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Monday, June 24

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Located southwest of Edmonton and situated along the dramatic banks of the North Saskatchewan River, Blackhawk is widely considered one of Canada's premier private facilities.

We need your expertise and time

We are reaching out to our Catholic community looking for new members to join the Foundation's Board of Directors or one of its committees. Although we welcome various skills, at this time we are looking for individuals with the following experience:

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We embrace diversity that reflects the community we serve. Please reach out to Angela Martincevic at (780) 392-2443 if you are interested.



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NEWS & VIEWS

SPRING 2024

Did you know...

The Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College was established to carry out all activities dedicated to the advancement of the Seminary and College, and ensure their long-term financial viability, as leaders in priestly formation, Christian leadership, and accredited theological education.

St. Joseph Seminary receives 45% of its funding from the Foundation.

The balance is mostly received from the diocese paying formation fees and room and board for seminarians. There are currently 39 men in formation; 12 are in their propaedeutic year.

Newman Theological College receives 55% of its funding from the Foundation.

The remaining funds are largely generated from student tuition and fees. The College does not receive any government funding. It is a freestanding private college within the post-secondary education system of Alberta.

Your gift makes a difference!

The Guiding Prayers of a Saintly Friend

(Rev. Fr.) Sylvain J.Y. Casavant, PSS, Rector, St. Joseph Seminary



After our Come and See weekend, the vocations committee of the seminary decided to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood. They chose a simple action of using a statue of St. Jean-Marie Vianney (patron saint of priests) and praying before that statue using one of St. Jean's prayers. This statue travels from room to room to room in the seminary residence. When the statue appears before your door, you offer 'hospitality' to the saint and pray that day for priestly vocations.

When we are striving to become the Image of Christ for others, St. Jean-Marie Vianney is someone who can aid us on this journey.

The day I had the privilege of hosting, I prayed one of the Curé's prayers called "The Act of Love." A phrase from that prayer struck me. It reads, "I love you, O my God, and my only fear is to go to hell, because one will never have the sweet solace of loving you there." My attention was drawn to the reason the saint did not want to go to hell. It was not out of fear of the flames that would engulf him in hell. Rather, it was the thought of not being able to truly love God there.

This response was not what I expected. It was not rooted in self-preservation which, I fear, would be my reason for not wanting to go to hell. Instead, his reasoning was a desire to love God always. It was other-centered. It is this way of being and thinking of others that caught my rather self-centered imagination.

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A Saintly Friend
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St. Jean always manifested self-sacrifice for the sake of revealing love to others. He did so as a response to his deep-seated love of Christ which was quenched through his continual prayer life. Thus, his life is not only a standard for priests to follow but for seminarians as well. When we are striving to become the Image of Christ for others, St. Jean-Marie Vianney is someone who can aid us on this journey.

All of us are called to live out a priestly existence through our baptism. We are asked to sacrifice ourselves in love for the sake of the other. Let us allow St. Jean-Marie Vianney's friendship to inspire our daily actions and help open our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Christ Himself.

St. Jean-Marie Vianney
pray for us.

Three new priests to be ordained



Rev. Mr. Jake Mullin originates from Leduc, Alberta and is a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Edmonton since 2016. Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood will take place on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7 p.m. (MDT) at St. Joseph Basilica in Edmonton.



Rev. Mr. Joseph Yuson originates from the Philippines and is a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Victoria since 2017. Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. (PDT) at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, BC.



Rev. Mr. Christopher Pugh originates from Brandon, Manitoba and is a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg since 2018. Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood will take place on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. (CDT) at St. Mary's Cathedral in Winnipeg, MB.

13 seminarians are in formation for the Archdiocese of Edmonton this year.



Support for NTC students

Made possible with the generosity of our donors, this year the Foundation of St Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College will provide funding for 25 bursaries valued at over \$60,000. We thank all our donors for their support!

If you are interested in donating to awards, or establishing an award in honour of a loved one, for a student or seminarian, **please contact Angela at 780-392-2443.**

A great year at NTC

Dr. Jason West, President
Newman Theological College



As we come to the end of our academic year we have much to be thankful for. It was a great pleasure to have Dr. Stéphane Saulnier back from a sabbatical year that was spent in study of St. John's Gospel, partly for Dominican College (Ottawa) and part in Jerusalem. We also welcomed back Fr. John Kohler to faculty who completed a study leave to finish his Ph.D. in Sacred Scripture at the Gregorianum University in Rome.

This was also the first year with the leadership of our new Vice-President and Academic Dean, Dr. Pablo Irizar. Dr. Irizar has had a full year leading the development of a new series of courses in Eastern Catholic Theology that will better support our students from Holy Spirit Seminary who are preparing for ordination for Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies across Canada.

Dr. Irizar has also brought back our two annual lecture series that have not run since the onset of the pandemic. In the fall we welcomed Dr. Brett Salkeld of the Archdiocese of Regina to give the Mousseau Lecture in ethics on the Promise and Peril of Gene Therapy. This spring, Dr. Timothy Matovina, former chair of the theology department at the University of Notre Dame, presented the Anthony Jordan Lecture on April 12. His talk was entitled, "The Gospel on Native Cloth: Theologies of Guadalupe in America."

We are also looking forward to welcoming a new group of student interns this spring who will be developing leadership skills in a range of activities, including supporting Catholic camps in Edmonton and other surrounding dioceses as part of the Pathways to Ministry project through our Benedict XVI Institute.

In closing, I offer you my thanks for your generosity to the College and my prayers for you and your family.

THE GOSPEL ON
NATIVE CLOTH
THEOLOGIES OF
GUADALUPE IN
AMERICA

NTC staff and students were delighted to welcome Dr. Tomothy Matovina to the college on April 12 for the return of the Anthony Jordan Lecture Series. Some 40 people – including two bishops, students, and theology fans – filled the sun-flooded NTC common area for the presentation. Dr. Matovina spoke of the immediate, near-term and on-going impacts that Our Lady of Guadalupe had and has on the people of Mexico, North and South America, and around the world, since her 1531 apparition at Tepeyac.

