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President's Message

Each Paulist was a 'channel of peace'

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi this year, 70 Paulists who strove to carry on the vision of Servant of God, Isaac Thomas Hecker were fondly remembered. Formally buried at our old novitiate, Mount Paul, they were reinterred at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Cemetery in Oak Ridge, NJ. On that day a liturgy was celebrated and their graves were blessed. In their many years of priestly service, each one of them tried to be a "channel of God's peace."



Two months previous three men made their first profession with the Paulists – Craig Campbell, Jimmy Hsu and Anthony Rosado. They have begun their academic studies for the priesthood at the Catholic University of America. Just starting out on their formation journey are novices Jay Duller and Clark Sample, who will spend the next year discerning their call to the priesthood and learning about the community. We are most appreciative of the spiritual and financial support that friends like you offer to them.

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RESTING PLACE: Paulist president Father John F. Duffy sprinkles the graves of 70 Paulists with holy water as Paulists, friends and family members look on Oct. 4. The deceased Paulists were recently reinterred at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery in Oak Ridge, NJ, after the sale of nearby Mount Paul to the State of New Jersey.

Mass celebrates lives of 70 Paulists

By Stefani Manowski

More than 150 Paulist priests, friends and family members gathered at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Oak Ridge, NJ, to celebrate the lives of 70 Paulist priests who were recently reinterred in the parish cemetery during Oct. 4. Mass.

"We come to celebrate the reinternment of 70 men who gave

faithful service through the Paulist Fathers," said Paulist president Father John F. Duffy, who presided at the liturgy. "We come with love, and with fond memories."

The remains of the priests were transferred to their new resting place from the cemetery at nearby Mount Paul. The Paulists purchased Mount Paul in 1924 as the Paulist novice house.

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'End of an era' in Oak Ridge

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The facility became a retreat center when the novitiate moved to Washington, D.C., in 1997. The retreat ministry was unfortunately not able to cover property taxes and maintenance costs.

The nearly 1,200 acres of pristine woodland—including hiking trails and 12-acre pond—is nestled between the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area and the Mahlon Dickerson Reservation was purchased by the State of New Jersey to insure the area's continued preservation.

The monies paid to the Paulists from New Jersey's Green Acres fund will help fuel Paulist ministries in the areas of evangelization, reconciliation, ecumenism, interfaith relations and young adult ministry.

The Paulists will remain on the property until July 2010.

"It's the end of an era," said Father Sean Foley, CSP, who has been in charge



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HOLY GROUND: Paulists, family and friends pay their respects to the 70 deceased Paulists recently reinterred at the St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery in Oak Ridge, NJ.

of Mount Paul for the past nine years, "but it's time for us to be moving on."

The Paulists have had a long-standing relationship with St. Thomas parish, and pastor Monsignor John E. Fitzpatrick said he is glad to see the relationship will continue. It is still not unusual to come to St. Thomas on the weekend and find a Paulist presiding at Mass.

"I love the Paulist Fathers," said Monsignor Fitzpatrick, a priest of the

Diocese of Paterson. "They have been part of my life for the 36 years I have been at St. Thomas. Looking at all of the Paulists who are now buried here, I am taken aback by how many I knew personally."

It was not lost on Father Duffy that the day was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

"We give thanks for 70 Paulists who were instruments of God's peace," he said during the homily. "They have gone before us as signs of faith."

Paulist ministry has 'great value' in today's world

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This particular issue of Paulist Today captures quite well the diversity of ministries in which Paulists are engaged.

This past spring the former convent of our mother church of St. Paul the Apostle was transformed into a hostel to provide a place of hospitality for Catholic and other pilgrims who come to New York City. The majority come either to explore the spirituality of this urban environment or to be engaged in various service projects. Although there for a short time many worship at St. Paul's and participate in other activities that the parish has to offer.

