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*President's Message*

## 'A natural fit'

Servant of God Isaac Thomas Hecker, our Paulist founder, dreamt large for a small group of men. He never thought that our missionary band would be great in number; indeed, he feared losing quality by hastily seeking large numbers. Hecker wanted this small band to draw their strength from their natural abilities and the personal inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Then they could accomplish great deeds!



But the Spirit chooses intermediaries to inspire His missionaries: parents, teachers, wisdom figures – and saints. Saints both inspire us and become our models. For sure, Hecker wanted his missionaries to be saints, to seek “personal perfection,” as he put it.

Someone once said that the only tragedy in life is not to become a saint. But who inspires us to become saints? What were the values and who were the saints that inspired Hecker when he thought of the texture and community-culture of the Paulist movement?

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*PT/Stefani Manowski*

With his brother Paulists, family and friends looking on, Jimmy Hsu, CSP, makes his final promise with the Paulist Fathers Sept. 6 in the chapel of St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.

# Paulist for life

*Jimmy Hsu, CSP, makes final promise with the Paulists*

**By Stefani Manowski**

Jimmy Hsu, CSP, took his final steps toward the priesthood by pledging a lifetime of service with the Paulist Fathers before his Paulist brothers, family and friends Sept. 6 in the chapel of St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C. The next morning, Mr. Hsu was ordained to the diaconate by Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, auxiliary bishop of Washington, D.C., in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. During the final promise Mass, Paulist President Father Michael B. McGarry called Mr. Hsu to stand before the congregation and pronounce his final promise to the Paulist Fathers. There were smiles and thundering applause from the approximately 100 well-wishers gathered as they watched the next Paulist take his final steps toward the priesthood.

Mr. Hsu's final profession is “a response to God's first promise to be faithful [to us],” said Paulist President Father Michael B. McGarry during the homily.

“Your final promise is an undeniably profound expression of hope,” Father McGarry said. “It is a promise that gives us all hope for the future of our Paulist vocation and our Paulist mission.”

During the Mass, Mr. Hsu signed the document committing himself to a lifetime of service with the Paulist Fathers, and received his very own Paulist Mission Cross, the symbol of his Paulist ministry. After the Mass, Paulists, family and friends gathered outside the chapel as Father McGarry presented Mr. Hsu with a newly-minted 2013 penny, his payment for a lifetime of Paulist service.

Handshakes, hugs and words of support and congratulations followed, after which the celebration continued with a reception in Mr. Hsu's honor.

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## First Promise 2013

Michael Hennessy, a 31-year-old Connecticut native, took the next step to ordination as a Paulist priest by making his first promise with the Paulist Fathers during an Aug. 27 Mass at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.

After spending a year as a Paulist novice, Mr. Hennessy promised to live for the next 12 months according to the society's constitution as he begins academic studies and continues priestly formation with the Paulist Fathers. The promise is renewed each year, culminating with a final promise the year before ordination.

"You have to let God lead you down your true path," Mr. Hennessy said.

# 'I am not Mother Teresa': Inspiration from the saints

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Well, at one time he stated it quite plainly:

"The conception of a movement of the nature of the Paulists was one which preoccupied my mind a long while. It was of a community in which the elements of self-control, conscience, and the internal guidance of the Holy Spirit should take the lead, and should be relied on for attaining perfection more than the control of discipline, rules and external authority. The result would be a type of perfection more in accordance with that of St. Philip Neri than with that of St. Ignatius [Loyola, founder of the Jesuits]."

So, after St. Paul himself, Hecker chose, among others, St. Philip Neri as a model for members of his movement. Hecker found in Philip Neri a saint who was a "natural fit" to inspire his missionaries, a saint they could imitate and not just admire.

I remember well the awkward but telling moment when an IBM personnel manager confronted me after my particularly eloquent (I thought!) homily on Mother Teresa. She challenged me: "I work as a personnel manager at IBM – I am not Mother Teresa." Some of the greatest saints are so singular that we simply admire them, stopping short of imitating them. While the world might be improved by having more Mother Teresa's, it might be even better by having saints working at IBM – in hospitals or in schools or in corporate board rooms. As a matter of fact, most Christians go to school or work in a business or on a construction site or take care of elderly relatives. Unique saints like Francis or Mother Teresa can be too distant. We admire them, but tomorrow the alarm clock will ring at 6 a.m., and we're on the bus by 7:15 a.m. for another day.

That's why Hecker chose wisely in Philip Neri: a saint that we can imitate in our ordinary lives.

