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This Paulist is celebrating his 50th jubilee!
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President's Message

Coming out of the dark

Every preacher has his favorite stories often, unrepentant, repeating them too many times. One story I've probably used too many times is the following:

Once upon a time, a wise rabbi asked his students, "When can you tell that the night has ended and the day has begun?" One fellow eagerly piped up, "Surely it is when you look on the horizon and you can distinguish a fig tree from an olive tree. That must be the clear sign that the night has ended and the day has begun." The rabbi patiently said, "No, that is not the right answer." Another eagerly offered: "Surely when you gaze at the horizon and you can distinguish a sheep from a goat. That must certainly be the time you can say the night has ended and the day has begun."



"No, that is not the correct answer," the rabbi replied. Well, by then the students – a bright group – were stumped.

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Rev. Mr. Rene Constanza, CSP (left), Rev. Mr. Richard Andre, CSP, and Rev. Mr. Thomas Gibbons, CSP, will be ordained to the Paulist priesthood on May 19 at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan. PT/file

Ordination 2012

Three men to join Paulist priesthood

The Paulist community is brimming with joy at the upcoming priestly ordination of three men – Rev. Mr. Richard Andre, CSP, Rev. Mr. Rene Constanza, CSP, and Rev. Mr. Thomas Gibbons, CSP. The trio will be ordained to the Paulist priesthood by Bishop Walter A. Hurley of Grand Rapids, Mich., at 10 a.m. on May 19 at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan.

After the ordination Mass, the newly-minted priests will offer congregants their first priestly blessings and then join well-wishers at a reception in the parish hall. Rev. Mr. Andre will celebrate his first Mass at 10 a.m. on May 20 at St. Paul, and Rev. Mr. Constanza will celebrate his first Mass (in Spanish) the same day at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Gibbons will celebrate his first Mass May 20

at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in lower Manhattan.

For Paulist President Father Michael McGarry, the fact that three men are being ordained this year makes clear the need and relevance of Paulist ministry in today's society.

Rev. Mr. Andre worked as an optical engineer in his hometown of Pittsburgh before entering the Paulist novitiate. Rev. Mr. Constanza served as a Catholic high school principal in his native Belize. Rev. Mr. Gibbons was born in New Jersey and worked as a web developer.

"These three men exemplify what it is to be a Paulist today," Father McGarry said. "Each has his finger on the pulse of how faith can transform not just individual, but society as a whole. I can't wait to see where the Holy Spirit will guide Rich, Rene and Tom through their priestly ministry."

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St. Peter's feeds Toronto's hungry

Paulist Novice Matt Berrios (left), Father Paul Lannan, CSP, and Father Jim Haley, CSP, take a break from the business at St. Peter's Welcome Table dinner for the homeless at St. Peter's Church in Toronto. This 15-year tradition takes place each year from November through March in conjunction with the Franciscan-run St. Joan of Arc parish. Some 2,000 home-cooked meals were served this year.

Welcome to the light of the Risen Christ

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So the rabbi proceeded to tell them: "The night has ended and the day has begun only when you look in the face of any man or woman and see therein the face of your brother or your sister. That, truly, marks that the night has ended and the day has begun. And, alas, if you do not recognize in the face of any man or woman the face of your brother and your sister, then no matter what time it is, it is still night."

We Christians have just gone through our time of re-conversion (Lent) and our time of death and resurrection (Holy Week and Easter). We claim to have re-anchored ourselves in the mystery of Christ and we have recommitted ourselves to him. Our faith provides us, not with exotic things to see but a renewed way of seeing everything. Apparitions are not a religious inheritance; rather the Easter mystery offers a prism that correctly recasts all that we see.

I ponder these Christian realities as we as a nation continue a brutal political season (and this is only the primary – wait until we get into the presidential campaign!). Similarly we approach achingly complex debates over religious liberty which we as Catholics treasure in our beloved country. Our Paulist founder, Isaac Hecker, loved both his faith and his country. We sons of Hecker wish to be faithful to his legacy while at the same time being respectfully critical of those

He is risen, we have been saved. We are free from our blindness, thanks be to God.

places where both our Church and our country might be deficient. Not an easy place to be. Taking a place in the center – not to be confused with being neutral or lukewarm! – has emerged in parts of our country and Church as relatively sparsely populated terrain. What we hope mediates our commitment is precisely a way of looking at things.

