President’s Message

Remembering two Paulists


We use many expressions to speak of life's growing and ebbing periods. We Paulists have our own rhythm, beginning not with birth, but by entering the community and dying.

Recently we Paulists have experienced the deaths of two wonderful Paulists (I know, for many of us, that's redundant!).

Father Frank Diskin, then the oldest Paulist at 92, died in early July after a life of robust pastoral ministry at many of our foundations and then retirement.

Within the same month, Father Larry Boadt lost in his battle against cancer which he had suffered for more than a year. At 67, to many of us he seemed still so young.

Both Frank and Larry represented different expressions of how we Paulists die – one quite old and the other still in the prime of his ministry. Father Frank Diskin died long after his active ministry had ended (surely, his senior years of offering the Eucharist and his daily

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Thriving, not just surviving

Two Paulist foundations constructing new school buildings

By Stefani Manowski

It seems that more and more Catholic schools are closing their doors. In fact, 1,603 schools closed between 2000 and 2010, according to the National Catholic Educational Association.

Two Paulist foundations are bucking that trend and not only growing but building new school buildings. Students at Old St. Mary’s School in Chicago will walk into their new school building at the start of the 2011-12 school year, and the final phase of construction has begun at St. Mary’s Chinese Schools and Center in San Francisco.

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Continuing his priestly ministry). Many Paulists credit Frank with introducing into our Paulist pastoral repertoire a pastoral entrée into the Hispanic community.

Father Larry Boadt, in contrast, died still in the middle of a very active ministry. I had the experience of being Larry's religious superior while we both were at St. Paul's College, I as the seminary rector and Larry as (one of his many jobs) professor of Scripture at the Washington Theological Union. I used to say, “Larry Boadt did more work before breakfast than most of us did all day!” An exaggeration, perhaps, but not too far from the truth. Both the Paulist Press, where Larry had recently finished his tenure as president, and I, as the Paulist president, received emails of condolence from around the country and around the world. But what touched me about Larry's beautiful funeral at St. Paul the Apostle Church was the large contingent of parishioners from Good Shepherd Parish, Manhattan, where the Paulists and Larry had ministered for many years. Larry had the popular touch as well as considerable scholarly and professional gifts.


As I write this, we Paulists eagerly anticipate the first promises of Jay Duller. Jay has finished a year's novitiate where he was initiated into the history, customs, prayer life and missionary thrusts of our community, as part of his beginning his preparation for ordained ministry. At the beginning of his novitiate, Jay had classmates, but he is the only one to have come this far. We know that most applicants for the Paulists will not make it to ordination, but every Paulist must go through these years of preparation and discernment. We are delighted with Jay's commitment to the Paulists and we pray that it is God's will that he become a Paulist priest in the footsteps of Frank Diskin and Larry Boadt. And, if it be God's will, Jay will plant his own footprints in Paulist ministry, inspired by the Holy Spirit and the vision of Servant of God Isaac Hecker. This is our rhythm, this is our cycle of life.

And if Jay becomes a priest, it will be because our wonderful extended Paulist family have supported him both by their financial contributions and by their prayers. For these, we Paulists are so very, very grateful.

V. Rev. Michael B. McGarry
President of the Paulist Fathers

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Remembering the Paulists

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Exploring old, new footprints in Paulist ministry

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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.

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New Paulist leadership sets agenda

By Stefani Manowski

The new Paulist administration has identified immediate and long-range goals for the community. The Presidential Board – president Father Michael B. McGarry, CSP, vice president Father John Foley, CSP, and first consultor Father Larry Rice, CSP – took up their new posts at the 2010 Paulist General Assembly held in May at St. Paul’s College in Washington, D.C. The Presidential Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the community.

The agenda for the new administration was guided by resolutions passed by the General Assembly, the Paulist Constitution and the Paulist Mission Direction Statement. The mission committee of the General Assembly addressed the challenges and blessings in contemporary ministry in its statement titled, “Mission in an Era of Dramatic Changes.”

