MARK RANDALL NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Msgr. James Checchio announced on July 16, 2012 the appointment of Mark Randall, FRE as the new Executive Director for Institutional Advancement for the College. Randall will oversee various operations of the PNAC in the United States. Randall most recently served as Vice-President for Institutional Advancement at Wyoming Catholic College in Lander, WY.

RECENTLY APPOINTED BISHOPS

**Most Rev. James D. Conley** (CSM 1991) has been appointed Bishop of Lincoln to succeed Bishop Emeritus Fabian Bruskewitz (CLASS OF 1961).

**Most Rev. Kevin Vann** (CSM 1985) has been appointed Bishop of Orange in California to succeed Bishop Tod Brown (CLASS OF 1962) who has retired.

**Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone** (CLASS OF 1982) has crossed the Oakland bridge to become the next Bishop of San Francisco. He was installed on Oct. 4.

Additional information on these and other appointments can be found on the PNAC website.
ICTE Program to be Revamped

College to Offer Specialized Formation for Priests

By Ann Schneible

A new formation and sabbatical program for priests, designed to address the unique spiritual and practical needs faced by the priesthood today, will be offered by the Pontifical North American College (PNAC) starting next year. Since 1971, the PNAC's Institute for Continuing Theological Education (ITCE) has offered formation programs for more than 2,500 priests from the US and other English-speaking countries. The ITCE was established in response to the call of the Vatican II Council, which emphasized the need for both spiritual and theological formation for priests. Traditionally, the program has been a 12 week program held both in the Fall and Spring semesters for a group of around 35 priests. While priests will still be able to participate in the 12-week program in the Fall, the ITCE will also offer a restructured program in the 2013 Spring semester that will provide formation on specific topics relating to the needs of priests today. This new program will be divided into four three-week modules, each module focusing on a different theme, and each incorporating a spiritual retreat. Priests, moreover, have the option of participating in any one, or all, of the modules.

Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo is director of the ITCE and is an adjunct spiritual advisor at the PNAC. He spoke with ZENIT about the program, and why formation programs such as this one are essential in helping priests live out their vocations, especially in today's world.

It is important for priests to participate in such programs, he said, as they "need time away from the business of their parishes or their administrative duties back home. And particularly what is important, that we see, is that they need time for priestly fraternity."

This new formation series was conceived in response to comments from bishops and priests. "What we've discovered," said Figueiredo, "and what the bishops have discovered, is that the priesthood has changed in the United States. We have many more parishes which are single-man parishes, with priests working on their own. What we've also discovered is that young priests, particularly, need ongoing support; those initial years are critical."

"A third point we've discovered," Monsignor Figueiredo continued, "is that the life of the parish has changed. Obviously the pastoral outreach is essential; that's our first task, to offer the Sacraments, to be pastorally available. But now parishes are so involved with administration, there are all sorts of other duties that are expected of a priest. Many of those areas we didn't necessarily cover in the seminaries."

Unlike the 12-week program, which touches upon a variety of topics, the four-module structure will address specific and concrete areas which are of particular relevance to priests in today's society. The program for this coming Spring semester, in particular, will also touch upon themes that relate to Year of Faith, which will begin next month. Each module will address themes which are specifically directed towards the needs of priests, and each will include a five-day retreat. The first three-week module, entitled "Priestly and Parish Leadership Skills for Today's Ministry," will provide practical leadership skills both for new and seasoned parish priests; its retreat will focus on the spirituality of the priesthood, and the significance of the priestly vocation. The second module, "Christian Art and Architecture," will show how the culture of art and architecture, found both in Florence and in Rome, can be used as an instrument for the New Evangelization; the retreat will offer reflections on the lives of the saints, many of whom lived and are buried in Rome. Priests will receive formation in preaching for the New Evangelization during the third module, "Homiletics and Preaching"; Scriptural perspectives on preaching will be the focus of the retreat. In the fourth and final module, "Scripture Study Tour," the focus will be on the teachings of Saint Paul (through both classroom teaching and on-site study tours); this retreat will look to the writings of Saint Paul for reflections on deepening the spiritual life.