On the opposite coast, the Paulists have staffed Old St. Mary's Church since 1894, and at the turn of the 20th century began an outreach to an ever increasing Chinese population in the area. Our

Catholic church is indeed multicultural and yet we are joined as one in Christ. This is evidenced in the interaction among the parishioners of Old St. Mary's and Holy Family Chinese Mission and St. Mary's Chinese School and Center. Our shared Catholic faith can overcome barriers of language and culture.

The Chapel of St. Paul the Apostle in Horseshoe Bay, Tex., will host the first annual Paulist Open golf weekend in early November, an exciting way for the Paulist community to interact with others and introduce new friends to the Paulists. From the very beginning of this parish fostering ecumenical relations has been a real priority for the parishioners. Certainly members of other faith traditions will participate in the tournament.

You will also see highlighted three different reconciliation efforts: the

visit of Israeli Scouts to St. Augustine in Memphis; the exchange with three Muslim leaders at Old St. Mary's in San Francisco; and the prayer service at Holy Spirit-Newman Hall parish in Berkeley commemorating the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These activities remind us that we must be intentional in promoting healing, peace and understanding in our world.

The Paulist mission continues to be of great value to the church in North America. We thank you, our partners in ministry, for your support as we move together "towards a future brighter than any past."

Father John F. Duffy, CSP
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Three men make first promises

By Stefani Manowski

Three men are moving from the Paulist novitiate to their second major step towards the Paulist priesthood: making first promises in the Paulist community during a Mass and ceremony at St. Paul's College Aug. 1. The men are Craig Campbell, Yao Hsu and Anthony Rosado.

"When the Sacrament of Baptism takes root, a vocation begins," said Paulist president Father John F. Duffy during the homily.

"We are here today because three men – Craig Campbell, Jimmy Hsu and Anthony Rosado – have decided their vocation might be loved out in context of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle," Father Duffy continued. "... As your vocation unfolds, whatever direction it takes, God will always provide."

Each new member of the Paulist community is enthusiastic about taking this next step in formation.

Craig Campbell, a 37-year-old



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NEXT STEP: Paulist novicemaster Father John Behnke (far left) presents Craig Campbell, Anthony Rosado and Jimmy Hsu during the Mass when the three men made their first promises in the Paulist community.

Pittsburgh native, feels it important to keep it all in perspective.

"We have another six years, and then

even ordination isn't the end of the journey," he said. "This is something you build up your whole life."

After first meeting the Paulists at West Virginia University, where the Paulists served as campus ministers, Mr. Campbell rediscovered the Paulists online.

For Jimmy Hsu, making first promises "is the first formal step to being part of the Paulist community, but is another small step in the road ahead." Now 20, Mr. Hsu was inspired by the example of the Paulists who run the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a philosophy degree.

Anthony Rosado, 25, hails from Queens, NY, and found the Paulists while researching the priesthood, and has participated in the music ministry at the Paulist mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan.

"You want to figure out that you can do whatever assignment you are given and be at peace doing it," Mr. Rosado said.



Jay Duller



Clark Sample

Paulists welcome two novices

The Paulist community has welcomed two novices for 2009 – Jay Duller and Clark Sample.

The novitiate is the first year of formation as a Paulist priest. The two men will spend the next year learning about and living in the Paulist community.

Mr. Duller, 33, first met the Paulists at the UCLA Catholic Center. He was

reacquainted with the community at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan, where he worked as a medical researcher for three years.

Prior to entering the Paulist novitiate, the 26-year-old Mr. Sample was living in Fort Worth working in the oil and gas industry. He first met the Paulists while attending St. Austin Church in Austin.

Hostel welcomes visitors to NYC

By Stefani Manowski

Pilgrims and pilgrimage groups now have a convenient and inexpensive place to stay as they experience the urban spirituality of New York City: the Catholic Youth Hostel, a ministry of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan.

While primarily designed for Catholic pilgrims, the hostel is open to all, said Paulist Father Gilbert Martinez, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle.

The hostel has seen a healthy 80 percent occupancy rate since opening on April 1.

"We have had pilgrims from all over the United States," Father Martinez said. "And we have also had a lot of pilgrims from Paris, France."

