and finally to the Village of Southampton, a full-care nursing facility in Houston.

Philip Acquaro had the following appointments in the Congregation:

St. Basil's Novitiate, Pontiac	1964-1965
Basilian House of Studies, Windsor	1965-1966
Aquinas Institute, Rochester	1966-1967
St. Basil's Seminary/College, Toronto	1967-1970
Catholic Central High School, Detroit	1970-1985
Sabbatical	1985-1986
Basilian Fathers of East Rochester	1986-1988
Graduate Studies, Washington	1988-1990
Basilian Fathers of Phoenix	1990-1995
Byzantine Catholic Church, Phoenix	1995-2004
St. Thomas Rectory, Gilbert AZ	2004-2007
Dillon House, Houston	2007-2022
Village of Southampton (February)	2022

The Memorial Mass for Phil Acquaro was celebrated at St. Anne's parish in Houston on Friday, December 9. +Ricardo Ramírez CSB was the celebrant and Carl Belisch CSB gave the homily. Interment was in Forest Park Cemetery, Lawndale.

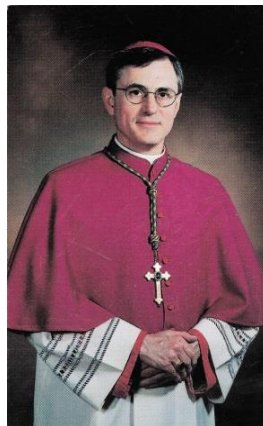
Family Deaths January 2022 – December 2022

Theresa Lehman, the mother of **Michael Lehman**, died on January 3, 2022
 Genevieve Marie Gazin, the mother of **Mark Gazin CSB**, died on June 15, 2022.
 Richard Dennis O'Connor, the brother of **Paul O'Connor CSB**, died on October 12, 2022.
 George Gallagher, the brother of **Jack Gallagher CSB**, died on October 30, 2022.
 John Kauffman, the brother of **Dennis Kauffman CSB**, died on November 11, 2022.
 Susan Baenziger Davis, the sister of **Ted Baenziger CSB**, died on December 13, 2022
 Bruce Michael O'Connor, the brother of **Paul O'Connor CSB**, died on December 13, 2022

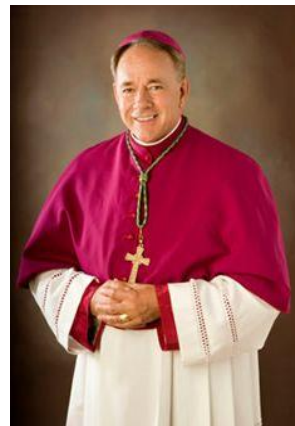
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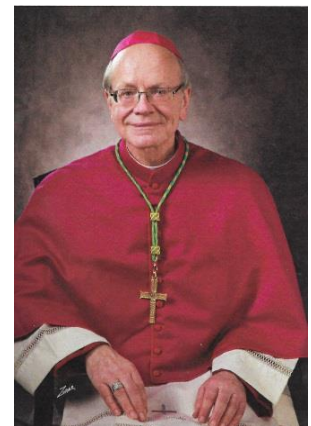
+ Ricardo Ramírez CSB
Bishop Emeritus, Las Cruces NM



+ Ronald P. Fabbro CSB
Bishop of London ON



+ J. Michael Miller CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver BC



+ Robert M. Kasun CSB
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto ON

Community Count of the Congregation of St. Basil as of December 31, 2022

133 Professed Basilians: 4 Bishops, 113 Priests, 16 Scholastics (USA-3, Mexico-9, Colombia-4)

117 Ordained Basilians: France – 2 Canada – 62 USA – 40 México – 9 Colombia – 4

Ages of ordained Basilians	Number of ordained Basilians
30-39	5
40-49	8
50-59	9
60-69	21
70-79	30
80-89	34
90-99	10



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*"A good deed
is never lost.
Those who sow
courtesy,
reap friendship.
Those who plant
kindness,
gather love.*