But what were Philip Neri's natural abilities which the Holy Spirit harnessed for his mission to Rome? This 16th-century saint combined a marvelously creative – oftentimes puckish – spirit with an inquiring intellect. His mission territory, not some foreign country, was a challenging one indeed: the people in the city of Rome: citizens who, through laxity or lack of education, had lapsed in their Catholic practice. Philip's ingenious intellect moved him to engage his fellow Romans in unconventional ways. He both went out to them and invited them back into his oratory. The "oratory" was a kind of precursor, we might even say, to today's Theology-on-Tap discussion forums.

Does Philip Neri's mission field sound familiar? That is, ordinary folks raised as Catholics who wandered from their faith living in the city where we live? Indeed, Hecker saw that, and we see it too.

Further, both Philip and Hecker grounded their mission in intense, personal prayer. For Philip Neri, the Spirit pushed him into the Roman streets; for Isaac Hecker that same Spirit pushed him to bring the good news of Jesus Christ and his Church into the American people and culture. So can we, sons of Hecker and imitators of Philip Neri.

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



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Cardinal Thomas C. Collins of Toronto (center) leads the Eucharistic Prayer during the Sept. 15 Mass celebrating a century of Paulist service in Canada at St. Peter's Church in Toronto. Joining the cardinal at the altar are Father John Duffy, CSP, associate pastor of St. Peter's (left); Father Tom Gibbons, CSP, associate pastor of St. Peter's; Paulist President Father Michael B. McGarry; and Father Richard Colgan, former pastor at St. Peter's.

# O, Canada!

## *Paulists celebrate 100 years of ministry in Toronto*

By Stefani Manowski

Hundreds of the faithful filled St. Peter's Church in Toronto Sept. 16 to celebrate 100 years of Paulist ministry in Canada.

Cardinal Thomas C. Collins of Toronto was the main celebrant and homilist for the Mass that was enhanced by various vocalists, musicians and the parish's Filipino choir.

"We are here for a celebration of thanksgiving for 100 years Paulist ministry in Canada," Cardinal Collins said during the homily. "The Paulists have been welcoming people here to be forgiven of their sins, to meet the Lord himself, and to be given our mission to go out and share Christ's light – his gift to us – with the people we encounter."

Joining the cardinal on the altar for the Mass were four Paulists: Paulist President Father Michael B. McGarry; Father Richard Colgan, CSP, a former pastor of St. Peter's; and St. Peter's two associate pastors, Father Tom Gibbons, CSP, and Father John Duffy, CSP.

"This is a very poignant moment in the history of this parish and the history of the Paulist Fathers," said Father McGarry. "This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate a bright and vibrant community of faith in Toronto that has much to be grateful for and to look forward to."

### **A century ago ...**

Archbishop Neil McNeil invited the Paulists to direct the Newman Hall at the University of Toronto, where the Paulists served from 1913-36. In 1914, the Paulists were asked to take over the pastoral ministry of St. Peter's Parish located at Bathurst and Bloor streets.

In order to enhance the Paulist work of welcoming people in to the Catholic faith, Father Francis W. Stone, CSP, asked to be given the ministry of the "convert classes" full time in 1946, and welcomed 100 people into the Church within a year. The Catholic Information Center moved from the basement of the church to its present location adjacent to St. Peter's in 1956, and was renamed the Paulist Ministry Centre for Catholic Evangelization in 1998.

**Looking forward**  
Celebrating 100 years of Paulist service in Toronto, it is natural to wonder what the future will bring. One thing is certain: the next century of the Paulists in Canada will kick off by welcoming Father Tim Sullivan, CSP, as the new pastor at St. Peter's. Father Sullivan officially took up his new post on the weekend of Sept. 21-22, and came to Toronto from serving as pastor of St. Patrick Church in Memphis, Tenn.

### **Looking forward**

And a second thing that is certain: the love of the people for the Paulists in Toronto.

"I was away from the Church for a while and don't know if I would have stayed if it weren't for the welcome and acceptance I found here," said Rita Shaughenasy, a St. Peter's parishioner of more than 40 years. "I can't imagine St. Peter's without the Paulists."

Imagine making a poor choice that changed your life by landing you in prison. You are one among many of your fellow inmates who is remorseful, but also lonely, angry, fearful and discouraged. You have the choice to change your life from the inside, but how do you turn to God? Who is there to help you?