Conveniently located near Columbus Circle on Manhattan's Upper West Side, the hostel features 92 beds, a modern kitchen, Internet access and ample common space. Pilgrims and pilgrim groups are welcome to participate in liturgies and sacraments celebrated at St. Paul, and can book the church for the spiritual components of pilgrimages. Pilgrims are invited to participate in the celebration of the liturgy and sacraments at St. Paul, as well as to receive an orientation session on Servant of God Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, and tours of the church featuring notable works of religious art.

The hostel highlights the missionary aspect of the Paulist Fathers that serve the parish and hostel, said Father Martinez, noting that it is almost missionary work in reverse.

"It is missionary in because we welcome people coming to New York City," he said. "The hostel provides hospitality primarily to young people here to experience the spirituality of the city or to do service work."

In fact, many pilgrims do service work right at St. Paul (including painting the interior of the church auditorium rooms used for the parish



Courtesy Catholic Youth Hostel

URBAN SPIRIT: The Catholic Youth Hostel in New York City is a new Paulist Ministry.

homeless shelter), cleaning the hostel and volunteering in the parish soup kitchen and shelter.

"There is definite interaction between the pilgrimage groups and the parish ministries," Father Martinez said.

The hostel is housed in the former

convent of the Good Shepherd Sisters, who served the St. Paul's parish elementary school until it closed in 1974. The Sisters then operated a program for at-risk young women experiencing social and economic difficulties, where the clients would receive job training and encouragement to pursue their education. The program closed on Jan. 31, 2008, and the Sisters vacated the building.

The building took some \$500,000 in renovations to be transformed into the hostel, according to Father Martinez, including a new roof, new plumbing, air conditioning installation, new floors and knocking out walls.

The money generated from the hostel will pay back the parish for the renovation expenses and then serve the parish as a source of income, Father Martinez stated.

It has been very exciting," Father Martinez said. "It has worked out well, better than we expected in our wildest dreams."

More information can be found at www.catholicchurchhostel.com.



Courtesy St. Thomas More Newman Center

WELCOME BACK: The Paulist-run St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University gave away more than 4,600 plants to students during the university's annual Involvement Fair held Sept. 21. The fair is a chance for clubs, athletic teams, and religious organizations like the Newman Center to make contact with new students. Some of the plants were purchased, donated by a local commercial greenhouse and even grown from seeds over the summer by parishioners. Each plant pot held a sticker with the Newman Center information and Web site address.

Pray for Father Hecker's intercession

Paulist founder Father Isaac Hecker was proclaimed a servant of God in 2008, which put him on the path to sainthood. The Paulist community invites you to pray for Father Hecker's intercession. Your prayers can lead to the miracles needed for Father Hecker's beatification.

The text of the prayer for Father Hecker's cause follows:

Heavenly Father, you called your servant Isaac Thomas Hecker to preach the Gospel to the people of North America and through his teaching, to know the peace and the power of your indwelling Spirit. He walked in the footsteps of Saint Paul the Apostle, and like Paul spoke your Word with a zeal for souls and a burning love for all who came to him in need. Look upon us this day, with compassion and hope. Hear our prayer. We ask that through the intercession of Father Hecker your servant, you might grant us (state the request). We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Please report any favors granted to: Office of the Cause of Father Hecker, North American Paulist Center, 3015 Fourth Street N.E., Washington D.C. 20017-1102



Father Isaac Hecker, CSP



Courtesy St. Augustine Church

HEALING: With the colors of the United States, Israel and the State of Tennessee displayed in the foreground, the 10 teens who make up the Israeli Friendship Caravan sing the Israeli national anthem during a summer performance at St. Augustine Church in Memphis.

Berkeley prayer service recalls atomic bombings

The Nonviolent Peacemaking Group at Newman Hall-Holy Spirit Parish at the University of California at Berkeley commemorated the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, at the end of World War II. The event was held on Aug. 6, the 64th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, to acknowledge the continuing suffering and as a recommitment to a future free of nuclear weapons, according to organizers Eli Sasaran McCarthy, Susan Grant and Kara Speltz.

