

MSA IN USA PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 22, 2009

Provincial's Corner

Just a word about our new HACS chapel. It represents courage and initiative the way Jaques Maritain characterized this spirit. When he was ambassador to the Holy See, he referred to the United States as being motivated more by its vision of the future than by its devotion to the past. I think Fr Menard echoes this sentiment when he says, "In the past ... the most practical virtue in the face of the 'inevitable' was resignation; today this has been replaced by enterprise ... which when faced with the same situations, seeks to transform them, and surpass what has gone before." I believe our new chapel represents this spirit, as well as giving evidence that the Lord himself is behind its construction. This chapel already graces the campus with its nobility of form. It is truly a magnificent tribute to his honor and glory as we can see this already at this stage of its construction. We are sending to each member an envelope addressed to the Provincial Office (to those who receive it by regular mail, it will come with this newsletter), in the hopes of receiving a donation from each MSA member, toward the chapel's completion. The monies we accumulate by the end of January we will present to the Rector of Holy Apostles Seminary at the beginning of February. (Date your check before January 1 to enable your donation to be tax-deductible for this tax year.)

Words from newly ordained

Father Charlie Bak

Thanks be to God that I am now a priest of Jesus Christ! I thank Bishop Christie Macaluso also, for ordaining me on behalf of his Excellency Archbishop Henry Mansell. Thank you also to Fr Mosey, Rector of the seminary, Fr Bevins, Rector of the Basilica, Fr Tad, our Provincial, all my brother Missionaries, and all who attended or supported my vocation in any way.

Being a priest is awesome, because God is awesome. Offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, carrying out the Church's ministry of Reconciliation,



Baptizing, Burying, Preaching and Teaching are all wonderful components in the work of a priest. It is my joy to fulfill my vocation, to do the "work" to which God has called me.

A Few News Items

Br John McDermott has done significant work on a master lease to be offered as a more current agreement between the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles and Holy Apostles Seminary. In its generic form, it was presented by Fr Tad and Br John to Fr Mosey, who seems pleased that we are working out the Society's relation to the seminary's use of MSA property in a more clearly defined way. Br John and Fr Tad are also consulting two different lawyers on the matter of both the MSA corporation's public history and on that of dividing our US properties into two MSA corporations, as a means of protecting our holdings. Fr Tad and candidates Skip Thompson and Bob Cantoni went up to Montreal in late October to take part in the Eusebe Menard Foundation festive Mass and elegant brunch, held in the main cathedral in Montreal. The event was very enthusiastic, and the music provided by Pat De Stasio's ensemble of voices nigh unto heavenly. The three of us from the US stayed at the Canadian Provincial House with Fr Yvon and the members there, with joy and lots of good communication.

Candidate Skip Thompson has just begun his probation period (novitiate) in Santa Maria, CA, under the direction of Fr Jim Anderson. More news about this presently. Also, see our web site, www.missionariesoftheholypostles.org, for Fr Jim's Chaplain's Message for December.

We will be sending out word of the assignment of members to local communities hopefully within a month. Corresponding to requests in this matter, each member is most likely going to be more than content.

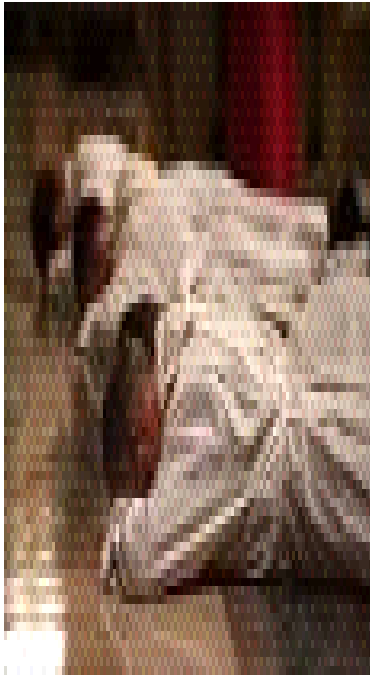
In Washington, D C, as many of you know, Fr Bob Anello has been chosen as pro-tempore local superior. When we and he determine what the next steps are to be for him, now at the end of his studies, we will see how that local superiorship is to

be more finally and officially designated for the long term.

We had a marvelous and well-attended Christmas dinner at the restaurant Sans Souci on December

6. We thank Fr Brad Pearce for arranging this dinner. Our best wishes to all our members and associates for a joyous and blessed Christmas!

*Congratulations to Our Confreres
Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries*



Fr. Patrick Biegler	October 1	4 th
Fr. Edward Przygocki	October 1	28 th
Fr. Daniel Karempelis	October 28	15 th
Fr. Bob Murphy	November 20	16 th
Fr. Bob Burk	November 22	6 th
Fr. Peter Kucer	November 22	6 th
Fr. John Raymond Lyons	December 10	4 th
Fr. Bill McCarthy	December 20	50 th
Fr. Luis Luna	January 18	23 rd
Fr. Marius Morin	January 30	39 th

Ps 139- -May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Prayers and Blessings on your life and ministry!



Fr Peter Kucer	October 15
Fr Larry Preston	October 18
Fr Marc Pierre Lussier	October 22
Fr Frank Fajella	October 30
Fr Michel LeGault	November 2
Fr Robert Sickler	November 10
Br Paul Marcil	December 18
Fr. Isaac Martinez	January 1
Fr. Jose Salazar	January 12
Father Bill Broome	January 12
Fr. Tom Simon	January 16
Fr Gerard Petta	January 22

Happy Birthday to all !!