"Many people in prison are in despair by being forgotten by family, friends and society," said Denny Marcotte, coordinator of prison ministry for Paulist Evangelization Ministries for the past five years. "They think, 'If everyone else abandoned me, did God abandon me, too?' Our ministry shows our loving God forgives over and over again."

PEM's prison ministry reaches out to the 1,000 prisoners who directly contact the organization, as well as supporting some 540 Catholic chaplains in their work.

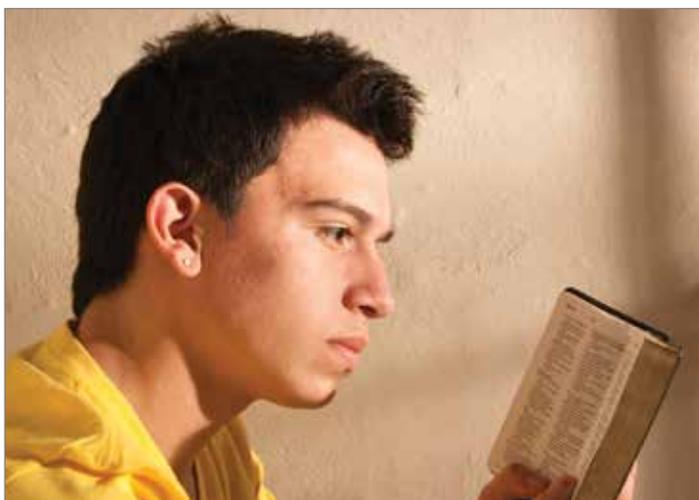
"Prisons are swarming with Muslim and Protestant literature, but very few places produce Catholic materials," said Mr. Marcotte.

More than 142 different pieces of Catholic literature have been sent to prisoners across the United States so far in 2013, according to Mr. Marcotte. Those materials include more than 1,600 New American Bibles, almost 14,000 copies of the quarterly newsletter titled "Let's Talk!" in English and "¡Hablemos!" in Spanish. "Invitation" gives recipients an overview of the Catholic faith in a question-and-answer format, which chaplains use as a study guide, Mr. Marcotte said, while the "Follow Me" pamphlet written by PEM President Father Frank DeSiano, CSP, speaks about conversion and commitment to Christ. PEM has also distributed more than 2,000 of the Prayer for Justice and Mercy prayer card.

"Prisoners have written and said, 'I never realized how good God is, how much he can play a part in my life and help me stay on the straight and narrow,'" Mr. Marcotte said, noting that in Chicago, a bishop welcomed nine men to the Catholic faith through the prison Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program.

"We have places where there is no Catholic chaplain, it is nice to hear some places are welcoming people into the Church," he said.

Photo (PT/file): A young man reads the Bible while in prison.



# 'I was in prison, and you came to me'

*PEM connects prisoners to God's mercy and forgiveness*

## **A Daily Prayer for Justice and Mercy**

Jesus, united with the Father and the Holy Spirit, give us your compassion for those in prison.  
Mend in mercy the broken in mind and memory.  
Soften the hard of heart, the captives of anger.  
Free the innocent; parole the trustworthy.  
Awaken the repentance that restores hope.  
May prisoners' families persevere in their love.  
Jesus, heal the victims of crime. They live with the scars.  
Lift to eternal peace those who die.  
Grant victims' families the forgiveness that heals.  
Give wisdom to lawmakers and to those who judge.  
Instill prudence and patience in those who guard.  
Make those in prison ministry bearers of your light,  
for all of us are in need of your mercy! Amen.

# A penny for your thoughts

*Deacon Jimmy Hsu, CSP, gets closer to priesthood*

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Excitement and expectation lingered in the air like the wafts of incense that led the procession for Mass the next morning. Mr. Hsu was joined by a member of the Order of St. Francis Minor and two Dominicans in being ordained to the diaconate.

The ordinandi were presented to Bishop Knestout as suitable candidates for the diaconate. After the homily, Mr. Hsu made a commitment to celibacy and then answered, "I am," to five questions posed by Bishop Knestout as his examination. Mr. Hsu then presented himself to the bishop, placing his hands in the bishop's as he recited a promise of respect and obedience to the diocesan bishop wherever he should serve.

The Litany of Saints was prayed as the group of ordinandi lay prostrate before the altar. Bishop Knestout then laid hands on the head of each kneeling candidate and recited the Prayer of Consecration.