The prayer service included a litany, music, silent meditation, petitions and a shared pledge.

In 2008, new studies revealed conclusive genetic changes and malformations resulting from the bombings, according to the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) in Hiroshima. Statistics showed that to date the atomic bombing has claimed a total of 149,226 lives in Nagasaki, including 3,304 people who died from injuries related to the bombing in the past year, according to a Thiandian News Report.

Participant Mike Smith said that the prayer service helped him feel a sense of unity with those who died, suffered and continue to suffer from the bombings.

"I pray that our remembering may spread compassion to others who are still struggling for peace or who have not been taught the story of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," he said.

The Nonviolent Peacemaking Group has been meeting for two years offering prayer services, educational events, campaign opportunities and parish-community networking around following the example of Christ.

"Our group strives to understand Jesus' way of nonviolent peacemaking as a virtue that aims to turn alleged enemies into friends," the leaders said. "We are not merely avoiding violence, nor are we reducing nonviolence to a strategic technique workable only under certain circumstances. Rather, we sense that the unfolding reign of God draws us to become persons with nonviolent peacemaking in our character and our practices."

Faith story

Faith binds American, Chinese cultures in San Francisco

By Stefani Manowski

It was a chilly, windy Sunday in San Francisco's Chinatown, but the hundreds of parishioners of Old St. Mary's Cathedral and Holy Family Chinese Mission were warmed with faith as they recently celebrated Mass together.

With the music, readings, Gospel and homily alternating between English and Cantonese, and sometimes offered in both languages, the liturgy was a true celebration of both cultures.

Old St. Mary's and Holy Family, both served by the Paulists for many years, worship together several times a year.

"We gather from many cultures, places and languages, but there is only one God," said Holy Family pastor Father Daniel McCotter, CSP, during the Mass.

Holy Family's Deacon Simon Tsui said there is definitely a cultural exchange between the two congregations.

"It is a gathering in Christ," said Deacon Tsui, who was ordained in 2008 after being baptized in 1991. "For [the Holy Family parishioners] who don't speak English, it is a chance for them to experience the English Mass so they are familiar with it when they travel, for example."

In turn, Old St. Mary's parishioners get a glimpse of the values of the Chinese culture, said pastoral council president Jim Foster



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SHARED FAITH: Deacon Simon Tsui and Father Daniel McCotter, CSP, of Holy Family Chinese Mission open a joint Chinese-English Mass held at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Both parishes are Paulist ministries that have worked together to bridge cultural differences through their shared Catholic faith.

"[Old St. Mary's parishioners] pick up a tremendous understanding and respect for family and tradition," said the parishioner of 32 years. "The value of family has degraded in our society, but to a large extent it has not among the Chinese."

Old St. Mary's was built as California's first cathedral in 1854, and was placed in the pastoral care of the Paulists in 1894.

Today, Old St. Mary's has some 200

registered families, with many visitors and downtown workers taking advantage of the church's location near the Financial District for daily and weekend Mass.

"We are both Paulist ministries and both worship the same, but we have two very different kinds of families," said Old St. Mary's pastor Father Charles Kullmann, CSP. "We have a common history and share outreach ministries."

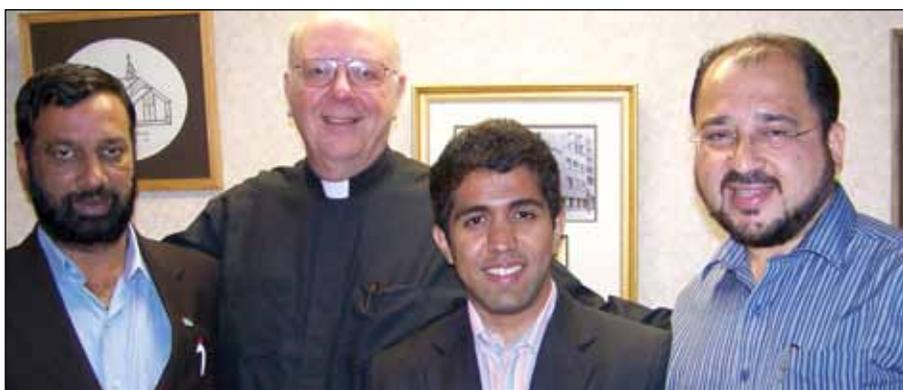
True to the Paulist missionary spirit, Holy Family was established as St. Mary's Chinese Mission in 1903, an innovation of ministry at the time.

