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*The Newsletter of the Alumni Association
Pontifical North American College
Spring, 2013*

THE SECOND FOUNDER:

Bishop Martin O'Connor and the Pontifical North American College by Msgr. Stephen M. DiGiovanni (NAC '77)

This informational book concerning the building of the college on the Janiculum Hill and the years of dedication by the founding rector, Bishop Martin O'Connor, is a must read for every alumnus. The book is dedicated to the Alumni of the college and all proceeds go to the college. It can be purchased through Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com.

MSGR. FRANCIS KELLY named a Canon of St. Peter Basilica. The Superior of the Casa Santa Maria for the last eight years, he will continue to work with the formation of the students at the Pontifical North American College. He was installed on January 20, 2013.

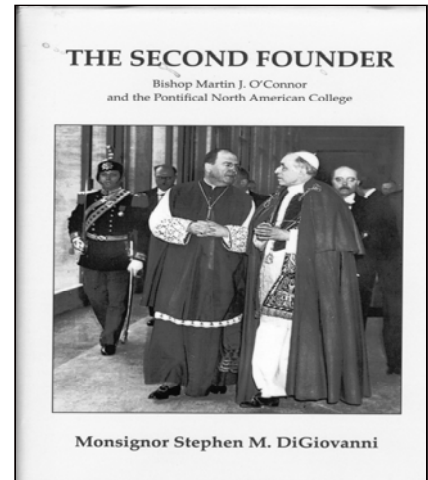
NEWLY APPOINTED APOSTOLIC Nuncios

Archbishop Charles Balvo, NAC '76, has been appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya to begin April 12, 2013. He has been the Nuncio to New Zealand since April, 2005.

Archbishop Michael Banach, NAC '88, has been appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Papua, New Guinea. He has been serving the Holy See in Austria since 1994. He was ordained Archbishop on April 27, 2013 at St. Peter's in the Vatican.

Archbishop Joseph Marino, NAC '79, has been appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia and will be based in Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, The exact date to begin his new assignment has not been determined at this time. He is the first Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia.

Note: Additional information on these appointments and more can be found on the Alumni website, click on the "News" tab.



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Office of the Bishop

January 31, 2013

Dear Alumnus of the Pontifical North American College:

In every age, the Catholic Church hears the voice of Christ commanding her, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matt. 28:19). Seeking to fulfill this mission, the Church takes great care to foster the vibrant academic, pastoral, spiritual and personal formation programs of her educational institutions, especially that of her seminaries and post-ordination formation institutes. The Pontifical North American College (PNAC) has had a prominent place in the work of priestly formation for over 150 years. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has had a long and intimate relationship with the PNAC. It began in 1857 when Bishop Michael O'Connor of Pittsburgh made a trip to Rome to finalize arrangements for the foundation of a pontifical college in Rome for the formation of American clergy.

With this great bond in mind, I am delighted to invite you to the Annual Pontifical North American College Reunion which will be held in the City of Pittsburgh on June 18, 19 and 20, 2013. I promise you that it will be an occasion to celebrate our common love for the college within the rich historical bond between it and the See of Pittsburgh. You will find in Pittsburgh a *Church Alive!* drawing on the diverse past of immigrant peoples as it forges ahead with courage and conviction embracing the mission of the New Evangelization.

In order to register for this year's reunion, please complete the enclosed registration form and send it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, at 111 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. To reserve a room at the Wyndham Grand, please see the enclosed card to contact them directly.

I look forward to welcoming you to Pittsburgh!

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ *David A. Zubik*

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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Enclosures

cc: Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, VG

Pontifical North American College
Registration Form
National Reunion June 18-20, 2013
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(Please print or type all information.)

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code:

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PNAC _____ CASA _____ ICTE _____ (Graduation Date)

Please check-off the events you will be attending, so that we can plan accordingly.

June 18th Registration and "Opening Mix"

June 19th Tour of St. Paul Cathedral, Lecture & Business Meeting

Mass at St. Paul Cathedral

Social & Banquet at Wyndham Grand

June 20th Mass at Wyndham Grand

Tour of Historic Churches in Pittsburgh

Registration Cost: \$250.00

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ALUMNI NEWS

Rev. Edward McGovern (PROVIDENCE, Class of 1952) reports “The Pioneers” are planning a reunion of the Class of 1952 on September 24-25, 2013 for their 61st Anniversary. Contact is Rev. Richard Klug of Cincinnati, 513-662-3049.