One of the most significant aspects of the formation series, Monsignor Figueiredo explains, is that it takes place in Rome. With regard to the second module on Christian art and architecture, for instance, he says notes that "Christianity always brought with it a culture, and much of its message we see in art and architecture. I think we really are given an exceptional, unprecedented view of that here in Italy. The art throughout Italy speaks, the beauty speaks, calls us to transcend, it calls us towards God. It also really enables us to know the faith, deepen our faith, and also to evangelize people in the truth of that faith."

Monsignor Figueiredo also spoke of the importance of incorporating a five-day retreat into each of the four modules. "Priests are called each year to a retreat, and many times we find that this is the last thing we have time for. But what an opportunity to come to Rome, and do a retreat, which is something really essential! Jesus Himself sent the priests on mission, but then he used to bring them back to hear about the mission, to allow them time to rest. We cannot give what we have not first received" "The priests, again, by doing these different retreats – one or more – would also be able to deepen their spiritual lives."
The Alumni Reunion began with the registration and socializing on Tuesday, June 19. With the well organized team led by Fr. Joe Barr, all went well and a good time was had by all. A welcoming reception was held that evening at the residence of Archbishop Lori. We all received a gift of a beautiful book, autographed by Archbishop Lori, with pictures and the history of the Basilica of the Assumption.

Wednesday morning found most of the alumni touring the local area of the Baltimore Inner Harbor. The tall ships were in port as part of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Their leaving port was a beautiful site to behold. A quick visit to the B & O Train Museum was also very interesting, including a short ride on a train. Others toured the sports museum at Camden Yards.

The afternoon business meeting was well attended and all enjoyed the reading of the *Martyrologium Romanum* by Msgr. Rob Jaskot. Msgr. Checchio announced the new format for the ICTE program (see article on previous page) and Bishop Waltersheid issued the invitation for alumni to assemble in Pittsburgh for the 2013 Alumni Reunion.

After a tour of the historic and beautifully restored Basilica of the Assumption, the annual Mass for deceased alumni was concelebrated. Archbishop William Lori was the main celebrant and Edwin Cardinal O’Brien delivered the homily.
The dinner was in the ballroom of the Mariott Hotel and was a truly delicious meal. On behalf of the College and Alumni, Msgr. Checchio and Msgr. Curran presented Fr. Val Peter with the Founders’ Award. The dinner closed with the traditional toasts to the Nation, the Holy Father, and the College. Everyone once again enjoyed socializing and meeting old friends.

The “Bum Run” was a great bus trip to the Mother Cabrini Center and to Fort McHenry. Those who chose not to go through the fort visited the museum and gift shop. The presentation on Francis Scott Key and his inspired writing of the National Anthem was outstanding. The closing luncheon was at the Rusty Scupper. It was a good Reunion and will be remembered for years to come.
**Correction**: In the last issue of the *Nova et Verte* we mentioned Rev. Joseph Mattern opened the Casa Esther Catholic Worker house in Sioux City. It was actually opened in Omro, WI (Green Bay Diocese).

**Msgr. Walter Niebrzydowski** (NEW YORK, CLASS OF 1959) recently published an e-book titled *Versus Versus: Love vs. Romance, Wisdom vs. Knowledge and other Provocative Poems*. It is his latest endeavor of apostolate to evangelize via the electronic and digital media. He also maintains his website, a weekly cable show, a YouTube channel, and production of DVDs.


**Most Rev. Tod Brown** (ORANGE in CALIFORNIA, CLASS OF 1962) retired as Bishop of Orange. He will be succeeded by Most Rev. Kevin Vann (CSM 1985).

**Most Rev. Edward Kmiec** (BUFFALO, CLASS OF 1962) has retired as the thirteenth Bishop of Buffalo where he was installed in 2004.

**H. E. William Cardinal Levada** (HOLY SEE, CLASS OF 1962) has also retired as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, President of the Intl. Theological Commission and President of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

**Most Rev. Matthew Clark** (ROCHESTER, CLASS OF 1963) retired as of September 21, 2012.

**Most Rev. Donald Trautman** (ERIE, CSM 1966) has retired as of July 31, 2012.

**Rev. Jay Haskin** (BURLINGTON, CLASS OF 1968) was granted Senior Priest status on July 4, 2011. He continues as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Risk Retention Company, Inc. while dividing his time between Stowe, VT and Lantana, FL.

**Most Rev. Paul Sanchez** (BROOKLYN, CLASS OF 1972) was named Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn on May 2, 2012.