Holy Family now has approximately 300 registered families, with close ties to St. Mary's Chinese School and Center.

"The mission would be nothing without the school," said Father McCotter, who noted a new building for the school and center is in the works. The center not only teaches English and U.S. citizenship, but has programs to raise awareness and assist victims of domestic violence, gambling and human trafficking.

With their shared faith and intertwined history, the people of Old St. Mary's and Holy Family will certainly continue to grow together.

"No matter what language you speak, when you walk in to God's house, you are welcome," said Deacon Tsui.



Courtesy Father Charles Kullmann, CSP

UNDERSTANDING: Three Moslem leaders – Mohammed Younus Siddiqui (left), Ruman Baig Roshan Baig and Dr. Syed Mohammed Muqueem Ameen – visited the Paulist-run Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco as guests of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program over the summer. Father Charles Kullmann, CSP, pastor of Old St. Mary's, said the Moslem leaders were shown the church and told about the parish's work in the community: 12-step programs, American Red Cross emergency shelter, St. Vincent de Paul program, Groceries for Seniors program and more. "We had an enjoyable and interesting conversation and exchange of opinions," Father Kullmann said.



Share the light of the holiday season

With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching, there is no better time to think about a year-end gift to the Paulist Fathers. The Paulist mission, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is to be an agent of Gospel change: reaching out to those who are yet to know God's unfailing love and mercy, building new relationships with people of other faith traditions, and ministering to Catholics who have been away from the church.

Year-end giving is simple and easy and it may help you significantly reduce your 2009 income taxes. We ask that you remember the great works of the Paulist Fathers and plan your year-end gift today. There are many different ways you can make the most of giving opportunities.

These are just a few brief examples. Making a gift may require assistance; we would be pleased to provide you with further information. Contact the Paulist Office for Financial Development at development@paulist.org or call 1-800-472-8547. Of course we would also encourage you to discuss your gift plan with your tax advisor.

Ways to give:

Gifts of Cash

Your gift in the form of cash or checks postmarked by December 31st can help reduce your 2009 federal and possibly state income taxes. If you itemize your gift is fully deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Gift of Stock

Donating appreciated stock has many advantages. Stock owned for a long term period and transferred by December 31st can reduce any capital gains on the increase value of that stock. You may also receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift.

Gifts of Real Estate

Even in the downturn of the housing market many individuals still have significant appreciation in their homes, vacation homes, land or farms. Making a gift of real estate can save taxes on what could be a sizable capital gain on that property. Giving your property to Paulist Fathers you will receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the property.

Additional year-end giving opportunities:

Gifts of Life Insurance

By naming the Paulist Fathers both the owner and the beneficiary of your policy you may receive a charitable deduction equal to the cash value at the time of the gift. In addition if you are still making premium payments on the policy those future premium payments will be deductible each tax year. Contact your insurance professional for information and details.

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If you are 70 ½ and have an IRA you may contribute up to \$100,000 directly from your account to the Paulist Fathers. Gifts made through IRA's to Paulist Fathers are not taxed as income to you and represent a way to make a tax free gift.

Bequests

Please consider giving the Paulist Fathers a charitable bequest in your will. We ask you to consider this long-term tax saving opportunity. Do you have a will?