Msgr. Robert Trisco (CHICAGO, Class of 1955) has published “The Holy See and Cardinal Mundelein’s Insult of Hitler 1937” and “The U S Bishops’ Press Panel at the Second Vatican Council” U S Catholic Historian, Vol.30, No. 3 (Summer, 2012).

Msgr. Walter Kenny (NEW YORK, Casa 1957) has retired and stayed on at St. Augustine Parish in Larchmont, NY.

Msgr. Walter Niebrzydowski (NEW YORK, Class of 1959) has retired from administrative duties to devote himself fulltime to electronic ministry. He has a weekly TV show on Manhattan Neighborhood Network and has recently written “The Cosmic Countdown: God, Humanity and the Evolving World” published in eBook format available through all major eBook retailers.

Dr. Warren Caire (NEW ORLEANS, Class of 1960) is completing his 51st year of teaching Theology, Latin and French at De LaSalle High School in New Orleans.

Rev. Joe Breen (NASHVILLE, Class of 1962) is asking his congregation to sign a petition promoting a government ban on assault weapons. His brother, pastor at another parish in Nashville, is also getting the petition signed.

Msgr. Charles Murphy (PORTLAND, Class of 1962) has also published a new book “Eucharistic Adoration: Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ” (Ave Maria Press).

Most Rev. John Vlazny (PORTLAND in OR, Class of 1962) has retired as of April 2, 2013 and now resides in Beaverton, OR. He is the last of six classmate bishops to retire. He also reports he has six PNAC seminarians and one at the Casa at this time.

Rev. Douglas Brougher (NEW ORLEANS, Class of 1963) enjoyed the 1963 Class reunion in St. Petersburg, FL last December.

Dr. Donald Casey (BROOKLYN, Class of 1963) has been promoted to rank of Professor at Felician College in Lodi, NJ. Also hard at work restoring a house for his cousin, that was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Msgr. Doug Hennessy (PEORIA, Class of 1964) will be retiring as of July 14, 2013.

Msgr. Richard Liddy (NEWARK, Class of 1964, CASA 1967) will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary in December. Still running the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall. The Class of 1964 will be getting together this August in Chicago.

Msgr. Andrew Karg (ERIE, Class of 1965) reports his class will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at a reunion in San Francisco in December, 2014.

Most Rev. Michael Sheehan (SANTE FE, Class of 1965) is celebrating 30 years a bishop this year...20 years in Santa Fe and 10 years in Lubbock, TX.

Msgr. James Plagens (SAN ANGELO, Class of 1966) has put together a PowerPoint presentation of his collection of Vatican Council II memorabilia and is offering it via e-mail to alumni. He says it is very good and professionally done. He is asking a \$25 donation.

Msgr. John Alesandro (ROCKVILLE CENTRE, Class of 1967, CASA 1971) has a recent publication: “Una Caro and The Consummation of Marriage” in Zeitschrift Der Savigny-Stiftung Fur Rechtsgeschichte. 129 (2012) 64-148

Most Rev. Arthur Kennedy (Class of 1967) was appointed by the Holy See as a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission.

Msgr. Gerald Kobbeman (ROCKFORD, Class of 1967) has retired but enjoys helping regularly on weekends in his home town parishes, St. Andrew’s in Rock Falls, IL and at St. Mary’s in Tampico, IL.

Most Rev. Joseph Galante (CAMDEN, CASA 1968) retired due to ill health on January 8, 2013. He remains an Emeritus.

Rev. John Heagle (LA CROSSE, CASA 1968) has published “Justice Rising: The Emerging Biblical Visions” (Orbis Books)

Rev. Pat Gaza (GARY, Class of 1969) will be retiring as pastor of (2) parishes on June 30, 2013 and moving to his parents’ home in Merrillville, IN.

Rev. David Petras (PARMA, CASA 1970) will also be retiring from active ministry in May of this year.

Rev David Smith (ST.PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, CASA 1970) has also written a book. “Understanding World Religions: A Road Map for Justice and Peace” Lanham, MO: Rowman and Littlefield; 2007.