So back to my story. Our Lenten and Easter experience, embedding ever deeper into our hearts the conviction that our gracious God has saved the world through Jesus Christ, clears our vision and gives us courageous tongues to tell ourselves and others that the others are our brothers and sisters: Democrats, Republicans, Catholics, super-Catholics, lapsed Catholics, leftist-Catholics, right-wing Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Protestants, aggressive secularists, gay, straight, able-bodied, disabled folks, bright, slow, stupid, insightful, brilliant – all these, in Christ Jesus, are our brothers and sisters.

And unless and until we see this and say this, it is still night. He is risen, we have been saved. We are free from our blindness, thanks be to God.

Very. Rev. Michael B. McGarry, CSP
President of the Paulist Fathers



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An aerial view of St. Mary's on the Lake on Lake George, NY. St. Mary's is the Paulist retreat house in the Adirondack Mountains.

Summer on the lake

St. Mary's offers perfect retreat locale

Looking for a place to get away this summer, especially a place where you can explore your spirituality? Look no further than this summer's offerings at St. Mary's on the Lake, the Paulist retreat house on Lake George, N.Y. (Check out the retreat offerings at the right, which include accommodations and home-cooked meals.)

St. Mary's is steeped in natural beauty and Paulist history, according to Father Larry Rice, CSP, the retreat house director.

"For years, St. Mary's on the Lake has been a wonderful resource for the Paulist Fathers: a place for us to get away, enjoy each others' company, and seek rest and renewal," he said. "We're delighted to be able to share that resource with individuals and groups seeking that rest and renewal. This summer we're looking forward to retreats for people in ministry, for artists, for Paulist Associates, for men interested in a Paulist vocation and for people seeking a deeper experience of prayer (either through directed retreat experiences, or through silence).

Early in the history of the Paulists, Father Hecker and his companions

would camp at Lake George in the Adirondacks in upstate New York. In the early 1870s the Paulists, thanks to the generosity of the O'Connor family, became the owners of a large portion of lakefront property at the southern end of the lake and five islands further north.

A summer house was constructed followed by a building to house Paulist students. A larger chapel, boathouse, refectory and library were added later as well as a cabin and chapel on the islands.

St. Mary's on the Lake continues to serve as a summer retreat for the Paulists and as the summer component of Paulist student formation. Special summer retreats, featuring outstanding speakers and retreat masters are offered in June and July to lay persons and priests.

"I've been amazed at the natural beauty of the Adirondacks, especially the abundant wildlife," Father Rice said. "Last year I got great photos of deer, snapping turtles, a barred owl and probably a million chipmunks. And of course, there are few experiences as enthralling as watching a scarlet sunset across the lake, from a chair on our porch."

2012 retreats at St. Mary's

Restful Waters, Healing Waters

A week-long "restoration" retreat for anyone who has been worn down by the difficulties of life, especially those who are in ministries or stressful jobs: a resting place on the journey of faith, a healing place for the weary, a place to rest from the Way of the Cross, being ministered to by Jesus who promised that the burden would be light if we yoke ourselves to Him.

Dates: June 10-15

Retreat directors: Terry Modica and Bob Metivier

Praying Your Life

A time to reflect prayerfully on your life: past, present, future. A time for the healing of hurtful memories, a time to rejoice in beautiful memories. A time to be present to the present of the beauty of God's creation in the Adirondack Mountains. A time to rededicate yourself to being a light in the world. The retreat will be anchored in daily Eucharist and periods of centering prayer.

Dates: June 17-22

Retreat director: Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP

Come Apart and Rest a While

A silent directed retreat praying over recommended scripture passages and meeting with Father Vinny McKiernan as one wishes. The days will be anchored in daily Eucharist and periods of centering prayer.

Dates: June 24-June 29

Retreat director: Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP

For additional retreat offerings or to register for a retreat, log on to stmaryslakegeorge.com

Men of Gold

Five men are celebrating their 50th jubilee as Paulist priests in 2012.

The jubilarians were ordained on May 11, 1962 at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York. Paulist Today honors these priests, who have a combined 250 years of ministry.



Father Bill Brimley, CSP

Hometown: New Bedford, Mass.

