



My name is Przemysław Kasprzak and I just finished my first year of itinerancy. Together with another seminarian from Dallas and a laywoman from New Jersey, we are the itinerant team for the Pacific Ocean Islands, primarily Tarawa, in the Republic of Kiribati. My experience during this time is that God has been revealing himself to us little by little. At the beginning I was shocked by the living conditions of the people. Although surrounded by the ocean on all sides, all drinking water, which is primarily from rain, has to be boiled before people can drink it. Kiribati is hot (94°) and humid (98%), and the food is rather simple: rice, fish and coconuts are part of the daily staple of the people. For me this time was like a “desert,” both physically and emotionally: not only were the conditions of life radically different from anything that I was used to, but I also felt far away from my family, my friends, and all that was familiar to me. In spite of

MY EXPERIENCE IN ... KIRIBATI

the many differences I encountered, I was struck by the Providence of God guiding us and sustaining us daily in all our needs. Although we had no money, I felt tremendously loved by the people and we never lacked anything that we needed for our sustenance. In this way I discovered that with the Lord one is never alone and that God is enough to make me happy. Praying every day to entrust our life to the Lord and to let him guide us, was essential to our mission. People who know me know that I am particularly sensitive to matters of hygiene and the fear of getting sick: Kiribati was as if God was x-raying me from inside out: I got bit 18 times by mosquitoes on the same spot; I was awoken by a rooster every night at about 3AM; once I was startled by a humongous rat running over my foot as he made his way to the kitchen; and every morning I still have to be faster than about 20 large ants that threaten to hijack my breakfast sandwich! In all, this was a year full of memorials of the tenderness of the Lord, perhaps none greater than what we have come to call *The 24*. Through the grace of God this year, for the first time in the history of Kiribati, we brought 24 youth from Tarawa to World Youth Day in Poland! The cost per person was over US \$4,000, which was a prohibitive amount for anyone that we knew in the island. Yet we are witnesses of nothing short of a miracle and that all things are possible for God. In the end, thanks to the generosity of many people, including some people from Boston, we brought 24 youth from Kiribati to Poland! Pray for them and remember me also in your prayers.



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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 – VOCATIONAL MEETING IN POLAND

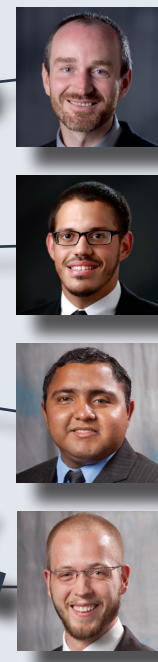
Carmen Hernández Barrera,
co-initiator of the
Neocatechumenal
Way,
continues to inspire
the youth of the
world to keep their
eyes focused
“on the things of
heaven.”



Called to the Father on July 19, 2016



ITINERANT SEMINARIANS



Dear Friends

I am happy that you will receive this newsletter and learn about some of the important events that have marked the life of our Seminary over the last few months.

First of all, we are grateful to God for the ordination last May of Deacons Pablo Gomis and Wellington Oliveira. They are currently in their last year of formation before, please God, being ordained priests next May.

This September we received four new seminarians that were assigned to our Seminary: Daniel del Pino, from Rockville, MD; Francis Trewin, from Miami, FL; Angel Santana, from Dominican Republic; and Javier Padilla, from Norwalk, CT. With their arrival, we are now 26 seminarians preparing for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston. Among them, eight are currently in itinerancy, mostly in the United States except for Mauricio, who is in Israel, and Przemek, who is in the island nation of Kiribati, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. For this newsletter, I asked Przemek to share a little bit of his experience of the mission.

There were two strong events that touched all of us this past summer. The first one was the death of Carmen Hernandez, co-initiator with Kiko Argüello of the Neocatechumenal Way. On July 19, 2016, after spending her life in service to the Church and to the New Evangelization, Carmen was called home to the Father where she now continues to intercede for us and for the needs of the Church. The other moment of intense grace for all of our seminarians was attending World Youth Day in Poland with Pope Francis and countless youths from all over the world. Finally, at the end of the summer we also celebrated the gift of two new Auxiliary Bishops for Boston, His Excellences Mark O'Connell and Robert P. Reed.

On September 23, the feastday of St. Padre Pio, the seminarians joined thousands of pilgrims who came to venerate the relic of the heart of the Franciscan Saint. Then on Friday, October 7, 2016, Cardinal Seán visited the Seminary to confer the Ministry of Acolyte on four of our seminarians: Benito Moreno, Eric Velasquez, Maciej Araszkiwicz, and Erick Gonzalez. Keep them in your prayers that they may become worthy servants at the table of the Lord.

As we come to the end of the Year of Mercy and begin the month of prayer for All Souls, may the prospect of heaven rekindle in all of us love for God and renewed zeal to announce the Gospel.

Until next time,

Fr. Antonio F. Medeiros

OCTOBER 7, 2016

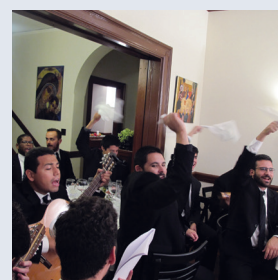
Cardinal Seán confers the Ministry of Acolyte on Eric, Maciej, Benito and Erick.



LIFE IN THE SEMINARY

NEW SEMINARIANS

(From left):
Fr. Tony, Fr. Lukasz,
Fr. Hennessey, Francis,
Angel, Javier, and
Daniel.



DIACONATE ORDINATION, APRIL 30, 2016

Rev. Mr. Wellington Oliveira
and Rev. Mr. Pablo Gomis.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 - FEAST OF ST. PADRE PIO

Seminarians venerate the relic of the heart of the Saint in pilgrimage to the Archdiocese of Boston.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS

Most Rev. Mark O'Connell and
Most Rev. Robert P. Reed