Rev. Bruce Hennington (MADISON, CASA 1971) is enjoying full time RV travels since retiring July 4, 2010. Big interest in Civil War re-enactment. Chaplain for 2nd WI.VOL.INF.REG. Anyone interested meet at Gettysburg for 150th Anniversary July 3-4, 2013.

Most Rev. Robert Deeley, JCD (BOSTON, Class of 1973, CASA 1985) was named Auxiliary Bishop of Boston on Nov. 9, 2012.

Most Rev. Bob Evans (PROVIDENCE, Class of 1973, CASA 1989) sent a wonderful report on the 40th Reunion of his class held last January in Providence. 13 Members of the class celebrated the recent appointment of Robert Deeley as Auxiliary Bishop of Boston.

Msgr. Edward Scharfenberger (BROOKLYN, Class of 1973, CASA 1978) appointed Episcopal Vicar of Queens Jan. 31, 2013.

H. E. James Cardinal Harvey (HOLY SEE, Class of 1975) was appointed Cardinal on October 24, 2012 and named Archpriest of St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of four major basilicas in Rome.

Rev. John Mericantante (PALM BEACH, Class of 1975) has built of new 9000 sq ft church and new extension on their Free Dental Clinic of 2400 sq ft. He will retire this year at age 65.

Rev. Thomas Sas (HARTFORD, Class of 1975) suffered a stroke in 2005 but has recovered enough to pastor St. John Fisher Parish in Marlborough, a parish of 700 families and growing.

Msgr. Patrick Brennan (PORTLAND, Class of 1977, CASA 1980) named Chaplain of His Holiness in December, 2012.

Rev. Charles Diedrick (CLEVELAND, Class of 1978) will join fellow classmates and Bishop Peter Sartain in Seattle for their 35th Anniversary from July 14 – 17.

Rev. Patrick Dolan (LOUISVILLE, Class of 1978) will be completing 26 years of military service on September 30 and retiring as a Brigadier General Chaplain.

Rev. Daniel Kampschneider (OMAHA, Class of 1979, CASA 1997) received the 2013 National Catholic Education Assn. Distinguished Pastor Award at the NCEA National Convention in Houston, TX on April 2.

Msgr. Bernard McGarty (LA CROSSE, CASA 1979) will soon publish the 2nd volume of “Biking and Canoeing in Western Wisconsin”. 1st volume is available at Amazon.com.

Rev. James Sheehan (NEW YORK, CLASS OF 1979) has written a short well-received reflection on his dear father’s Alzheimer’s and aging...*The Father Who Doesn’t Know My Name*. 2nd Edition available at Amazon.com.

Rev. Robert Norris (NEW YORK, CLASS OF 1980) was awarded a PhD in Biblical Studies in 2012 from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana.

Most Rev. Robert Flock (LA CROSSE, Class of 1982) was ordained a Bishop of Cochabamba, Bolivia on January 17, 2013.

Msgr. Bennett Voorhies (SANTA FE, Class of 1983) named to Ecumenical Office for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on 3-1-13.

Rev. Robert Hohenstein (ALBANY, ICTE 1984 Spring) is celebrating his 45th year of ordination...5-18-68 to 5-18-13.

Very Rev. Kris Stubna, STD (PITTSBURGH, Class of 1985, CASA 1993) was appointed Rector and Pastor of St. Paul’s Cathedral in Pittsburgh July, 2012.

Rev. Henry Rodriguez (SAN DIEGO, Class of 1986) is involved in hospital and hospice care, Community organizing and immigration issues, Police/Fire chaplain for 28 years and weekend substituting, after having served as an associate and pastor in a large parish for 16 years.

Most Rev. Michael Jackels (DUBUQUE, CASA 1989) the former Bishop of Wichita was appointed Bishop of Dubuque on April 8, 2013.

Mr. Eric Russ (EVANSVILLE, Class of 1990) working for wife’s family business (Cici Boiler Rooms) and involved with local Italian American Social Club serving as past treasurer and president. Currently editor of “Il Giornale” club monthly newsletter.

Rev. Clyde Phillips, MM (MARYKNOLL, ICTE 1990/1999 Spring) re-appointed for another 3year term as Procurator General.

