Msgr. Checchio Installed as Fifth Bishop of Metuchen

May 3, 2016 dawned a beautiful day for the installation of Msgr. Checchio as the fifth bishop of Metuchen, NJ. The Church of the Sacred Heart was filled with Cardinals, Bishops, PNA alumni priests, an honor guard of Knights of Columbus, and the invited guests. The ceremony was shown live on EWTN.

A well planned beautiful Liturgy, that included an orchestra with full choir, was enjoyed by all. The two hour celebration was perfect in every way. It was followed by a reception at the Pines Lodge and an invitation only dinner at the Diocesan Hall.

If you would like to see the entire installation as shown on EWTN, you can go on the internet to Bishop James Checchio and click on the “Bishop James Checchio Installation” sight.

Facts about the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ

Formation of the Diocese: 1981
Founding Bishop: Bishop Theodore E. McCarrick
Counties: Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren
Population of Diocese: 644,851
Overall Population: 1,401,849
Parishes: 90
Schools: 29
Enrollment: 9,278
Priests: 236
Seminarians: 18
Permanent Deacons: 168
Women Religious: 248
Men Religious: 7
Rev. Edward McGovern (Class of 1952) is looking forward to Fall of 2018 and the 70th Anniversary of the re-opening of the College.

Msgr. Charles Mallet (Class of 1955) had a marvelous liturgical celebration August 6, 2015 for his 60th Anniversary of Ordination with family and friends.

Mr. Edward Bode (Class of 1956) instructed the final-year of candidates for permanent deaconate in the Diocese of Jefferson City during a semester course of 16 class hours on Catholic dogmas…August thru November of 2015.

Msgr. Walter Kenny (Casa 1957) is retired but still helping in St. Augustine Parish in Larchmont, NY.

Dr. Warren Caire (Class of 1960) is still teaching Latin I, II, III, IV at Christian Brothers H.S. in New Orleans.

Rev. Francis Voellmecke (Class of 1960) is retired but in residence at Our Lady Christ the King Parish in Cincinnati. The parish was founded in 1926 by Msgr. Eddie Quinn (Class of 1916) and classmate of Francis Cardinal Spellman. The parish school is Cardinal Pacelli School and he laid the cornerstone October 31, 1936 with Cardinal Spellman in attendance.

Rev. Ed Dillon (Class of 1961, CASA 1965) has turned 80 but still able to be useful in rural villages in Livingston County in Rochester Diocese.

Most Rev. John Vlazny (Class of 1962) invites all 1962 classmates to celebrate 55 years of priesthood at the San Diego Reunion in June.

Rev. Doug Brougher (Class of 1963) reports the class had a reunion at St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, LA in April.

Msgr. Philip Morris (Class of 1963) has moved to Pompano Beach, FL and assisting at St. Ambrose, Deerfield Beach.

Mr. Thomas Harvey (Class of 1964) served as Director of Non-Profit Professional Development at University of Notre Dame and retired after more than 10 years of service in 2015. Earlier in his career he was President of Catholic Charities USA.

Msgr. Richard Liddy (Class of 1964, CASA 1967) will run a workshop for priests June 27-July 1, 2016 on Bernard Lonergan’s Christology at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ. For info e-mail liddyric@shu.edu.

Msgr. John McEvilly (Class of 1965) retired as pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace after 33 years but remains active as Vicar General until the current Bishop retires (2020?).

Msgr. Gerald Kobbeman (Class of 1967) has retired but helps out at St. Mary’s, Tampou, IL and St. Andrew, Rock Falls, IL (his home town parish).

Msgr. John (Jed) Patrick (Class of 1968) retired but ministering as a part time Outreach Preacher for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Rev. Arthur Schute (Class of 1968) has retired as a Hospital Chaplain and is enjoying retirement and ministry with Apostleship of The Sea to Crew and Passengers on cruise ships.

Most Rev. Lawrence Brandt (Class of 1970, CASA 1982) retired as Bishop last July but still lives in Greensburg. He received the Golden Palm of Jerusalem Award for outstanding service to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem on October 31, 2015 in New York.

Rev. Bruce Henningen (CASA 1971) recently received bi-ritual faculties (Byzantine) and regularly concelebrates with Archpriest Eugene Yacanich (Class 1965/CASA 1971) retired Pittsburgh Ruthenian Arch-Eparchy; they were next door residents at the Casa 1969-1970).

Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick (Class 1972) will retire July 1 and move to St. John Vianney Priests Retirement Home, which he purchased on behalf of the Archdiocese of Omaha 18 years ago when he was the Finance Director.
Rev. Douglas Clark (Class of 1976, CASA 1981) reports the members of the class of 1976 are planning to reunite at the College in July for their 40th Anniversary.

Rev. Terrence Morgan (Class of 1976, CASA 1982) has organized class of 1976 40th Anniversary reunion July 3-7 at the College with simulcast events in San Diego.

