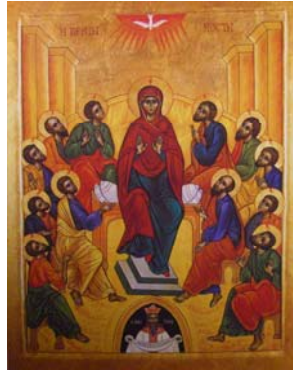


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Fr Isaac has been in Washington, included Fr Dick Hite's hermitage three members in Delaware. He is Fr. Tad visited Fr Bob Murphy in where he is in rehabilitation, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, returning to the parish in Chester visit with each member in the



DC, for a pastoral visit which (overnight) and a visit to all now in Cromwell, where he and the Middlesex Health Center, now will be on dialysis every but with the intention of very soon. Fr. Isaac intends to Cromwell/Connecticut area.

Reverend Brother Charles Bak was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Michael Cote on March 20, 2009, and is now appearing in a slide show on the screen of our new refectory monitor along with daily news headlines, and current seminary news. We have received many compliments on the impressive ceremony of the ordination. Deacon Charles will serve as transitional deacon at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, CT. In the meantime, he has been "filling in" here at Holy Apostles College and Seminary as deacon in some of the Masses and other liturgical ceremonies. He was the first "featured homilist" in Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Chapel for the 7:15 A.M. Mass on March 24, which—by the way—was Father Tad's birthday and the day of the Provincial Council meeting. The faculty and seminarians were very supportive of our new deacon and very kind and positive in their congratulatory remarks afterwards. In fact, the homily of March 24 was **very** well received by faculty and students alike. Deacon Charles will start his "official" ministry at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on Palm Sunday, April 5. Thus, he will be their deacon for Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday, for starters. Nothing like jumping right into the thick of things!

On March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), the two probationists (novices) made their Promises at a Mass in the Holy Apostles Chapel with all present. We are now working with their present status as temporary members. Br James Lonon is presently residing and giving much valued help in our Quincy St House in Washington, D.C. Br. John McDermott continues his studies as seminarian at Holy Apostles. He also helps to lead Evening Prayer at our MSA time of adoration on Wednesdays, as well as take an active part in the Mass on that same day.

Fr Richard Gray came to the meeting. We discussed his present and future status with the Society in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Fr Bill McCarthy came and explained the vicissitudes and implications of the ongoing process he and his board have inaugurated of changing My Father's House from a refuge for the destitute and retreat house to simply a retreat center. (Fr Bill has just completed an operation on his hammer toe, which was a success.)

Fr Harry Dunn is preparing to leave West Virginia the month of December or shortly thereafter.

We're changing investments from Merrill Lynch to Janney-Montgomery-Scott, LLC, since they were recommended by Bishop Cote's financial advisor, and for other reasons.

We have sent a compact disc to our webmaster with some interesting recent interviews with members and others.

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We have a great gift in the Society's charism. It gives us the means to help men and women re-root themselves in the Faith in a rootless world. Our current secular society, which is so rife with relativism, and so easily cedes to special interest groups, needs a deep "Logos-therapy", in other words, needs to be kneaded and molded by the Gospel and the Spirit of Christ. According to our Constitutions, a key part of our MSA work is "the formation of ordained ministers", and of lay leaders in the Church. Since we deal with adult vocations above all, we help to re-direct, refine and fine-tune the already formed character of mature men and women, for them in turn to transfuse the virtues and values of the Catholic Faith, in other words, of the Gospel, into society. Let us ask the Lord's help, so that by our work, Christ's life may more powerfully transform many hearts and lives, in the difficult conditions of our times. Fr Menard reminds us of how the formation of each person is to be carried out; he tells us that each one's personal participation in the formation process will shape his human maturity to the measure of Christ; and the person will gradually achieve a greater internal equilibrium and dominion of self; more personal autonomy capable of self evaluation; a greater readiness for conscious responsibilities and sound decisions; the will to overcome egocentrism; a firmer affective and social sexual maturity; and a conscious and effective integration into the community. People of this quality can make Christ known and loved, and his message of life more tend to prevail.

Happy Birthday

Fr David Zercie	April 23
Fr Harry Dunn	April 24
Fr James Downs	April 26
Fr Luis Luna	April 27



Ps 139--O Lord--You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! God's Blessings on you all! Prayers for you.