Most Rev. John R. Quinn
Dies on June 22, 2017

Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco John R. Quinn, died at the age of 88. He had served as Archbishop of San Francisco from 1977-1995. Bishop Quinn was a former President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Quinn had attended the Alumni Reunion in San Diego in 2016 where he was the recipient of the Founders Award.

Rev. Msgr. Robert Trisco Receives Founders Award

Msgr. Trisco was presented the coveted Founders Award at the 2017 Alumni Reunion in Indianapolis. He is Secretary of the Catholic University of America and a long time benefactor of The North American College.

In his acceptance speech he explained that the Founders’ Award was named for Blessed Pope Pius IX and Pope Pius XII. As an Historian, he also mentioned that it was first presented in 1990 on Msgr. Robert McNamara, who had published an 850-page history of the College thirty four years before. The second was conferred on former Rector Bishop Francis Reh. Three other former Rectors have received the award, Cardinal James Hickey (1993) Msgr. Kevin McCoy (2008) and Msgr. Charles Murphy (2011). Awards were also granted to priests who had served on the Staff of the Casa, Bishop Frederick Freking, Msgr. Charles Elmer, and Msgr. Bernard Yarrish. Brother Randal Riede, CFX the long-time librarian was honored in 1996. Other prelates who have received the award are Cardinals William Baum, Edward Egan, and Justin Rigali. Archbishop Philip Hannan, Daniel Cronin, Oscar Lipscomb, Charles Maloney and last year John Quinn. The only Rev. to receive the award was Val Peter, Director of Boys Town for so many years. He and his brother Dr. James Peter have been generous benefactors of the college for many years. The award was conferred on three lay persons; Sir Virgil Dechant, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus (1992), Mrs. Elena Ponti, who served the college for many years (2009), and Mr. Greg Jewell, long time supporter of the college and co-Chairman of the “Vision for the Future” campaign in 2006.

If anyone ever deserved the Founders Award it was Archbishop Martin J. O’Connor, whom Msgr. DiGiovanni wrote about so fondly in his book of the revival of the College from 1945-1953 called “The Second Founder”. Unfortunately the Archbishop died three and a half years before the award was instituted. However, his spirit lives on in those he guided as seminarians, ordained priests, and friends. His memory should be revered by all alumni.
Sr. Rebecca Abel, Library Supervisor at the North American College Library from 1996-2013 is now living at the Mother house in Ferdinand, IN. She works part-time for the Catholic Distance University. Other jobs are working in the libraries and archives of various Benedictine communities, assisting them in modifying and updating their library or archival collections. Such work entails lots of traveling within and without the United States. Ealing Abbey in London was her August project helping with the Liturgy Institute Library, then in September Zageb, Croatia to give a presentation "How to build a digital Library" to the European Theological Librarians Conference. A few weeks, back at the monastery, then off to Morristown, NJ, to assist the monks at St. Mary's Abbey with their library. November, a week in the Washington, D.C. area, to attend the graduation and gala for Catholic Distance University. It has been a busy year but the ability to use her skills helping others is a reward in itself. As she says, “Sisters never retire”.

Msgr. Thomas Dziela, (ROCKFORD, CLASS 1964) retired as pastor in June, 2016 and resides at St. Mary of the Assumption parish in Maple Park, Illinois. He assists the pastor of that parish and one other parish, as well as providing sacramental help to other diocesan parishes. He continues as Spiritual Adviser of the Rockford Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Rev. Bernard Bonnot, (YOUNGSTOWN, CLASS 1967) is now retired and serves as Chair of Association of US Catholic Priests (AUSCP) and on the Board of NFPC. Also serves as an Unbound Preacher and a Cruise Ship Chaplain thru the AOS-USA.

Most Rev. Edward Adams (PHILADELPHIA, CASA 1974) was named Nuncio to Great Britain on April 8, 2017. Archbishop Adams had been the Nuncio to Greece since 2011.

Msgr. Michael Clay (RALEIGH, CLASS 1979) attended a conference on evangelization sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization in Rome April 26-27. He was among 20 other university representatives from around the world invited to discuss their programs and degrees in evangelization. On May 6 he led an all-day conference on the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for catechetical leaders of the Diocese of Lafayette, LA. On June 23-28, he participated in the International Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as an appointed delegate of the Catholic team by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Most Rev. John Flesey (NEWARK, CASA 1988) has retired as of 10/16/2017.

Most Rev. Joseph Siegel (EVANSVILLE, CLASS 1988) has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, IN. He currently is Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet.

Rev. Steve Biegler (RAPID CITY, CLASS 1993) was appointed Bishop of Cheyenne on March 16. He was ordained the Bishop on June 5.