Rev. Joseph Fonti (BROOKLYN, Class of 1992, CASA 1998) reports that the Sacred Heart Institute recently established and formed a cooperative between Arch. New York, Brooklyn, and Rockville Centre for ongoing education/formation of clergy located at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY.

Rev. William Siple (PITTSBURGH, Class of 1992) is currently assigned to all four parishes in New Castle, PA...Mary Mother of Hope, St. Vincent de Paul, Joseph the Worker, and St. Vitus.

Msgr. Charles Kosanke (DETROIT, CASA 1992) is Chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan.

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher (BISMARCK, Class of 1993) was named Chaplain of His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI 11-19-12.

Rev. Alfred Cioffi (MIAMI, CASA 1993) appointed Associate Dean of School of Science, Technology and Engineering Management of St. Thames University in Miami

Most Rev. John Folda (FARGO, CASA 1993) appointed 8th Bishop of Fargo on April 8, 2013.

Msgr. Joseph Hybner (VICTORIA, ICTE 1993 Spring) retired as of June 1, 2012; named a Monsignor August 6, 2012; and currently helping in Archdiocese of San Antonio and Victoria.

Msgr. Tim Keeney (RICHMOND, Class of 1996) was appointed a Monsignor on January 18, 2013.

Rev. Paul Sizemore (COLUMBUS, Class of 1996) has been very busy with recent construction of Faith & Family Center, renovated old parish hall into office & meeting space, and currently expanding the church building to double capacity.

Most Rev. David Talley, (ATLANTA, CASA 1997) was named an Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta on January 3, 2013.

Msgr. David Toups (ST. PETERSBURG, Class of 1997, CASA 2004) is currently Rector/President of Florida's major seminary of St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach. He was recently named Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI.

Rev. Daniel Warden (GALVESTON-HOUSTON, ICTE 1997 Fall) is very happy in retirement and still helping in 4 parishes. "A blessing is no administration". His Sabbatical meet every year and this year they are going to Vietnam and China.

Msgr. Stephen Martin (MOBILE, Class of 1998) was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia in June 2011. He was then named a Monsignor in October, 2011.

Msgr. David Funk (COLUMBUS, ICTE 1999 Fall) has been appointed to second 6-year term at St. Pius X Parish, Reynoldsburg.

Rev. Steven Bird (PEORIA, Class of 2000) has been assigned a second parish and also says weekend Mass at St. John's Newman Center at University of Illinois.

Rev. Luke Sweeney (NEW YORK, Class of 2001) is now Vice-Rector of the College/Pre-Theology Seminary in Douglaston, Queens (NY). Part of the newly merged seminary system of New York, Brooklyn, and Rockville Centre Dioceses.

Msgr. Charles Brown (WILMINGTON, ICTE 2002 Spring) retired last June and was appointed Vicar for Retired Priests.

Most Rev. Oscar Cantu (LAS CRUCES, CASA 2002) former Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio was named Bishop of Las Cruces on January 8, 2013

Rev. Kevin Martin, STL (PORTLAND in ME, Class of 2003, CASA 2007) is pastor of two parishes and serves as chaplain of COURAGE Apostolate for Diocese of Portland in ME.

Rev. Jonathan Meyer (INDIANAPOLIS, Class of 2003) attended Class of 2003 Reunion last October in New York with Archbishop Timothy Dolan.

Rev. Ronald Richards (DETROIT, Class of 2004) along with diocese duties, is the Chaplain for the Detroit Tigers!

Right Rev. Mitered Archbishop Dennis Hrubciak (EPARCHY OF PARMA, ICTE 2004 Fall) Elevated to Mitered Archbishop August 12, 2012 and appointed to prepare for and conduct 3rd Eparchial Assembly as Chancellor in September 2013.

Rev. L. F. Vallone (PITTSBURGH, ICTE 2005 Fall) earned JCB from St. Paul University, Onawa, 2013.

Very Rev. Adam Ortega y Ortiz (SANTA FE, ICTE 2006 Spring) appointed Rector of St. Francis Cathedral Basilica June, 2012.

Rev. Dan McCarthy (CHICAGO, ICTE 2006 Fall) retired and part-time chaplain at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles.

Rev. Michael King (HAMILTON, ONTARIO, ICTE 2007 Spring) has been transferred to St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener, Ontario after eight years at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hamilton.