“We believe that the Holy Spirit calls us to a radical missionary identity and imagination,” the committee wrote. “This demands a change of heart as a community and individually. We invoke the Spirit to continue to convert our lives and our ministry. This will require new initiatives. It may entail letting go of some ministries. Either way, the Spirit calls us to refocus our time and energy.

Welcoming new men into ordained Paulist ministry is “job number one,” according to Father McGarry.

“On a theoretical level, it is incomprehensible why men in their 20s, 30s and 40s are not entering the seminary. It is a dream to think of 20 or so men in formation, but we can never let go of the dream. Our mission is too big, too important to dream less.”

Another immediate priority is the “faithful and complete staffing of our foundations,” said Father McGarry. “We need to put our priests in positions that fulfill the needs of the foundations, of the Paulist community and of the individual Paulist,” he said. The Presidential Board has already announced more than 15 changes in clergy personnel. (See Page 5 for a complete listing of new appointments.)

Clergy staffing issues will continue through the next 5-10 years, according to Father McGarry, but with some added twists.

“Paulists in major leadership positions are in their 60s and 70s, so we need to fully and thoughtfully prepare the next generation to take over these key roles,” said Father McGarry. “And we must find creative ways of having our men continue in ministry beyond the traditional retirement age.”

Once they enter retirement, or senior ministry, the issue of having the finances to take care of elderly Paulists with the “love and respect” they deserve is another key issue for Father McGarry.

Resolving the staffing, financial and other issues facing the community will call for strategic planning that is both traditional and outside the box, he said, noting the large amount of work already done by the previous administration with regards to such planning.

“We will no doubt have to make some painful choices about curtailing ministries in some areas, but that might invite opportunity to expand Paulist ministry in other areas,” Father McGarry said. “The most important thing is that the Paulist mission will not become diluted. Our mission is first and foremost, remains the evangelization of North America, the reconciliation of people who have left the church, the unity of Christian faiths and the reaching out in understanding to those of non-Christian faiths.”
Jay Duller makes first promise

By Stefani Manowski

The power of the Paulist Fathers never escaped Jay Duller when he attended Mass at the Paulist-served University Catholic Center at the University of California at Los Angeles. “The liturgy was centered around the students so they could understand what it was about,” said Mr. Duller, now 34. “They were approachable. A lot of the students were intimidated to talk to priests, but it wasn’t like that with the Paulists.”

Mr. Duller himself became a Paulist as he made his first promise with the community during a July 31 Mass at St. Paul’s College in Washington, D.C. After spending a year as a Paulist novice, Mr. Duller made his first promises to live for the next 12 months according to the society’s constitution as he continues formation and discernment with the Paulist Fathers. The promises are renewed each year, culminating with final promises the year before priestly ordination.

“We are all delighted, privileged and humbled as Jay commits himself to a year of life with the Paulist Fathers with this first promise,” said Paulist president Father Michael B. McGarry during the homily.

Mr. Duller became a Paulist as he made his first promise with the Paulist Fathers July 31 in the chapel of St. Paul’s College in Washington, D.C.

A native of the Philippines, Mr. Duller moved to Southern California with his family when he was three years old. The Duller family – including Jay, his brother and his sister – were regulars at weekend Mass and would often pray together. Like many young people, church was mostly an obligation for Mr. Duller throughout his college years. Obligation would, however, soon turn to passion.

After experiencing the Paulists at UCLA, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychobiology in 2001, Mr. Duller worked in grass roots efforts in community health education. Mr. Duller began working with the Red Cross four years ago as a marketing analyst educating people in the New York City area about the dangers of hypertension, obesity and high cholesterol.

Mr. Duller entered the Paulist novitiate last fall after searching for a parish in New York City. A friend invited him to visit his parish, the Paulist mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan. Mr. Duller became a parishioner and helped revive young adult ministry there. Then someone pointed out Mr. Duller had the qualities to pursue a vocation in the church.

“It just kind of struck me,” he said. “It helped me think about making that choice and being comfortable with it.”

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“My parish here is not a typical congregation. It is a community,” he said. “My first promise was my commitment to the community, so it isn’t about me.”