Before the priesthood: Served in the Air Force; hospital administrator

Paulist Service

Staff: Catholic Information Center – Grand Rapids, Mich., June-September 1962

Associate pastor and graduate studies: Good Shepherd Church, New York City, 1962-64

Missions: St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 1964-71

Pastor: Old St. Mary's Church, Chicago, Ill., 1971-78

Pastor: St. Andrew Parish, Clemson, S.C., 1978-86

Sabbatical: 1986

Associate pastor: St. Nicholas Parish, North Pole, Alaska, 1987

Pastor: Immaculate Conception, Knoxville, Tenn., 1987-95

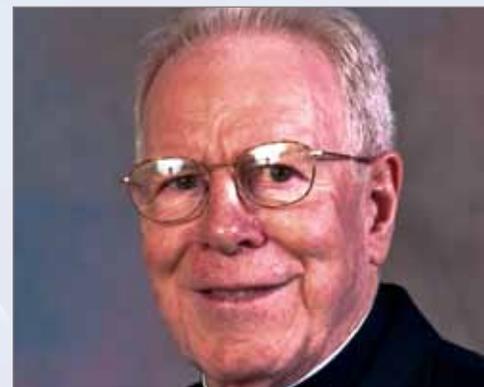
Sabbatical: Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, 1996

Senior Ministry: St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 1996-2002

Pastor: St. Paul's Chapel, Horseshoe Bay, Tex., Feb.-April 2002

Senior Ministry: Paulist Center, Boston, 2002-present

"I have gotten to meet all sorts of folks from different backgrounds and how they live their faith, which made me excited about my own faith and what I was doing in my priesthood. That was never boring."



Father Donald Campbell, CSP

Hometown: Nova Scotia, Canada

Before the priesthood: Elementary school teacher in Nova Scotia

Paulist Service

Associate Pastor: Good Shepherd Church, New York, N.Y., June-September 1962

Pastoral Year: Paulist Center, Boston, Mass., 1962-63

Staff: Paulist Center, Boston, Mass., 1963-64

Staff: Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York, N.Y., 1964-69

Vocation director: New York, N.Y., 1969-75

Development director: New York, N.Y., 1975-78

Pastor: Old St. Mary's, Chicago, Ill., 1978-86

Pastor: St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 1986-90

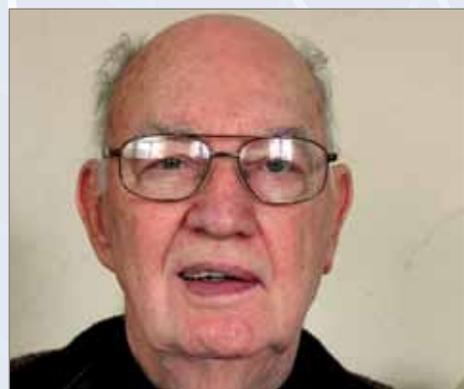
Superior: Paulist Residence, New York, N.Y., 1990-98

Staff: St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 1998

Treasurer: Jamaica Estates, N.Y., 1999-2009

Senior Ministry: Paulist Residence, New York, N.Y., 2009-present

"The Paulist community is second to none. I have never met a Paulist I didn't like. It has been a wonderful life, and the pastoral work I have done has let me touch the lives of many people. These have been happy years."



Father Thomas Murphy, CSP

Hometown: Toronto, Ont.

Before the priesthood: Clerical worker, electrician, bookkeeper

Paulist Service

Associate Pastor: St. Peter's, Toronto, Ont., June-September 1962

Pastoral Year: Paulist Center, Boston, Mass., 1962-63

Associate Pastor: St. Andrew Parish, Clemson, S.C., 1963-65

Missions: St. Peter's Church, Toronto, Ont., 1965-70

Pastor: St. Andrew Parish, Clemson, S.C., 1970-75

Associate Pastor: St. Rose of Lima Parish, Layton, Utah, 1975-81

Associate Pastor: St. Leo the Great, Houston, Tex., 1981-1992

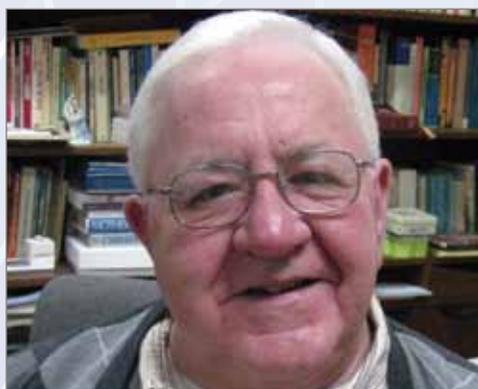
Senior Ministry: Old St. Mary's Church, Chicago, Ill., 1992-93

Senior Ministry: St. Peter's Church, Toronto, Ont., 1993-present.

