



Adsum

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

This issue of our seminary newsletter has been intentionally delayed in order to include the many different events which annually occur at the end of the seminary year.

We congratulate Rev. Carlos Borja on his ordination to the diaconate, Rev. Mr. Nino Molina on his reception of the subdiaconate, and Frater Michael Geckle, CMRI, on his reception of the clerical tonsure. These ordinations took place on the feast of Sts. Philip and James.

Besides ordinations, four of our religious seminarians were received as novice brothers on May 13, the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The new religious names which they received signify that they have left the world behind to live a new life consecrated to the love and service of God. Our new novices' names are: Bro. Augustine Marie, CMRI (Michael Walz from Wisconsin), Bro. Francis Maria, CMRI (Dominic Crawford from California), Bro. Philip Marie, CMRI (Jon Davis from Colorado), and Bro. Mary Jerome, CMRI (Nathan Williams from Ohio).

As our school year ends for Mater Dei Academy, we have our largest graduating class of eighteen young men and women who will now commence a new phase in their life. Also another highlight for Mater Dei Academy was their third

state archery championship. Our high school archery team broke the state record for highest school score and our high school student, Kora Shedenhelm (Idaho), broke the state record for highest score. Having qualified to go to the national archery tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, Mater Dei Academy ranked nationally 27th out of 126 schools.

This month of May has been also special with public processions: one Rosary procession to honor the Mother of God and our annual Rogation processions to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all angels and saints for God's blessing upon us, both spiritual and temporal.

Our future schedule for ordinations is for Rev. Carlos Borja to be ordained to the priesthood, Frater Anthony Short, CMRI, and Rev. Mr. Nino Molina to receive the diaconate, and for Frater Michael Geckle, CMRI, to receive the first two Minor Orders on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

As the seminary year and school year come to an end, it is with great appreciation that we thank Almighty God and Our Blessed Mother for the many graces these past nine months. We also wish to express our appreciation to all those who are a part of the operation of the seminary: Fr. Gregory Drahman CMRI, Fr. Gronenthal, Bro. Xavier, CMRI, the Sisters of the Congregation of the Mother of God, and all of you our benefactors.

With our prayers and blessing,
Most Rev. Mark A. Pivarunas, CMRI





Clerical Tonsure



Subdiaconate



Diaconate



Reception of Novices

The new novices receive the habit, scapular, rosary, Miraculous Medal and the book of Constitutions



May Rosary Procession of the Seminary and Academy



Mater Dei Academy archery team celebrate their third State Archery Championship in Lincoln, Nebraska

Father Connell Answers Moral Questions

by Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., S.T.D., LL.D., L.H.D.

Missing Sunday Mass for Vacation

Question: What is to be said about Catholics who miss Mass on Sunday because they have gone into the lake region or the woods for the purpose of hunting, fishing, etc., over the weekend?

Answer: It is a deplorable fact that in recent years the sin of missing Mass on Sunday has become more common among Catholics in the United States. Priests should recognize the danger to the faith inevitably connected with this custom, and strive to avert it by impressing our people with the importance of Sunday Mass in Catholic life. It is true, there can be legitimate reasons excusing a Catholic from the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday; but these reasons should not be inordinately extended. The motive of recreation is an example of a reason that may be stretched too far. It is held by reliable theologians that if a person can obtain needed recreation only in a section of the country where there is no church or only in circumstances in which he cannot hear Mass, he can be justified in taking his recreation in this place or in these circumstances and thereby missing Mass once or twice, or at most a few times a year. However, Catholics should be told that this concession may not be used except when there is considerable difficulty in getting to Mass from the place of recreation, and that it may be used only rarely (once or twice a year, according to Fanfani; a few times according to Konings). In these days of automobiles and motorboats, Catholics can generally get to Mass even from remote parts of the woods and lake regions. Certainly, a person would not be excused from attending Mass merely because the journey to church would take an hour by car. And a Catholic can make use of recreation as an excusing cause only when he cannot find the needed recreation in a place where he can get to Mass on Sundays.

Work on a Holyday in a Catholic Institution

Question: When workmen are employed in a Catholic Institution, such as a seminary, a monastery, a hospital, etc., would they be required to work on holydays of obligation?

Answer : Those whose regular work requires daily service, such as cooks, firemen, waiters, etc., can naturally be required to work on holydays of obligation, as they are on Sundays. Furthermore, when some construction or repair work is being done on the grounds by an outside firm it would be permissible for the superiors of the Catholic institution to allow the contractor to continue to work on holydays if otherwise some grave inconvenience would follow, such as loss of pay by the workers. But when the workmen are employed directly by the institution, as farm hands, carpenters, etc., and their work can be suspended for the holyday without grave inconvenience, I believe the administrators of the institution should declare it a holiday with pay.

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