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Guests of the Seminary

Our seminary hosted several guests throughout the spring semester. We welcomed Mr. Joseph and Isabel Lane (members of the McGivney Society), who joined us for vespers and a meal (top left). Then His Excellency, James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers (top right), came to visit us as well. His Excellency encouraged us in our pursuit of the priestly vocation and highlighted the importance of Melchizedek's priesthood within the Scriptures. We also welcomed back familiar faces, such as our friends, the McGivney Society members (bottom left), Dr. Steven Cheeseman, whom we honored at this year's Gala Dinner, and the diaconal program for the Diocese of Bridgeport (bottom right). We were happy to both get to know our new guests, as well as reconnect with our old friends. May God continue to bless them all for their support of the formation of men for the new evangelization.





Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine

This year, on May 9, for its annual academic year-end pilgrimage, our seminary visited the shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Fultonville, NY. Upon arrival, we prayed the rosary while processing around the grounds and asked the Lord to impart on us the same courage and spiritual fortitude of the North American martyrs, Jesuit missionaries killed by the Mohawk in the 17th century. Later, we celebrated the Eucharist in thanksgiving for another year of countless blessings.



Visit of the Vocational Center

On May 16, the local vocational center of Connecticut visited the seminary. Those attending the vocational center are young men who have expressed a desire to begin discerning a vocation to the priesthood so that they may one day enter a seminary. They meet regularly to celebrate the Eucharist, spend time with Sacred Scripture, and receive spiritual guidance. In this way, these young men are nourished and supported so that they may confidently follow whatever God's plan is for them.



Eighth Annual Gala Dinner

Our seminary held its eighth annual Gala Dinner on June 1 at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury. 420 guests were in attendance this year to help us honor His Excellency, Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn, and Dr. Steven Cheeseman, President and CEO of the National Catholic Educational Association. May God grant them a hundredfold for all their good work!



Ministry of Lector

On June 14, Jason Silveira Resende received the Ministry of Lector. His Excellency, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano presided over the rite, celebrated within the context of vespers, and spoke of how powerful the word of God is. It speaks profoundly through our lives and our actions, without a word having to be uttered. Jason was joined in this happy milestone by a few brothers and sisters of his Neocatechumenal Way community.





Annual Summer Course

In June, the 10 Redemptoris Mater seminaries across the country and 2 more from Canada attended 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 the Sermon on the Mount and its centrality in the scriptures. The course was once again hosted by the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Newark, where another friendly and competitive soccer tournament was held between the seminaries. This year's champion was the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Denver! We look forward to having a course like this each year because it always proves to be a great time of growth and fraternal communion for all the seminarians.



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