"I was a teenager when I first thought about becoming a priest. I put it off because I didn't want to go into the seminary, but finally I had to because it just kept bugging me. I have enjoyed the variety in my ministry: parish, missions, campus ministry. I liked being with the people."

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The Paulist jubilarian on Page 1 is Father Donald Campbell!



Father Peter Shea, CSP

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.

Before the priesthood: Insurance salesman in New York City

Paulist Service

Associate Pastor: Good Shepherd Church, New York, NY, 1962

Pastoral Year: Paulist Center, Boston, Mass., 1962-63

Associate Pastor: St. Austin Church, Austin, Tex., 1963-64

Missions: Detroit, Mich., 1964-66

Missions: St. Philip Neri Church, Portland, Ore., 1966-68

Missions: Detroit, Mich., 1968-69

Missions: St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, Minneapolis, Minn., 1969-70

Missions: Old St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, Calif., 1970-72

Educational Sabbatical: 1972-73

Associate pastor: St. Leo the Great, Houston, Tex., 1973-76

Pastor: St. Austin Church, Austin, Tex., 1976-84

Pastor: St. Philip Neri Church, Portland, Ore., 1984

Sabbatical: 1984-85

Pastor: John XIII University Parish, Knoxville, Tenn., 1985-88

Pastor: St. Peter, Toronto, Ont., 1988-96

Parish ministry: Old St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, Calif., 1996-2000

"There is a free spirit and variety among us [Paulists], serving with the freedom of and dedication to creativity. It is a spirit I appreciate that is inviting and sustaining."



Father Edward Wroblewski, CSP

Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.

Before the priesthood: Air Force intelligence officer during Korean War

Paulist Service

Associate Pastor: Old St. Mary's Church, Chicago, 1962

Pastoral Year: Paulist Center, Boston, Mass., 1962-63

Associate Pastor: Church of St. Paul the Apostle, New York, N.Y., 1963-64

Associate Pastor: Old St. Mary's Church, Chicago, 1964-68

Media Apostolate: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, Calif., 1968-72

Media Work: Los Angeles, Calif., in conjunction with the Franciscan Community, 1972-85

Associate Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, Calif., 1986-91

Media Work: Special project, 1991-94

Paulist Media Works: Special Project, 1994-98.

Senior Ministry: St. Paul the Apostle Church, Los Angeles, Calif., 1998-present

"The Holy Spirit has guided me through my priesthood. Just being a Paulist is really what it's all about, just being part of this family. If you are thinking of becoming a priest, go for it! You won't know until you try. If God is calling a man to the priesthood, he gives that man whatever he needs in order to make it happen."

Celebrating St. Paul

There is no post-holiday malaise on the Paulist calendar, for directly following the festive season is the Jan. 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, the Paulist Fathers' namesake.

To mark the occasion, Harvard Professor Mary Jo Bane delivered the 37th annual Hecker Lecture Feb. 3 at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C. This year's talk was titled, *Economic Justice for All: The U.S. Economy 25 Years after the Bishops' Pastoral Statement*.

A tradition in the Washington circle, each year a guest speaker is invited to expound or reflect upon one of the core aspects of Paulist spirituality: evangelization, ecumenism, interfaith relations and reconciliation.

"Hecker wanted to convert America to Catholicism and thought he could," said Dr. Bane. "Whether we share that aspiration or not, we can certainly share his dream that the Catholic Church in America commit itself to a vision of proclaiming, modeling and building the city on the hill, the kingdom of God, in America."

The Washington Theological Union, where some Paulist seminarians attend classes, hosted Paulist Charism Night Jan. 18, the beginning of the week of prayer for Christian unity. Dr. Larry Goleman, executive director of the Washington Theological Consortium, gave a reflection during the prayer service as a sign of the Paulist's commitment to ecumenical ministry.