Msgr. Thomas Richter (BISMARCK, CLASS 1996) has been appointed the next Rector of St. Paul Seminary in St Paul, MN. He begins his term as Rector in June 2018.

Most Rev. Bernard Shlesinger (ATLANTA, CLASS 1996 was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta on May 15. Bishop Shlesinger was from the diocese of Raleigh.
Pope Francis has appointed a career Vatican diplomat from the United States to be his next papal ambassador to Great Britain.

Archbishop Edward Adams was named to the role which requires him to be the Holy See’s representative to Government authorities in England, Wales and Scotland, while also playing a crucial role in the selection of bishops. The new nuncio, who graduated from Vatican’s prestigious diplomatic training school in 1976, is currently serving in Greece and has previously been a Papal ambassador to Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and the Philippines.
AUXILIARY BISHOP THANH NGUYEN  
ICTE FALL 2013

Pope Francis has named Father Thanh Thai Nguyen as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Orange. Father Nguyen’s appointment was announced in Washington, D.C., Oct. 6, by Msgr. Walter Erbi, Chargé d’Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature in the United States.

Father Thanh Nguyen was born April 7, 1953, in Nha Trang, Vietnam. He entered the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette in 1984 and served as a priest of that congregation for eight years. He was ordained a priest on May 11, 1991.

Father Thanh has been serving the Diocese of St. Augustine since 1996.

BISHOP BERNARD SHLESINGER, III  
CLASS 1996


Shlesinger, who is 57 and goes by Ned, has served in the Raleigh diocese since he was ordained a priest in 1996 and was pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Newton Grove for a decade ending in 2007. He has spent the last decade in various administrative roles and was currently Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

BISHOP STEVEN BIEGLER  
CLASS 1993

The Most Rev. Steven Biegler, 57, pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City, South Dakota, was named as the ninth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cheyenne, which encompasses the entire state of Wyoming.

Biegler succeeds The Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, CASA 1992 who served the Diocese of Cheyenne from December 9, 2009 to November 9, 2016, when he was named Archbishop of Anchorage, Alaska.

BISHOP JOSEPH SIEGEL  
CLASS 1988

The Pope appointed Bishop Joseph Siegel of Joliet as the new Bishop of Evansville in Indiana. The installation of Bishop Siegel is planned Dec. 15.

He studied at Joliet Junior College and completed his college education at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He was then sent to the North American College in Rome for his theological studies. He was ordained in June, 1988 and will succeed The Most Rev. Charles Thompson who became Archbishop of Indianapolis this Spring.
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 pnacalumni.org.

Rev. Bernard Raschke (LA CROSSE, Class 1959) died 6/30/2010
Rev. David Kraus, JCL (DODGE CITY, CASA 1989) died 4/28/2013
Rev. Msgr. James Ruef (COLUMBUS, CASA 1985) died 1/12/2015
Rev. Msgr. Raymond Hain (LINCOLN, CASA 1953) died 9/2/2015
Rev. George Macho (NEWARK, ICTE S’1990) died 8/30/2015
Rev. Joseph Sredzinski (GREENSBURG, ICTE F’1989) died 10/10/2015
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Villerot (DETROIT, CSG 1943) died 12/5/2016
Rev. Mark Ervin (WASHINGTON, Class 1990) died 1/18/2017
Rev. David Nott (RICHMOND, Class 1992) died 4/16/2017
Rev. John Waldron (ALBANY, Class 1959) died 5/2/2017
Rev. Robert Corbett (SAINT LOUIS, Class 1952) died 5/8/2017
Most Rev. David Choby (NASHVILLE, CASA 1981) died 6/3/2017
Rev. Msgr. Sylvester Fedewa (LANSING, Class 1955) died 6/7/2017
Rev. James Kauffmann (RICHMOND, Class 1976, Casa 1990) died 6/19/2017
Most Rev. John R. Quinn (SAN FRANCISCO, Class 1954) died 6/22/2017
Rev. Emmet Linden (LOUISVILLE, CASA 1950) died 9/3/2017

BISHOP DAVID CHOBY
CASA 1981

The Most Rev. David R. Choby, the 11th bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville, who was known for his pastoral care and ecumenical work, died June 3, 2017. He was 70.

Bishop Choby, who had led the Middle Tennessee diocese since 2006, passed away at Saint Thomas West Hospital where he was undergoing treatment for injuries sustained during a fall earlier this year.

Friends recalled the great care and support Choby gave to seminarians and priests in the diocese. Even those clergy who may not have agreed with his leadership decisions knew they could rely on him in times of crisis.
DUES NOTICE REMINDER

If you have not paid your dues for the year 2017, you may use the form below. Please complete the form and include your $35 dues, made out to “PNAC Alumni Assn”, and mail it to:

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