

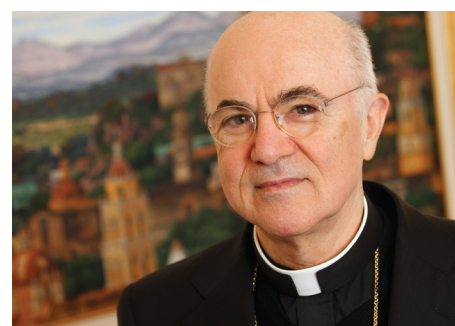


My name is Jeffrey Barrantes, and I am originally from Costa Rica. After finishing my second year of theology studies, I began my itinerancy formation in the Northwest states of Montana and Oregon. I am in a team with Fr. Owen Ince, who is originally from England but was formed at Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Newark, and was Parochial Vicar a few years ago at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, East Boston, and Katherine from a Neocatechumenal

MY EXPERIENCE IN MONTANA AND OREGON

community in Ridgewood, NJ. To care for the communities that we follow in this part of the country we spent much time on the road, driving on average about 50,000 miles per year. As many of you might have guessed - and I found out soon after arriving! - this means driving through snow storms and over breathtaking mountain passes as we go from place to place to serve the needs of the communities in this area. Last year we did a catechesis in Great Falls and while there we were given hospitality by Bishop Michael Warfel. In fact, at the end of the last summer he invited Fr. Owen and I to go camping with him on Yosemite Park, California, giving us a memorable and unforgettable experience as I came appreciate more closely the Bishop's deep faith and joy at being a priest. I had an incredible experience sleeping in the wilderness, bathing in the cold streams and hiking the mountains, climbing 3 passes that were over 10,000 feet. It was my first time doing this and, even though you'd never would guess it!, I was actually a little afraid of meeting some wild and hungry cougars on our path! My fears were appeased as the only animal that we saw was a small black bear walking around the forest. Even though we took relatively long walks each day, I felt rested by the beauty of

the landscapes that got more and more beautiful as we walked on. I feel that God has already given me many graces during this time of itinerancy, especially the grace to know myself a little better and in turn to appreciate the people that God puts around me. Confronted with the great work of evangelization in front of us, I find myself very limited but sustained by the advice from the priest of my team and the solace and prayerful support of my communities in Boston and in Costa Rica. This mission has already given me a lot and I hope that it will help me to become a witness of the power and providence of God in my life. Living in a team, where there are differences of character and of age among us, has its own challenges but also moments of intense communion that can only come from God's presence in our midst. I am very grateful to the Lord for the gift of this mission. Because we spend so many hours in our car, I have come to see it as a kind of chapel, a moving chapel that has heard many of our complaints, but that has also witnessed and heard some of our sufferings and joys as we pray for our needs and the needs of those that the Lord entrusts to our care. Pray for me that I may become holy for the sake of the people of Montana and Oregon.



Save the Date!

JUNE 16, 2013

REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY 4TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER

HONORING APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

**of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States
Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò**

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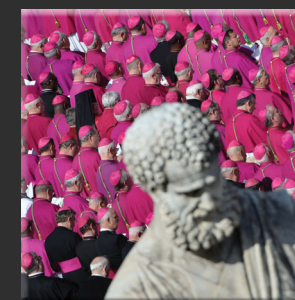
Newsletter of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Boston



HABEMUS PAPAM!

**WE REJOICE WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD
FOR THE GIFT OF OUR HOLY FATHER**

POPE FRANCIS!



**SEMINARIANS SHOW THEIR
SUPPORT FOR LIFE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.**



Dear Friends

Once again through this newsletter I am happy to share with you some of the most important events that have marked the life of our seminary these past few weeks. Although it is no longer news to anyone, we are still glowing with gratitude to Almighty God for the gift of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, following the impressive renunciation to the Papal throne by our beloved Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. In the few days that have ensued since his election as the new Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis has already shown that he will build on the spiritual legacy of his predecessor and focus the mission of the Church on the primacy of the announcement of the Gospel to the poor and to those who are far away from the Church.