Following the prayer service, Rev. Mr. Tom Gibbons, CSP, offered a viewing of his film, *Isaac Hecker, Journey of an American Seeker*, a biography of the early life of the Paulist founder.

"Being that the community didn't really have a documentary with which it could offer a brief synopsis of Hecker's life, I also saw it as an unmet need," said Rev. Mr. Gibbons. "The rest of [Father Hecker's] life is just as interesting. What I would like to do eventually is expand the film to cover these other times in his life."



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Dr. Mary Jo Bane, Harvard professor and parishioner of the Paulist Center in Boston, delivered the 2012 Hecker Lecture Feb. 3 at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.



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Paulist Student Tom Gibbons (center standing) introduces his film, *Isaac Hecker, Journey of an American Seeker*, during Paulist Charism Night at the Washington Theological Union, Jan. 18.

McKenna receives Boston's Hecker Award

Dr. Megan McKenna, the only female graduate of St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., was presented with the Hecker Award for Social Justice by the Paulist Center in Boston Jan. 28.

The Paulist Center began the annual Hecker Award in 1974 to honor an outstanding American Catholic who put their faith in action in order to bring about a more just and peaceful world.

A native of New York City, Dr. McKenna works with indigenous groups around the world including base Christian communities. She serves on

the United States Board of Pax Christi as well as a Pax Christi ambassador of peace. Dr. McKenna is the only female graduate of St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.

"The only reason I am here receiving this award is because I listen to other people's stories, how they practice their faith and struggle against violence and injustice," said the theologian, author and storyteller. "They share their wisdom and interpretation of the Scriptures, and that is what is in my books."



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Megan McKenna signs a book for Boston Paulist Center director Father Frank Desiderio, CSP.

Supporting the Paulist difference

John and Patti O’Keefe found faith base with the Paulists

By Stefani Manowski

“The Paulists just had something different to offer.”

That’s what Patti O’Keefe remembers about her first experiences with the Paulist Fathers. That was in 1968, and she had just moved to Los Angeles to accept a teaching position.

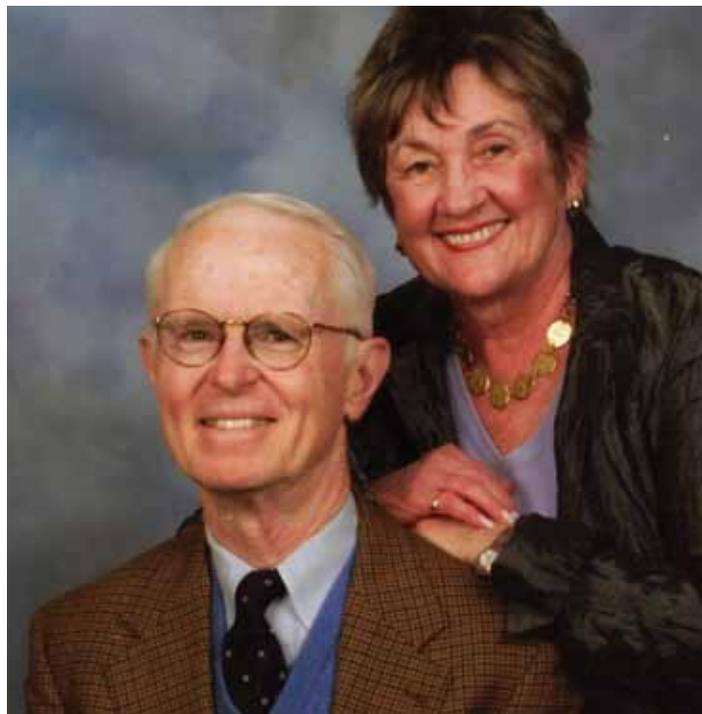
“I always thought the Paulists were in tune with the human condition,” said Mrs. O’Keefe, a native of Rome, N.Y. “They are open to everyone, no matter where they are on their faith journey. They are always welcoming.”

Mrs. O’Keefe and her husband, John, were married at the Paulist’s St. Paul the Apostle, in Los Angeles in 1969. In fact, the couple purchased their home within the parish boundaries so they could attend St. Paul’s, and all four of the O’Keefe children attended the parish school.