Now a deacon, Rev. Mr. Hsu was then invested with the stole and dalmatic – the symbols of the office of deacon – by Father John Behnke, CSP, and presented with the Book of Gospels as a symbol that the office of deacon is closely associated with the proclaiming and preaching of the Good News. Bishop Knestout greeted each ordinand with a Kiss of Peace before the Liturgy of the Eucharist commenced.

Rev. Mr. Hsu led the altar preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and was by Bishop Knestout's side when the offertory was brought to the altar. The celebrations continued after the Mass with a luncheon reception at St. Paul's College.



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Jimmy Hsu, CSP, beams as he holds up a newly-minted 2013 penny, the payment for a lifetime of service with the Paulist Fathers. Mr. Hsu made his final promise with the Paulists Sept. 6 at St. Paul's College.



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Jimmy Hsu, CSP, promises obedience to the bishop wherever he may serve during the Sept. 7 ordination Mass to the diaconate with Bishop Barry C. Knestout of Washington, D.C. presiding. The diaconate ordination took place in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.



PT/Ethan Allen

Five men took the 2013 Paulist Plunge, exploring the Paulists and community life at St. Mary's on the Lake, the Paulist retreat house on Lake George, N.Y. They stopped for a group shot in the historic St. Isaac Jogues Chapel on the Paulist islands on the lake near Huletts Landing, N.Y. In the photo are Father Steven Bell, CSP; Paulist Novice Daniel Arthur; Majdi Ammari; Paulist Director of Vocations Father Larry Rice; Paulist Novice Evan Cummings; Carmine Novembre; and Daniel Watts.

# Taking the plunge

*Five men explore life with the Paulists*

By Stefani Manowski

In what is sure to become a tradition in the Paulist community, five men came from around the country to explore and experience the Paulist community during the 2013 Paulist Plunge. This marks the second year for the event held July 29 through Aug. 3 at the beautiful mountain-lake setting of St. Mary's on the Lake, the Paulist retreat house on Lake George, N.Y.

Paulist Vocation Director Father Larry Rice said the Plunge is a chance for potential Paulists to get to know about the community and its members in an idyllic, informal setting.

"The Paulist Plunge is a unique opportunity for these men to get to know more about the Paulists and Paulist spirituality in a place where you can truly see the hand of God," Father Rice said. "There is Mass, prayer, presentations, a boat ride on the lake, swimming and all sorts of things for the participants to enjoy. Plus there is the opportunity for them to speak with me and the other Paulists visiting St. Mary's one-on-one. That kind of interpersonal connection is what can make the difference for these men."

The hallmark warm and welcoming Paulist spirit was "amazing" to Plunger Carmine Novembre.

"It is the same with everyone I meet in the Paulists," said Mr. Novembre, a 44-year-old New York City resident who holds masters' degrees in pharmacological medicine and public health. He contacted Father Rice at the suggestion of a non-Paulist priest friend, and was impressed that the community seeks to take an individual's talents and "expand on them while working in community."

Having always felt a calling to the priesthood, Mr. Novembre said the Paulist Plunge was "a great start to a yearlong process of discernment."

It was the special concern the Paulists have for the people not in the pews on Sunday that attracted 38-year-old Daniel Watts to the Paulists.

Mr. Watts, who hails from Los Angeles, said the Paulist Plunge will be a determining factor in his decision to pursue the Paulist priesthood.

"I came away from the Paulist Plunge with my faith invigorated, and a continuing desire to share that faith with others," he said.

# Meet the novices!

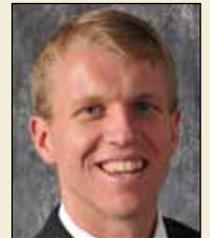
Four men entered the Paulist Fathers' novitiate in Washington, D.C. this summer. The novitiate is a year of discernment and formation before officially entering the Paulists.



**Daniel Arthur**  
Age: 36  
Home: Huntington Beach, CA

"Seeing what [Hecker] did to find his place in the Church and in American culture really resonated with me."

**Michael Cruickshank**  
Age: 31  
Home: Chelmsford, MA



"The more I got to know the Paulists, the more I could relate to them. I like their charm and mission a great deal."



**Evan Cummings**  
Age: 22  
Home: Clearfield, UT

"I like all of the different Paulist ministries, and can see myself doing any of them."

**Paolo Puccini**  
Age: 26  
Home: Houston, TX



"I was really attracted to the Paulist mission of evangelization. There seems to be such a definite hunger for God's Word in the world."