Another extraordinary event, that saw our seminary directly involved, was the establishment of the first two Missio ad Gentes in the Archdiocese of Boston. Last January Cardinal Sean officially launched a *Missio* for the city of Boston and another one for city of Brockton, made up of families sent by the Holy Father. This missionary initiative brings the Church closer to those who are far away, fulfilling the mission of the Good Shepherd who goes to look for the lost sheep. After attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. and joining hundreds of thousands of people from all over the US to lend our voices to those who were never allowed to speak, our seminarians were involved in various catechesis for adults throughout the Archdiocese.

Currently out of the 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston, six of them are doing their itinerant formation. Jeffrey Barrantes has been in the team of Montana and Oregon for the past year and we asked him to share with us some of his experiences.

We are grateful to Fr. Guido Marrosu who, after serving as Vice-Rector of our seminary, was recently assigned by Cardinal Sean as Administrator of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, in East Boston. May the Lord continue to bless him and give him a fruitful ministry as he returns to parish life.

Finally allow me to say a word about our upcoming Gala Dinner to support the many needs of our seminary. **I am pleased to announce that on June 16, 2013, Apostolic Nuncio of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, will be honored at our Gala Dinner.** While this is a vitally important event to raise much needed funds to continue our mission, the presence of the Holy Father's representative in our midst is also a unique grace to all of us, not just to show our love for the Church and for our Holy Father, but also to honor a man who has dedicated his life to the announcement of the Gospel and in service to the truth. Looking forward to seeing you there and wishing you all a joyful season of Easter,

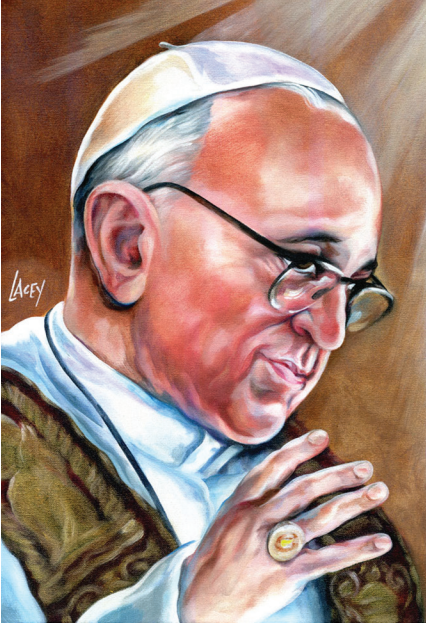
Fr. Antonio F. Medeiros



St. Patrick Parish, Brockton, Neocatechumenal communities where seminarians Andrea Povero, Przemysław Kasprzak and Nicholas Thompson attend regularly the Celebration of the Word and the Eucharist.



Seminarians being LOUD in Washington D.C., joining thousands of people at the Annual March For Life.



“WE NEED TO COME OUT OF OURSELVES and head for the periphery. We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world: when a Church becomes like this, it grows sick. It is true that going out onto the street implies the risk of accidents happening, as they would to any ordinary man or woman. But if the Church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age. And if I had to choose between a wounded Church that goes out onto the streets and a sick withdrawn Church, I would definitely choose the first one.”
(Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, presently Pope Francis, speaking on the New Evangelization, *Vatican Insider*, February 2012)



THE DAY: March 13, 2013, 2:05pm

Do you remember where you were? Joining millions of people all over the world, we too were glued to a television set that gave us the greatest news we had been expecting: “Habemus Papam!!!”



Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap

poses with some of families of the Missio ad Gentes of the city of Boston. From left to right, the Miralles family (Spain), the Polski family (Poland) and the Costa family (Italy). Fr. Miguel Angel (Mexico), Wilmen (Venezuela), Beatriz (Mexico) and Nancy (USA).



Mother nature really put us to the test this winter...
that's why some seminarians were determined to defy gravity and not to let the excessive 'white stuff' get in the way of a good time! Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!!!



Seminarians in a rare moment of suffering... privation from their studies! From metaphysics to gastronomy; from philosophy to the dishes: all for the greater glory of God! Got any recipes?