Every adult should have a carefully planned will based on his or her estate, no matter what the value of your assets. Your will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign. It will enable you to:

- Memorialize yourself and other loved ones
- Contribute to the financial security of your loved ones
- Minimize taxes your estate will owe
- Benefit charities whose missions you believe in
- Distribute assets accumulated during your lifetime

There are several types of bequests you can make in your will. If you would like more information on planned gifts, please contact the Office for Financial Development at development@paulist.org or call 1-800-472-8547.

We hope you will consider the Paulist Fathers as a beneficiary in your will. Any gift directed to the Paulist Fathers will help to continue the mission of Father Isaac Hecker and the Paulists for years to come – and will be greatly appreciated.

The mission and ministries of the Paulist Fathers would not be possible without the prayerful generosity of so many supporters. Each gift is a share in the important work of the Paulist Fathers.

Foundation Spotlight: St. Paul the Apostle Chapel

Energy abounds in Horseshoe Bay, Texas

By Stefani Manowski

Perched high on a Texas hill overlooking the serene waters of Lake Lyndon B. Johnson, the Chapel of St. Paul the Apostle offers parishioners and visitors to Horseshoe Bay a physical place to rest from the Texas heat and spiritual respite from the intensity of everyday life – complete with a spectacular view.

“People in Horseshoe Bay are very friendly and welcoming,” said St. Paul’s pastor, Father Ruben M. Patiño. “They are very dedicated to their faith and to the Paulists.”

Another thing to which residents and visitors are like are dedicated: golf. Horseshoe Bay is a resort area with some 3,800 residents located in the Hill Country of central Texas. One of the three Robert Trent Jones-designed golf courses in the city, Ram Rock, was the site of the first annual Paulist Open Golf Weekend Nov. 6-7.

“We are excited to be a Paulist foundation hosting a national effort,” said Father Patiño, who became pastor in June. “It is an opportunity for us as a community to venture in to other areas and make new friends, to have people get to know the Paulists.”

Parishioners are excited about the recent launch of the parish’s first Web site, www.stpaulshorseshoebay.org, and about the formation of a Paulist Associates group. The associates are lay men and women who, after a formation process, promise to live out the Paulist charism in their daily lives and participate in the Paulist community.

St. Paul parishioners also are heavily involved in activities that include the western deanery of the Diocese of Austin and collaborate with other area parishes in the small towns surrounding Horseshoe Bay, according to Father Patiño. Included in that list are the Knights of Columbus,



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FAITH ON THE HILL: St. Paul the Apostle Chapel in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, has been served by the Paulists since 1972.

for which St. Paul hosts the Fourth Degree Knights, the interdenominational pastor’s group, and the Samaritan’s luncheon, a monthly event for widows and widowers.

“There is also a lot of energy around the St. Vincent de Paul Society,” Father Patiño said. “They give out about \$100,000 per year in assistance to people in the surrounding area.”

Following the true spirit of Paulist ecumenism, St. Paul began as an interdenominational community in 1972. Although the Protestant Christians have since build their own church just down the road from the chapel, history still binds.

“The Protestants love this chapel and still consider it their own,” said St. Paul parishioner Francie Dix.

Prior to the chapel’s construction, Paulist Father Walter J. Dalton celebrated Mass at various Horseshoe Bay locations. A gift of property and funds from Wayne and Eileen Hurd in 1979 allowed construction to begin, and the chapel was dedicated on Dec. 5, 1982.

The Paulists returned to Horseshoe Bay in 2007 after a three-year hiatus to once again oversee the pastoral care of St. Paul at the behest of then-Bishop Gregory M. Aymond of Austin (now the archbishop of New Orleans). Father Robert T. Scott, CSP, began his second tenure as St. Paul’s pastor.

“The people are happy to have the Paulists back, and have been very supportive of the Paulists,” said Father Scott, who is now retired. “They are very appreciative of the Paulist presence here.”

With 200 registered families, the St. Paul faith community is small but vibrant and growing. Father Scott recalls welcoming 15 people in to the church during the 18 months he last served at St. Paul.

“The people are very open to Paulist ministry and Paulist evangelization,” he said.



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WORSHIP: Sunday Mass at St. Paul the Apostle in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.