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Bishop's Visit

On October 20, 2024 we once again hosted His Excellency, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, at our house for an evening of prayer and dialogue. After praying vespers together, the seminarians sat with the bishop during dinner to share their impressions on the current activities of the diocese, in particular "The One," the most recent program launched by His Excellency, that focuses on creating different opportunities to grow closer to God on a parish level. We are grateful to our bishop for his nearness, continued spiritual fatherhood, and sincerity with us throughout our formation.



Candidacy to Holy Orders

Jason Silveira Resende was admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders on November 17, 2024. During his homily, His Excellency, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, spoke of the Apostles who abandoned their nets at the seashore to follow Jesus. Like the Apostles, we are all called to cooperate with the grace of God daily. His Excellency made clear that this means not so much to attempt to do something for God, but rather to surrender to His will for us. Jason has recently begun his theological studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY this past fall.





Anniversary Celebration

On December 8, 2024 our seminary celebrated its 9th birthday. On this special occasion, His Excellency Bishop Frank J. Caggiano offered a Mass during which he spoke about the Blessed Virgin Mary and how everything she did was about her son rather than herself. With such a great advocate at our disposal, His Excellency urged all those present to ask for Our Lady's intercession so that everything we do may be about Christ and not ourselves.



Annual Christmas Concerts

This year, our seminary held three Christmas concerts: in St. Peter's Church in Danbury, in St. Joachim's Church in New Britain, and in Sts. Peter and Paul Church in the Bronx. Every concert was an opportunity for the seminarians to share the joy and hope that they themselves have received during the Christmas season. This same joy and hope is also characteristic of the Jubilee Year of Hope which began on Christmas Eve. We are grateful to all those who have made 2024 such a fruitful year for the seminary. May God grant you a hundredfold!





Course on Liturgy

From January 6-10, our seminary once again joined the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Newark for a course given by Fr. Neil X. O'Donoghue, Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Patrick's Pontifical University in Ireland. Fr. Neil discussed the importance of active participation within the liturgy. This doesn't necessarily mean to perform a certain function within the liturgy, but rather to be engaged and attentive to the liturgical actions that are happening in order to encounter the Risen Christ.



Fr. Reynaldo's Visit

From February 4-5, our seminary hosted Fr. Reynaldo Fernández, pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Oceanside, CA. He participated in the seminary's liturgies and became familiar with the Neocatechumenal Way during his stay. Fr. Reynaldo was also accompanied by a couple from the Neocatechumenal communities in Oceanside, Alejandro and Maribel Rolón.



Meeting with Bridgeport's Director of Seminarians

Fr. Chris Ford, the Director of Seminarians for the Diocese of Bridgeport, spent the day with us on March 10, speaking one-on-one with each of the seminarians. That evening, he presided over the Eucharist and in his homily he emphasized that the priestly ministry calls us to love by touching the wounds of Christ in others. Afterwards, Fr. Chris joined us for dinner and camaraderie. Thank you, Fr. Chris for all your support!





St. Joseph's Feast

On March 21, our seminary belatedly celebrated the feast of St. Joseph within the context of vespers. We were joined by His Excellency, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, who expressed that though St. Joseph's life was full of the extraordinary, he discovered God in the ordinary events of his life as a father and husband. We are likewise called to discover God's presence and unshaking love in the ordinary events of our everyday lives. Afterwards, we were joined by His Excellency and other guests in a meal commemorating this important feast.



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