Rev. James Murphy (Class of 1977) is preparing for the 100th Birthday of his step-mom on May 28th. She has been in assisted living with Alzheimers for nine years.

Rev. Patrick Manning (Class of 1978) is an Associate Prof of Theology at Walsh University as well as Adjunct Prof of Historical Theology at St. Mary Seminary Graduate School of Theology in Cleveland, Ohio.

Msgr. Michael Clay, (Class of 1979) Pastoral Studies Area Director within the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America offered a one-day conference for the Diocese of Syracuse on adaptations for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for baptized candidates on August 6, preached the homily for the annual Red Mass for the Diocese of Raleigh on October 16, and published “Making Evangelization a Parish Priority: A Pastor’s Observations” in the November-December issue of Pastoral Liturgy.

Very Rev. Anthony Herold (Class of 1979) was appointed Vicar General for the Davenport Diocese on January 12.

Rev. Thomas Mischler (Class of 1981) will join the Diocese of Gary Synod Commission to assist Bishop Donald Hying plan for the 2017 Diocesan Synod.

Rev. Nicholas Zukowski (Class of 1981) wishes his classmates Happy 35th Anniversary – Ad Multos Annos!!!!

Rev. William Karg (CASA 1982) is now a retired priest but helping with ministry, serving people for Spiritual direction and serving at the Peter Maurin Center for homeless and addicted in Akron.

Rev. David Fisher (Class of 1984, CASA 2006) has monthly articles on the internet as Maronite Voice, St. Maron, OR

Rev. Henry Rodriguez (Class of 1986) continues as Scripps Hospital Hospice, Police and Fire Chaplain.

Rev. William Kelly (Class of 1988, CASA 1995) was appointed Pastor of St. Paul Parish & school in Cambridge, his Alma Mater, and also serves as Senior Catholic Chaplain at Harvard.

Msgr. Joseph Simon (ICTE F’1988) was installed at Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in October, 2015.

Rev. Stephen McCrate (Class of 1989) after 19 years as pastor of St. Joseph’s, Port Arthur, TX became pastor of St. Louis Parish in Winnie and Our Lady of Light in Anahuac. He celebrates the Eucharist in Spanish at both parishes.

Mr. Dennis Schmitz (Class of 1989) reminds those in the Kansas City Archdiocese that he is self-employed as owner of Lush Lawn Sprinklers, LLC installing lawn irrigation systems and repair services.


Mr. William Whalen (Class of 1991) ran the New York Marathon in 2015.

Rev. Richard Kelley (ICTE S’1992) had the unique privilege of being at both the White House and the Capital for the visit of Pope Francis. He was there as the guest of US Senator Kelly Ayotte, who is a parishioner of his parish.

Rev. Paul Schmidt (ICTE S’1992) retired in June 2014 but was asked to be Vicar for Priests in Sept. 2014 assisting in parishes ad hoc.

Rev. William Siple (Class of 1992) is pastor of four parishes in New Castle, PA and has been assigned sacramental needs of two more parishes. Their pastor retired and no priests are available for full time parishes.

Very Rev. John Byrnes (Class of 1993) was assigned Rector of Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto, PA in Aug. 2015 and continuing as Judicial Vicar of the diocese.
Msgr. Albin Grous (CASA 1994) pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Drexel Hill, PA, will celebrate its centennial on the 25th June, 2016 w/Archbishop Chaput.


Msgr. Francis J. Marin (CSM 1994) was given the dignity of Prelate by Maronite Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai and received ordination to the dignity on 23 May 2015. He has been the Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn since 2004.

Rev. Dr. Sir Thomas Devereaux (ICTE F’1995) though retired, was recently appointed Diocesan Chaplain for Scouting and teacher in Adult Religious Education Programs.

Rev. Mark Kneout (Class of 1997) co-chaired the Liturgy Planning Committee for the Papal visit, September, 2015 in Washington, DC.

Msgr. Stephen Martin (Class of 1998) was named Pastor of St. Batholomew parish, Elberta, AL on June 1, 2015.

Rev. John Boll (ICTE F’2000) still traveling the world with Holland America Lines as chaplain, serving as archivist for the diocese of Sacramento, and helping with Sunday liturgies. NEVER A DULL MOMENT!!


Rev. Joseph Taphorn (CASA 2002) has been named Director of the new St. John Paul II Newman Center in Omaha. Visit them at JPiOmaha.org.

Rev. James Lease (Class of 2006) is the new pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Danville, PA. He continues to work with the American Guild of Organists and the Boy Scouts of America.

Rev. John Keegan (ICTE S’2005) is still the pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Milford, NH…going on 10 years.

Rev. James Durkin (ICTE F’2006) retired after 46 years of Ministry, most recently as Chaplain at St. Mary’s Catholic Home. Now does occasional weekend work for Cross Catholic Outreach as well as weekend work in Camden diocese.

