



Redemptoris Mater

NEWSLETTER OF THE REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY OF BOSTON

SEMINARIANS CURRENTLY IN MISSION: Steven Clemence, in Israel; Francesco Martini, in Washington, D.C.; and Andrew Filippucci, in Colorado



MONTH OF NOVEMBER REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS



“Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him” (He 9:27-28).

“Let us be quite frank: God continues to call young people; it is up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call...

To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God’s call...the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples.

Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God’s call.”

(Pope Benedict XVI)

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Convivence for new seminarians in **Porto San Giorgio, Italy** (16-19 September).

FROM THE LEFT: Fr. Tony, the Rector of the seminary together with Fr. Dan Hennessey, Director of Vocations of the Archdiocese of Boston, Wellington Oliveira, who had never attended this convivence, and new seminarians Joseph Almeida, Erick Gonzalez, and Omar Nuñez.





Announcing the Gospel on the streets of Methuen and New Bedford and, below, figuring out the next pastor to visit



July 2010: Youth pilgrimage to Auriesville, N.Y. Below: Fr. Carlos Flor prays over three youth who declared their intent to pursue the vocation to the priesthood



The Beginning of the Year Convivence: each year the seminarians attend a weekend convivence with their communities marking the start of the new pastoral year



The arrival of Fr. Emanuele De Nigris, the new Vice-Rector of the seminary; below, during the Eucharist of the Holy Spirit on 7 September 2010



Dear Friends

Our seminarians spent their summer holidays between some parishes of the Archdiocese and going home in August to visit their families and communities. Before leaving for vacation, they joined some youth from Boston on a pilgrimage to Auriesville, N.Y., to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs and we all reconvened at the end of August to begin the new academic year. On September 7th Cardinal Seán O'Malley presided at the Eucharist for the seminary community and entrusted the endeavors of this academic year to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the protection of Mary, our *Redemptoris Mater*.

Shortly thereafter we received the great news that three new young men had been assigned to our seminary: Joseph Almeida, from Boston; Erick Gonzalez, from N. Bergen, N.J.; and Omar Nuñez, from Mexico. With the arrival of these 3 men, our seminary now has 18 seminarians from 9 different countries preparing for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston. Among them, 3 are currently in the formative step of the itinerancy (Steven, at the Domus Galilaeae, in Israel; Francesco, in Washington D.C., and Andrew, with the itinerant team of Colorado), while the rest continue their studies of philosophy and theology at St. John's Seminary.

At the end of June we rejoiced over the news that Cardinal Seán had nominated Fr. Emanuele de Nigris as Vice-Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary. Originally from Italy, Fr. manuele

is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who brings a rich experience of pastoral work acquired first as secretary to Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick and then as a parochial vicar. Thanks to the generosity of Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, he is now in Boston exercising the missionary dimension of his priesthood.

Towards the end of September the seminarians were engaged in helping to prepare the ground for two new parish missions in Methuen and New Bedford. Then, with their communities they attended the annual convivence that marks the beginning of the pastoral year during which we received at length a word about eschatology, the theme of this year's convivence.

Finally, a word on the month of November, which is traditionally the time when the Church on earth remembers in a special way our departed brothers and sisters. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an envelope that I ask you to use to help us pray for your intentions and to put a name on those people whom you would like us to remember in our prayer. Your contribution is a much needed help for the many needs of the seminary but also a sign that the formation of holy priests is the collective work of the whole Church. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Antonio F. Medeiros

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Life in the seminary