After experiencing the Paulist community, Mr. Duller is taking the next step towards the Paulist priesthood and becoming an official part of the Paulist community.

“I can’t wait to fully experience the Paulist community,” he said. “I can’t wait to see what is behind the next open door.”
Members of the Yaggies young adult group at Newman Hall-Holy Spirit parish at the University of California at Berkeley enjoyed picturesque views during their hike through the 2,079-acre Tilden Regional Park in the East Bay area of northern California.

Paulist pilgrims gather on the steps of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem during the annual Paulist pilgrimage April 26-May 5. The pilgrims toured much of the Holy Land, including stops in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Caesaria, Capernaum and Cana.

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Father Michael B. McGarry, president of the Paulist Fathers, announces the following appointments:

• Father Stephen Bossi, CSP, from Paulist director of formation at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., to associate pastor, St. Peter's Parish, Toronto

• Father Charles Brunick, CSP, from administrator to pastor of St. Philip Neri Church in Portland, Ore.

• Father Robert M. Cary, CSP, from associate pastor of Old St. Mary's Church and chaplain at Northwestern University’s schools of law, medicine and continuing studies in Chicago to pastor of St. Augustine Church in Memphis, Tenn.

• Father Richard Chilson, CSP, to senior ministry, San Francisco

• Father Joseph A. Ciccone, CSP, from pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville, Tenn., to director of the St. Thomas More Newman Center at the Ohio State University in Columbus.

• Father Frank R. Desiderio, CSP, from director of Forgiveness Ministries Outreach to director of the Paulist Center in Boston, while continuing mission ministry.

• Father Charles O. Donahue, CSP, to local superior in Knoxville in addition to being pastor of John XXIII University Parish at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

• Father Ronald A. Franco, CSP, from associate pastor of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City to pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

• Father John J. Geaney, CSP, from pastor of St. Augustine Church in Memphis, Tenn., to rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral and director of the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

• Father Paul D. Huesing, CSP, from director of the Paulist Center in Boston to Paulist Fathers director of formation at St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C.

• Father John E. Hurley, CSP, from temporary administrator of St. Austin in Austin, Tex., to executive director of evangelization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

• Father Charles R. Kullmann, CSP, from pastor of Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco to pastor of St. Austin parish in Austin, Tex.

• Father Joachim Lally, CSP, to senior ministry, Grand Rapids, Mich.

• Father James McCauley, CSP, from associate pastor of St. Peter's Church in Toronto to associate pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish, Portland, Ore.

• Father Daniel E. McCotter, CSP, to pastor and superior of Old St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco while remaining pastor of Holy Family Chinese Mission, San Francisco.

• Father Broderick Walsh, CSP, to associate director, Paulist Center, Boston

• Father Marcos Zamora, CSP, to associate pastor of St. Andrew's Cathedral and associate director the Catholic Information Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Surviving your freshman year

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1 Be generous with your friendship but stingy with your trust. The friends you have back home didn’t get to be your friends overnight. Some of the people you meet in your first few weeks may turn out to be the best friends of your life but every class has its gems and its criminals (and some of them are actually criminals). Which ones are which will come clear over the next few months. Wait until you get to know them before you loan them your car or share your deepest secrets.

2 Go to class! Seems obvious, it IS why you’re at college but you wouldn’t believe how many freshmen skip their way out of school. Do a little math and figure how much it costs for you to have your butt in that chair per hour. You’ll be less willing to blow one off. Save your absences for the end of the semester when you’ve got mono and three papers due in the same week.

3 Help! I’m drowning! There are lots of helpful people on campus ready to throw you a life preserver – health services, counseling, academic advisors, campus ministry, first year experience staff, and your RA – to name just a few. The transition to college life can be a rocky one. If you find yourself behaving in ways that are contrary to your values or you feel like you’re in the bottom of an emotional pit and can’t get out – get help.

4 Don’t be afraid, just be smart. Want to stay safe on campus? Don’t walk alone at night (whether you’re female or male). Don’t go to a party alone and look out for each other when you do go out. Lock up your stuff: your door, your car, your bike, your locker, every time. Your cell, your laptop, your iPod, your backpack/purse should never leave your sight. A minute is all it takes for somebody to steal your stuff.