Rev. Dan McCarthy (ICTE F’2006) though retired, is Chaplain at Notre Dame College Prep for boys and Resurrection College Prep for girls in Chicago.


Rev. Jonathan Reardon (Class of 2008) appointed to his first pastorate in September 2015 and installed on the Feast of Christ the King on Nov. 22, 2015.

Rev. Gregory Rannazzisi (Class of 2009) will be going to the CASA this fall to pursue doctoral studies in Dogmatic Theology at the Gregorian.

Rev. Peter Gideon (ICTE F’2010) feels God is working a Divine Renovation in his parish, deanery, and diocese. Assigned 11 months ago to St. Mark Parish, then Alpha, then That Man Is You, and now Walking with Purpose.

Rev. Jayson Landeza (ICTE S’2010) was recently appointed Chaplain for San Francisco Division of FBI. Continues to serve as an ATF Chaplain and Chaplain to the Law Enforcement agencies.

Rev. Craig Vasek (Class of 2010) is pastor of two parishes, continues on faculty of permanent deacon formation for the diocese, and begins as vocation promoter for the diocese.

Rev. William Brunner (Class of 2011) was commissioned a LTJG in the US Navy June 24, 2015. He is currently serving as a chaplain on the USS America (LHA-6) based out of San Diego, CA.
Rev. Jeffrey Starkovich (Class of 2011) appointed Senior Parochial Vicar to Our Lady Queen of Heaven parish and Chaplain to the Lake Charles Chapter of Legatus.

Rev. Miles Barrett (ICTE S’2013) reports Military priest shortage requires back up priests to help. He is away over half the year and feels grateful and blessed to be able to continue to serve our troops. 26 years Navy taught him to be flexible and serve. CALL if you could help cover even a weekend near you.

Rev. George Elliott (Class of 2015, CASA 2016) along with Rev. Andrew Mattingly (Class of 2015) and Deacon Greg Gerhart (Class of 2016), started Catholic Bytes, a Catholic Media and Catechetical Organization. Their current projects are Catholic Bytes Podcast (www.catholicbytespodcast.com) and Misericordia Media (www.misericordia.com).

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Rev. Leon Strieder (Class of 1976, CASA 1994) is the author of “Evangelization: Building and Rebuilding the Kingdom” (Lectio Publishing 2015)


Msgr. John Cihak (Class of 1997, CASA 2007) edited “Charles Borromeo: Selected Orations, Homilies, and Writings” (T&T Clark, 2016). For the first time we now have a substantial selection of his work in English.

Msgr. John Myler (ICTE 2004) has written a biography “Ex Cathedra: “the hopeless insane” Bishop James Duggan. It is published and serialized at bishopduggan.blogspot.com

MSGR. ROGER ROENSCHE
1932 - 2015

The college community mourns the death of our dear alumnus and friend, Msgr. Roger Roensch, who died in Rome on Christmas Day, 2015.

Msgr. Roensch was ordained in Rome on December 15, 1957 for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and incardinated into the Archdiocese of Washington in 1989.

He served many years as Director of the Bishops Office for US Visitors to the Vatican. Thousands of pilgrims over the years were introduced to the Eternal City by Msgr. Roensch.

His funeral was held on December 28, 2015 at the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and buried in the College Mausoleum at Campo Verano.
In Memoriam

Listed below are the most recent notifications of our deceased alumni. The Alumni Association has arranged for a Mass to be celebrated in the College Chapel for our deceased brothers. All alumni are encouraged to remember in prayer and at a 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 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 pncalumni.org.

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A FREE DIRECTORY is available on line to Alumni only. If you sign on to pncalumni.org and fill out the short form with a password, you will get access to the most up to date listing of alumni with address, phone number and e-mail address. This information is kept up to date daily as we get the latest notices.

If you are interested in the published directory that came out last year, we have a few available for the reduced price of $75. Send your check made out to the Alumni Assn. of The North American College and mail it to: Virginia Neff, 7319 E. 71st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46256-1905.
2016 Alumni REUNION

JUNE 21-23, 2016
San Diego, CA

- Celebration of the Holy Mass by Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of San Diego, at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, founded in 1769 by St. Junípero Serra, OFM, the Apostle of California
- Theological lecture at the Mission Basilica
- Celebration of the Holy Mass by Most Rev. Robert H. Brom, Bishop Emeritus of San Diego, at the University of San Diego’s Founders Chapel JUNE 21-23, 2016 San Diego, California
- Harbor Cruise along the San Diego Bay
- All PNAC Alumni Welcome: College, Casa Santa Maria, and Institute for Continuing Theological Education (ICTE)
- For more information and to see who has already registered, please visit www.pnacalumni.org 2016 Alumni REUNION
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