“Especially in L.A., you need to connect with a strong value base because we are working against the culture here,” she said. “We found that base at St. Paul’s.”

In the decades that have passed, the O’Keefes have welcomed many Paulists into their home, even spending vacation time together. The Paulists have been there for O’Keefe baptisms, graduations and many other significant moments.

“We’ve gotten so close to them,” Mr. O’Keefe, a Chicago native, shared. “They are a most significant influence in



Courtesy John and Patti O’Keefe

St. Paul the Apostle, Los Angeles, parishioners John and Patti O’Keefe have mentioned the Paulists in their will.

our lives. We want the Paulists to continue, and in particular to help increase vocations. We want to do anything we can to help them continue their mission.”

In order to do just that, the O’Keefes have made a bequest to the Paulists in their will.

It is a way to give back to the Paulists “because they have given us so much,” Mrs. O’Keefe said. “I want to see the order continue. With the need for vocations and with an aging population, the Paulists need support.”

In addition to serving as a lector and Eucharistic minister, Mr. O’Keefe was a member of the first parish council and still serves on the board of Paulist Productions, an L.A.-based Paulist ministry that creates faith-based films and television programming.

Ms. O’Keefe is a former leader of the RENEW program at St. Paul the Apostle and began serving in the hospital ministry at the UCLA Medical Center with Father Patrick Traynor, CSP. Father Traynor established the St. James Inn, which provides no-cost lodging and other related services to hospital outpatients or family members who have loved ones undergoing critical medical treatment in the UCLA Health System and can’t afford a hotel room.

“The Paulists think outside the box,” said Mrs. O’Keefe, who continues to be part of the St. James Inn ministry since its beginning in 1988. “The Paulists think about what people need.”

Mr. O’Keefe, who had eight years of Jesuit education pointed out, “the Jesuits got into my head, but the Paulists got into my heart.” Mr. O’Keefe explained that the connection with the Paulists extends beyond friendship. “They are definitely a part of our family,” he said.

Paulists and the CFC

The Paulist Fathers participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), a program allowing specific charitable organizations to solicit contributions from military personnel and employees of the federal government.

The Paulist Fathers are among a handful of Catholic organizations that qualify for the CFC because the Paulists fill out a publicly-available IRS Form 990, explained Adam Dawkins, executive director of the Paulist Office for Financial Development.

“We choose to file a Form 990 because we are committed to transparency,” Mr. Dawkins said. “It is the right thing to do for our donors so they know their contributions are going where they were intended.”

The Paulist CFC code is 57475. For more information on supporting the Paulists through the CFC, please call 1-800-472-8547.





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Paulist's book encourages 'fuller, deeper living'

Book Report

By Stefani Manowski

Father Thomas Ryan, CSP, has just released his new book, *Remember to Live! Embracing the Second Half of Life*. Readers encounter stories, poetry, reflection questions and more as they read through the book, engaging the realities of aging, illness and death. We "grow through our encounter with them," said Father Ryan. "The prolific author, missionary and director of the Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations answered a few questions about his latest book.

The theme of this book seems to be relevant to all ages (we should all remember to live, and that death is a part of life), so why do we need that reminder when we get older?

The question is: How will we engage with the realities of aging, illness, loss, and death in the present season of our lives – with fear and trepidation or with a desire to learn the lessons they have to teach and to thus grow through our encounter with them? The book's exposition of these themes is an invitation to deeper and fuller living.

The book has poetry, reflection questions, stories, prayers, graphs. What was your thought process in bringing these materials together to support the themes the book presents?

The various exercises used to enable the reader to engage personally with second-half-of-life themes have evolved over the past 15 years. It all began with a retreat weekend that I decided to lead on the occasion of my own 50th birthday on the theme of "Savoring Life by Facing Our Mortality."

"Keep offering this!" the participants said. So I've continued to offer the retreat annually. Readers can now have that retreat experience at their own pace and place.

How do you personally remember to live?

Spiritual practices that play an important role in keeping me mindful are journaling, a nightly review-of-the-day, a weekly Sabbath, a monthly quiet day apart for prayer and reflection and an annual weeklong retreat during which I review the year past with the help of my journal and align my priorities for the year ahead. Things anyone can do!

To order *Remember to Live*, log on to www.paulistpress.com or call 1-800-218-1903.

