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## David Klein's Priestly Ordination

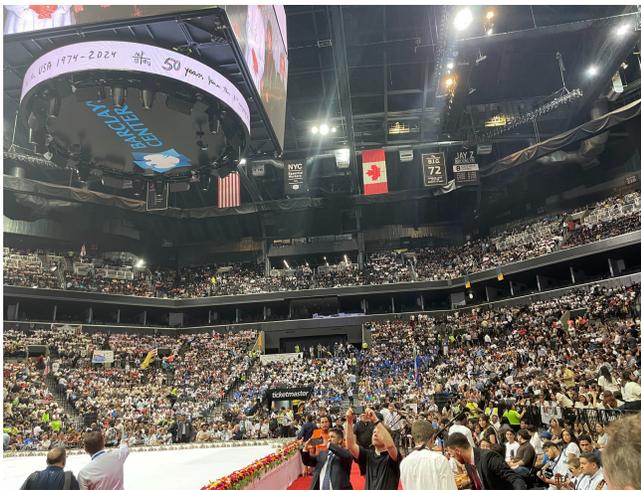
What a blessing it is for our seminary to have its second priest ordained! After over nine years of formation, David Klein, a Connecticut native, received the sacrament of Holy Orders from His Excellency Bishop Frank J. Caggiano on Saturday, June 15 alongside Josef Ukaj. His Excellency encouraged both men to “speak louder with your actions than your words” for the edification of the people of God. Later that evening, Fr. David alongside the seminary, his family, his Neocatechumenal community, and several other guests coming from other parts of the country as well as abroad, gathered in St. Raphael's Church in Bridgeport where David presided over his first Mass. Fr. David will continue his ministry at his previous assignment, St. Peter's Parish in Danbury, now as a parochial vicar.





## Annual Summer Course

Each summer, as part of our formation, seminarians from the 9 Redemptoris Mater seminaries across the country, attend a course given by Prof. Giuseppe Gennarini, head of the itinerant team responsible for Neocatechumenal communities in the United States. The theme of this year's course was grace and its place at the center of Christian life. Throughout the three weeks of the course, we are hosted by Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Newark and hold a friendly and competitive soccer tournament to build fraternal communion among all the seminarians. This year, our seminary was crowned the champion! We are already looking forward to next year's summer course as it is a special time of spiritual, intellectual, and fraternal growth that we all greatly enjoy.



## 50th Anniversary of the Neocatechumenal Way in the US

1974 was the year in which the initiators of the Neocatechumenal Way, Kiko Argüello and Carmen Hernández, visited the United States for the first time. In commemoration of their visit, which would forever change the lives of countless people, our seminarians joined other youth from Neocatechumenal communities across the country on pilgrimages to various shrines and holy sites in our nation. Though each group's itinerary varied, each pilgrimage culminated in the Eucharist held on Sunday, July 7, at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY. Presided over by His Excellency, Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, and attended by several bishops with Neocatechumenal communities present in their respective dioceses, the Eucharist was a spectacular moment of thanksgiving and joy in which over 25,000 pilgrims participated. We pray for many more years of continued witness to God's love for his body, the Church.





## Shrine of the Little Flower

Before the start of each school year, our seminary takes a pilgrimage together. This year, on August 25, we visited the Shrine of St Thérèse of Lisieux in Burrillville, RI. Upon arrival, a local nun explained to us St. Thérèse's life and her "little way" to holiness, a way of sanctification meant for anyone and everyone. We then processed through the grounds praying the rosary and finally concluded the pilgrimage with the Eucharist, asking St. Thérèse for her intercession throughout this academic year.



## Welcoming Legatus

On August 28, our seminary hosted Mass and an evening gathering for members of Legatus, an international organization of Catholic lay men and women who are business leaders. Legatus helps its members live out their Catholic faith in both their personal and professional lives, while assisting the Church across the nation. We look forward to receiving them again in the future!



## Bishop's Visit

On September 20, His Excellency, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano once again visited our seminary. The evening began with with vespers presided by the bishop and concluded with a meal; during which the seminarians had the opportunity to share their experiences of their summer parish assignments and vacations. We are grateful to our Bishop for his attention and care throughout each step of our formation.



## Open House 2024

This year's Open House had a great turn out, with many more guests joining us than the previous year. The seminarians gave tours throughout the day and welcomed both familiar faces and first-time guests curious to know more about our seminary's charism and mission. We are grateful to all those who attended and continue to pray for all our benefactors and will-wishers.



**DECEMBER 13**

St. Peter  
104 Main St.  
Danbury, CT  
**7:00 PM**

SAVE THE DATES!  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

**DECEMBER 22**

Sts. Peter and Paul  
824 Brook Ave.  
Bronx, NY  
**5:00 PM**

**DECEMBER 15**

St. Joachim  
544 Main St.  
New Britain, CT  
**6:00 PM**