Very Rev. Kurt Burnette (PHOENIX, CASA 2007) appointed Rector of SS Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Seminary in Pittsburgh October 10, 2012. It is the only free standing eastern seminary in the USA...for Ruthenians, Romanians, and Melkites.

Rev. Robert-Joel Cruz (HOUMA-THIBODAUX, ICTE 2007 Fall) Director for Pontifical Mission Societies and the official exorcist of the diocese has been elected as the AIE International Coordinator and Representative for English Speaking Countries and Member of the AIE International Governing Council.

Rev. Richard Beligotti (ROCHESTER, ICTE 2009 Fall) will retire on June 25, 2013 after 45 years of faithful service to Christ.

Rev. Raymund Reyes (SAN FRANCISCO, ICTE 2010 Fall) will celebrate 25 years of priestly ordination on Dec. 8, 2013.

Rev. Anthony Kruse (DUBUQUE, Class of 2011) is pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in Marion, IA and provides sacramental assistance to four additional parishes.

NOTE: The Alumni Directory is now on line. The "Alumni Directory" tab appears on the pnacalumni.org website and is available to PNAC Alumni only. Membership is required, so visit the website and fill out the short membership form. Once approved, you will have access to the most up to date directory.

Members of the NAC Class of 1963 gathered at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida from Dec. 4 to Dec. 6 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their ordination at Cristo Re Church in Rome. Twenty-five members of the class attended along with 5 spouses.



Seated: Bernie McGinn, Jim Offutt, Ken Buhr, Paul Sciarrotta, Bill Tuyn, Doug Brougher, Brian Rafferty, John Hazard, Anton Dechering
Standing: Don Casey, Bernie Casey, Matt Clark, Pat Logan, Charlie Zinn, Helen Zinn, John Gray, Bob Liss, Bob Grattorati, John Dewane, Clarence Waguespack, Ted Zerwin, Su Zerwin, John Trager, Henry Mansell, Ed Schroeder, Colette Hazard, Marietta Schroeder, Phil Morris, Larry Richardt, John Krejci

In Memoriam

Listed below are the names of our most recently deceased brother alumni. The Alumni Association has arranged for a Mass to be celebrated in the College Chapel for each of our deceased brothers. All alumni are encouraged to remember in prayer and at Mass our deceased brother alumni. News comes to us in very different ways about the passing of our alumni. Sometimes classmates are very good about sending in photographs and internet links to newspaper notices. Although not all the information we receive can be reprinted in the newsletter, it is all available on our website. We regret that space limitations do not allow us to give more ample obituaries of our alumni. For complete obituaries go to our website at pnacalumni.org.

Rev. John F. Schindler, (LOUISVILLE, ICTE 1998 Spring) 12/8/2003
Rev. Robert Bliven, OSC (PHOENIX, ICTE 1990 Spring) 1/3/2010
Rev. Msgr. Charles Barth (CAMDEN, Casa 1960) 2/7/2010
Rev. Thomas Goekler (MARYKNOLL, Casa 1998 Fall) 11/25/2010
Rev. Msgr. James J. Foley (PHILADELPHIA, Class of 1967) 6/21/2011
Rev. Msgr. Donald Eichenseer (BELLEVILLE, ICTE 1990 Spring) 12/22/2011
Rev. Msgr. Clinton Doskey (NEW ORLEANS, Casa 1964) 4/22/2012
Rev. Thomas Quinlan (RICHMOND, ICTE 1999 Fall) 4/24/2012
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Higgins (MADISON, Class 1958) 6/3/2012
Rev. Msgr. John Lolio (PROVIDENCE, ICTE 1990 Spring) 6/6/2012
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Hadden (RALEIGH, Class 1959) 10/8/2012
Dr. Joseph LaBarge (OKLAHOMA CITY, Class 1963) 10/28/2012
Rev. John Hennessy, Jr (FORT WORTH, Class 1978) 12/2/2012
Rev. Michael J. Nguyen (NEW ORLEANS, Casa 1999) 1/25/2013
Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy (FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND, Casa 1968) 2/3/2013
Rev. Msgr. James T. Clarke (SCRANTON, Class 1939) 3/20/2013
Rev. (Kevin) Robert Seasoltz, OSB (BENEDICTINE MONKS, Casa 1958) 4/27/2013



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