**Msgr. Robert Deeley** (BOSTON, CLASS OF 1973) after serving as an Official in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Holy See for seven years, was asked by Cardinal Sean O’Malley to return to Boston to assume the responsibility of Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, beginning Sept. 1, 2011.

**Msgr. Kevin Irwin**, (NEW YORK, CSM 1977) stepped down as Dean of the School of Theology at CUA on July 1, 2011, enjoyed a semester sabbatical (half in Rome) and returned in January, 2012 to fulltime teaching and mentoring dissertations. This spring he returned to Rome to teach at CUA’s Rome Campus.

**Msgr. Michael Clay** (RALEIGH, CLASS OF 1979) has been appointed to teach in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.


Msgr. Robert Flock (LA CROSSE, CLASS OF 1982) was recently appointed Prelate of Honor by Pope Benedict XVI…dated June 25, 2012. Msgr. Flock also reports that Cardinal Julio Terrazas recently consecrated their new parish church, Parroquia La Santa Cruz, Bolivia after 2.5 years of work with the help of the Diocese of La Crosse and the sacrifice of the faithful their in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Most Rev. Samuel Aquila (DENVER, CSM 1990) was named Archbishop of Denver after Archbishop Charles Chaput was moved to Philadelphia. Archbishop Aquila was most recently Bishop of Fargo.

Most Rev. Jeffrey Monforton (STEUBENVILLE, CLASS OF 1994) was appointed Bishop of Steubenville on July 6, 2012. He had most recently been Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.


Msgr. Raymond Breton (OAKLAND, CSM 2000), Judicial Vicar Emeritus, was named a Prelate of Honor on July 7, 2012.

Very Rev. Joshua Rodrigue (HOUMA-THIBOUDAUX, CLASS OF 2002) was appointed Rector of the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma, while continuing as Vocation Director and Adjunct Professor of Theology at St. Joseph Seminary College.

Very Rev. Dennis Yurochko (PITTSBURGH, CLASS OF 2002) has been named the Rector of St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Rev. Louis Vallone (PITTSBURGH, ICTE 2005) earned a Graduate Diploma in Canon law from St. Paul University, Onaway, June 2011 and became a learning leader in Good Leaders, Good Shepherds Nov. 2011.

Rev. John Comerford (CARMELITE, CHICAGO PROV., ICTE 2006) after 6 years as Chaplain at Carmelite Spiritual Carefree Village in Darian, Ill will begin retreat ministry at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Center, Niagara Falls, Canada and assist at Our Lady of Peace Shrine Parish on the same property.

Rev. Edward Poettgen, (ORANGE, ICTE 2008) has been appointed Episcopal Vicar for Charity.

Rev. Robert Creagan (KALAMAZOO, ICTE 2009) has been named Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish as of August 2012.

Rev. James Adams (KALAMAZOO, CLASS OF 2009) assigned as an associate w/Fr. Creagan, above, has also been appointed Chaplain for Hackett Catholic Central High School as of January 2012.

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The Alumni Directory is now on line. The new “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.
First Recipient of Blessed John XXIII Award

Fr. Mike Ryan, Seattle, 67, (center) was the first recipient of the Blessed John XXIII Award presented by the Association of US Catholic Priests meeting at St. Leo, Fl., June 2012. Other alumni pictured are: Marty Donnelly, Toledo, 65; Douglas Brougher, New Orleans, 63; Tony Gallagher, Toledo, 62, George Kloster, Charlotte, 69; Harry Meyer, Cincinnati, 65; Bob Bonnot, Youngstown, 68; Ron Bryda, Cleveland, 66; John Sarge, Saginaw, 72; Art Schutte, Newark, 68. Missing from the picture are Andy Martin, Camden, 68 and Frank Eckart, Toledo, 70.

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. Raymond Carignan (REGINA, CANADA ICTE 2007 Spring) 12/26/2011
Rev. Msgr. Michael Swalina (SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIR. CLASS 1971) 1/21/2012
Rev. Richard Bergman (DES MOINES, CASA 1957) 1/28/2012
Rev. Gerald P. McCourt, SJ (JESUIT FATHERS, ICTE 2004 FALL) 7/9/2012
Most Rev. Patrick R. Cooney (GAYLORD, CLASS 1960) 10/15/2012
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