



MY EXPERIENCE IN COLORADO

the seminary is being tested, sometimes challenged, and oftentimes enriched as I come to know the lives of people who are struggling with understanding their sufferings or with finding meaning for their lives. At times, because of my youth and lack of experience, I felt inadequate, especially when faced with serious challenges in the lives of people; yet, these have been the moments that have helped me the most to lean on God through prayer and to develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. I often think of the privilege of my itinerancy with the words of Pope Francis and I hope that, before returning to the seminary, I will have learned to become a "shepherd who smells like the sheep". Something that I would like to mention, which was a milestone for me this past summer, was to participate in a mission "two-by-two" with some 1,300 other people, all over the US. By

lottery, I was sent to San Jose, CA, and we lived one week without cell phone, money, or even a change of clothes. This was a chance to taste the Providence of God and to see each day the tenderness of the Lord with me: we ate every day and God did not even allow us to skip one single meal! At last, the one night that we slept outside, we were spotted by a security guard who discovered us lying on the grass. Shortly after we announced the Good News to him, he left us and returned loaded with pillows and blankets for us! I couldn't help but think that the Lord was really spoiling me: I no sooner felt the cold of the night than He had already rushed to cover me with a warm blanket! I am very grateful for the memorials of this past year, and I pray that I will always treasure them as I continue my formation to the priesthood. In your prayers, please remember me.

My name is Leonardo Moreira and I'm 25 years old. This is my sixth year in the seminary and my second year of itinerancy with the team responsible for the Neocatechumenal Way in the states of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. I am enjoying this time of mission and it is also helping me immensely in my formation to the priesthood. As part of our mission, we meet with communities in the area, something that gives me the opportunity to discover the reality of the Church, but also to be formed as I learn about the hopes and the struggles of the people that we encounter. Little by little, much of what I had "learned" in

Save the Date!

JUNE 3, 2018

REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY 9TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER
HONORING APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES,
HIS EXCELLENCY

Archbishop Christophe Pierre

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Newsletter of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Boston

Admission to Candidacy January 6, 2018 – Solemnity of the Epiphany Immaculate Conception Parish, Revere



Cardinal Seán confers Admission to Candidacy on seminarians *Victor Vitug, Przemyslaw Kasprzak, Maciej Araszkievicz, and Joseph Almeida.*

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Dear Friends

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I pray that the Lord blesses all of us with a Happy New Year!

Although the Seminary was officially closed for the Christmas break, our seminarians kept busy during this time, performing five Christmas concerts: one in the Seminary, two in parishes in Brockton and Revere, another in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, and finally at Regina Cleri, the residence of many of the retired priests of the Archdiocese. On the eve of the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Cardinal Seán conferred Admission to Candidacy on four of our seminarians who, please God, will be ordained Deacons in April. Seven other seminarians are scheduled to receive the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte in the course of the next few weeks.

I would like to draw your attention to two particularly meaningful events for our Seminary. First, I am happy to announce that His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States, will be our honoree at the next gala

dinner, which will be held on June 3, 2018. Please mark that date in your calendars – as we hope that you can join us for this occasion.

The other equally important matter is a fundraising initiative to help defray some of the expenses incurred for restructuring St. Francis House, recently acquired by the Archdiocese to respond to the growing needs of our Seminary. On Patriots' Day, Monday, April 16, 2018 we will raffle a 2016 Corvette, that was donated to our Seminary. We have printed 2500 tickets that will sell at \$100.00 a piece (for more information, check us out at www.rmsboston.org). Please help us make this initiative a successful fundraising event for our Seminary!

With prayerful best wishes of a Happy New Year for you and for your family, I remain

Sincerely,

Fr. Antonio F. Medeiros



Christmas concerts In addition to the concert at St. Lawrence Church, the seminarians performed Christmas concerts in Brockton, Revere, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, and Regina Cleri!

Parish assignments Seminarians look forward to the Christmas break for some vacation...and pastors for their services and some rectory renovations!

SEMINARIANS IN MISSION AROUND THE WORLD...



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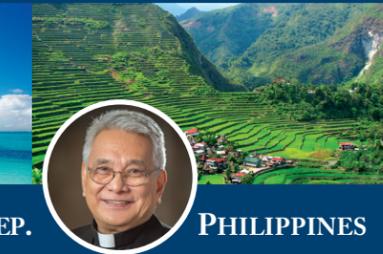
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NEW SEMINARIANS...



Friends and Benefactors in visit to the Seminary for Evening Prayer and Dinner with Cardinal Seán, followed by some entertainment by the seminarians!

Local Magi-in-the-making! Seminarians undergo a transformation as they “become” the Magi in various parishes helping, especially the children, discover the joy of Christmas!

2016 Corvette Z06



TICKET PRICE:
\$100

DRAWING:
April 16, 2018

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