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The new staff of the Paulist Office for Financial Development gathers with a portrait of Paulist Founder, Servant of God Father Isaac Hecker, CSP, in the background. Pictured are (from left) F. Gail Reed, Sherrie Cooper-Smith, Donald Coates, Jackie Thomas-Suggs and Zina Reed.

## Working for a brighter future

### *Meet the new OFD staff*

In an effort to build a stronger revenue-driven fundraising operation, the Paulist Office for Financial Development welcomed four new staff members over the summer.

With over 30 years of fundraising experience, F. Gail Reed has honed her skills at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she was the director of development for the College of Medicine and director of the annual fund for the university and Rankin Chapel. She raised millions of dollars during her 27 years at Howard. Ms. Reed joins the Paulist staff as the director of planned giving. In this role she is responsible for the education, promotion and management of our legacy gifts. She comes to The Paulist Fathers from the American Lung Association where she was responsible for high net-worth individuals and corporate relations.

Donald Coates is a 23-year direct mail professional who shares his talents and experience with the development office as the director of direct response for the Paulist Fathers. Mr. Coates is a native Washingtonian and lifelong neighbor of St. Paul's College, having a home a few block from campus. He comes to the Paulists from the Arlington Food Assistance Center, where he was responsible for their direct mail and major gifts. Don

has previously directed the mail programs for The Challenger Center for Space Science Education, The Foundation Fighting Blindness and Catholic Charities USA.

The Paulists' new donor stewardship manager is Sherri Cooper-Smith. Sherri is responsible for managing the donor experience, seeing that Paulist supporters get quality and friendly customer service in the way of accurate information, timely acknowledgements, confidential handling of donor records and information, as well as the oversight of processing donations. Before coming to the Paulists, for five years, Ms. Cooper-Smith was the stewardship manager at Georgetown University Law School for five years, and prospect manager and stewardship assistant for College Summit, Inc. In those positions she was involved in their direct response or donor relations divisions.

Zina Reed is the new major gifts officer with an emphasis on social media and online giving for the Paulist Fathers. Ms. Reed is responsible for building our online presence in fundraising and connecting with our youth constituents. Prior to joining the Paulists, Ms. Reed worked at The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Major's Office of Philadelphia and the national office of the American Lung Association.

# Thank you

## *Successful capital campaign concludes*

"A Future Brighter Than Any Past: Campaign" for the Paulist Fathers will come to a conclusion Nov. 1 with great success. The goal of the campaign was \$12 million dollars with the disbursement of funds as follows: 20 percent of the revenue was returned to the Paulist parishes and centers as their investment in their brighter future. The fund to care for Paulists in senior ministry was allocated 25 percent; while 19 percent went to fund the education and formation of future Paulists. Three ministries received 8 percent allocations: evangelization, media and young adult ministries. Paulist Reconciliation Ministries was allocated 11 percent of the campaign results.

A prayerful and grateful "thank you" to everyone who supported this ambitious investment of time, resources and talent. We could not have done it without our dedicated supporters who made sacrificial financial donations while continuing to support their local parishes. Additionally, we owe an equal debt of gratitude to volunteers across the Paulist community who worked tirelessly organizing information sessions, hosting small group briefings, participating in capital campaign meetings and keeping the spirit of the campaign in the foreground.

Your sacrifices allowed the Paulists to enhance recruitment of seminarians, who are the future of the Paulist Fathers. We are beginning to see the hoped-for results of new videos and community experiences as more men respond to God's call to enter the Paulist novitiate.

Our increased focus on that brighter future has resulted in capital improvements to some of the Paulist residences, so that our senior priests have a more appropriate and safe environment.

For those of you who have completed your campaign pledge commitment, again, thank you. For those of you who are making incremental, scheduled fulfillment on your pledge to the campaign, please continue. We are counting on your promise.



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Paulist Associates from around the United States and Canada gathered at St. Mary's on the Lake, Lake George, N.Y., for the 2013 Associates' retreat this summer. The Paulist Associates are a group of lay men and women, including non-Catholics, who freely associate themselves with the Paulist spirituality and charism by making a commitment to embody the ideals of the Paulists in their daily living. Through the Associates, the Paulist charism is extended beyond the limited membership of the Paulist community itself. Becoming an associate involves a discernment period consisting of an informational meeting, a retreat, and a six-session formation program, which explores various themes of Paulist spirituality and mission. Following the discernment period, those who wish to make formal application to be a Paulist Associate may do so. Those who are approved for membership make a one-year commitment to the associate group, a commitment that is renewed annually. For more information, contact the Associates group at your Paulist parish or center.



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