5 Be yourself! Don’t forget who you are just because you’re in a new place. You’re still you and it’s gotten you this far. Your values, your likes and dislikes, the things you’re good at haven’t changed, hang onto those things, especially while you’re getting used to this new environment.

6 Beer + you = a very expensive waste of a semester. Underage drinking is a bad idea. Don’t do it. It’s also a really embarrassing way to flunk out or get yourself into stupid trouble of all sorts.

7 Too Plugged In. IM, computer games, TV, and your favorite game system can be nice diversions, just don’t let them suck up ALL of your time. Give yourself an “allowance” each day for time spent plugged in and don’t go over it. Don’t stay up all night playing video games or letting Facebook suck your life away just because you can.

8 Your Mother was right. Wash your hands... Eat real food and drink lots of water ... and get some SLEEP! More and more science is starting to show that sleep deprivation impacts mood, concentration, even weight gain!

9 Get involved ... but not too involved. Every club and association will be vying for your time. Campus activities are a great way to connect with other students who share your interests but be choosy. Be careful not to over commit yourself.

10 Opportunity of a lifetime. There’s a lot to think about and a lot to be cautious about, but this is also the opportunity of a lifetime. You will probably make some of the best friends of your life, you will probably fall in love, you will probably grow more and learn more and discover more about yourself than you ever thought possible.

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New schools will bolster Paulist parishes

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Growth in the South Loop

In Chicago, construction has just begun on a three-story building to house 350 students in preschool to grade eight, a sizeable increase from the current 210 students in pre-school to grade five. The new building’s exterior design will match that of the current church, according to pastor Father Michael Kallock, CSP. An ongoing capitol campaign has already raised three million of the roughly $10 million for the entire project.

The school expansion is a response to a great demand for Catholic education in Chicago especially in the South Loop neighborhood Old St. Mary’s calls home, Father Kallock said. An average of three to five new households are registered each week, he said, and the parish is averaging more than 100 infant baptisms per year.

“No one anticipated just how much growth there would be this area,” said Father Kallock. “The economy is slowing down, but we are still seeing growth. We have the right kind of situation here, and there are no other Catholic schools in this area of Chicago. If families decide to stay in the city and not move to the suburbs, they want to have the choice of a good, Catholic education for their children.”

Father Kallock said the new school not only bolsters the future of the parish, but of the church at large as well.

“From where will the future leaders of the church come if not from our Catholic schools?” he asked.

14 years in the making

Lent 2010 began with a bang in San Francisco when construction on the new St. Mary’s Chinese Schools and Center campus began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 — a date which fell on the Chinese New Year.

The new campus includes 49,500 square feet of space to include nine large classrooms that can accommodate the different learning speeds and styles of the elementary day school’s 200 students, a library and resource center, a gymnasium, commercial kitchen, and chapel – all located in the heart of Chinatown.

The classrooms are also large enough to host the hundreds of adult students who learn Cantonese and Mandarin at the Chinese Language School in the evenings and weekends.

Father Daniel McCotter, CSP, pastor of Holy Family Chinese Mission and Old St. Mary’s Cathedral and director of St. Mary’s Chinese Schools and Center, also hopes one of the local universities will offer MBA classes at the center, given its proximity to the city’s Financial District.

The new facilities will also include expanded room for Teahouse, a social outreach program that offers English language classes, naturalization and acculturation for Chinese immigrants.. There are also a variety of bilingual and bicultural spiritual support programs offered at the center.

The $28 million project has been funded by grants, bequests and loans from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and donations. Some $8.5 million remains to be raised.

Father McCotter said St. Mary’s Chinese School, like all Catholic schools, will serve as a place for evangelization (as 90 percent of the students are not Catholic) and re-evangelization welcoming parents back to the church.

“It says a lot about our ministry to bear witness to the Gospel to the Chinese, the majority of whom are not Catholic, and near the financial center of the city where other priorities might override Gospel values,” said Father McCotter. “Here we are smack dab in the middle of it all.”
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