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President's Message

A new chapter

If you were to tell me this time last year that I would be writing this column today as the new president of the Paulist Fathers, I would have laughed! But given the winds of change that have been blowing through the Church since the election of Pope Francis, anything is possible with God.



Taking the reins of this community I love so much is very daunting. Yet, I am blessed with the gifts and talents of my fellow Paulist priests, the great potential of our novices and seminarians, the expertise of our co-workers, the spiritual support of our Paulist Associates, and the prayers and encouragement of the thousands of parishioners in our parishes, campus ministries, downtown information centers. With a team like this, how can we not accomplish our mission of bringing the Good News to the people of North America?

In the first two weeks on the job, I am already heartened. The joy and hopefulness that accompanied the installation celebration and the ordination of Father Jimmy Hsu, CSP, remained with us as the delegates to the Paulist General Assembly gathered in Washington, D.C., at St. Paul's College. For ten days, the delegates discerned where God is leading us in the next four years, through the Holy Spirit.

When Pope Francis was asked who he was, he responded: "I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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A radiant Father Jimmy Hsu, CSP, walks down the main aisle of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City after his ordination May 24.

Ordination 2014

Jimmy Hsu is the newest Paulist priest

By Stefani Manowski

Becoming a priest. It was a moment Deacon Jimmy Hsu first considered after attending a retreat in the eighth grade. That inkling became a reality for Deacon Hsu as he was ordained the newest Paulist priest May 24 at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City

"You will be consecrated to Christ in a very special way," said Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin, Texas, who presided over the ordination.

"Impart to everyone the word of God you have received with such joy," the bishop said, "so that by your example you will build up the house that is God's Church."

A light rain fell from a cloudy sky,

but the spirits of the hundreds gathered for the ordination Mass were not to be dampened by the weather. The air was filled with incense and the music of the St. Paul's Choir and pipe organ as the Paulists, with Deacon Hsu in their wake, processed to the altar.

After the Gospel reading, Paulist President Father Eric Andrews presented the ordinand to Bishop Vasquez as a candidate for the priesthood. On behalf of the entire Church, Bishop Vasquez then chose Deacon Hsu for the Order of Priesthood. The congregation expressed their consent with applause that thundered through the expansive church as Deacon Hsu stood before them, a bright smile illuminating his face.

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2014 General Assembly sets course for the future

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At the assembly, we Paulists committed ourselves to radical conversion: to look at our lives individually and collectively so to be renewed for the work of preaching the Gospel. We need to take this step first, if our witness to the Love of God is to be authentic.

The General Assembly expressed our mission spirituality in this way: "As missionaries we serve others, pointing out the signs of God's presence today. We invite people to experience God as the Spirit leads them. Being attentive to the Spirit makes us attentive to those most in need, especially those who experience spiritual poverty. We impart God's Good News with joy, affirmation, dialogue and hope, helping others to attain the fullness God desires for them."

We acknowledged that this mission spirituality must be shared if it is to be truly effective. We must engage more deeply those who partner with us. For example, in the next four years we will seek to nurture our Paulist Associates, providing a more cohesive national structure so the Paulist movement can grow beyond our foundations. Cognizant of the surge of vocations to the permanent diaconate, we approved a fascinating proposal to explore a Paulist deacon program. Finally, we acknowledged that we need professionals who can help us in many key areas such as finances, branding and strategic planning.

The assembly delegates worked on a variety of other issues which I'll be talking with you about over the next weeks and

months. There was plenty of sentiment in the community to revise the election process, and I applaud the delegates who designed a shorter election process and reversed the order of election, beginning with assembly delegates and then moving to national offices. This will create a more "bottom-up" approach to the way we discern issues and leadership.

I look forward to visiting you all in our foundations and ministries before too long. In July, we are moving the General Offices of the Paulist Fathers to their original location at our Mother House and Church of St. Paul the Apostle at Columbus Avenue and 60th Street in New York City. This move will help us consolidate, create efficiencies and build up identity around what's most important. Being at the Mother House, associated again with the Mother Church, shows the power of our roots and the dynamism of our charism. There, we will be close to our founder, Servant of God Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, and be able to welcome you at St. Paul's on Sundays or your next trip to the Big Apple.

Even with the challenges, I am excited about where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Thank you for being part of our pilgrim journey! God Bless You!

Very Rev. Eric Andrews, CSP
President of the Paulist Fathers



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The 2014 General Assembly convened at St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C., for 10 days, during which assembly delegates discussed the concerns facing the community and ways to address those issues. For more on the 2014 General Assembly, visit paulist.org today!



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Courtesy Father Frank Desiderio, CSP

Father Frank Desiderio, CSP, facilitates the "Can You Let Go of a Grudge?" Parish mission at St. Cecilia parish Mission in Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Can you let go of a grudge?

Ministry helps people take crucial step on path to reconciliation

By Stefani Manowski

Here is the simple (and not so simple) question: Why is it hard to forgive?

Ask Father Frank Desiderio, CSP, and he will instantly reply: "Because we are hard-wired for justice."

"We are afraid we are letting people off the hook if we forgive, and without forgiveness, there can be no reconciliation," added Father Desiderio, who is offering people an opportunity to explore the path to forgiveness with a parish mission and retreat titled, "Can You Let Go of a Grudge?"

The three-day parish missions and shorter retreats begin with a viewing of the movie, "The Big Question: A Film About Forgiveness." The movie – executive produced by Father Desiderio when he was serving as president of Paulist Productions – explores astonishing acts of forgiveness, courage and will, featuring Desmond Tutu, Sister Helen Prejean, Thich Nhat Hanh, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Hopi Elders. Participants then explore the theology of forgiveness and related topics such as justice, anger and revenge and the five steps to forgiveness.

"People say to me all the time, 'This has really helped me let go of something that was bothering me for a long time,'" said Father Desiderio, who serves on the Paulist leadership team as first consultant.

Father Desiderio said he expected to meet people who were suffering from the grief and anger of broken relationships, divorce or past mistakes but what really amazed him are the number of people who have come to him needing to "let go" of feelings of being cheated out of an inheritance. Whether it is between siblings, children and a step-parent or other loved ones of the deceased, "what has surprised me is that this situation has come up as often as it has," he said.

Sometimes entire parishes need forgiveness, if a pastor

has embezzled funds or some other tragedy has caused pain.

"They can walk this path together and begin to rebuild their community of faith," said Father Desiderio.

With a parish or with individuals, the timing of forgiveness is especially important.

"The community is grieving some form of loss," Father Desiderio explained. "They need to go through the stages of outrage and anger and grief. After they go through that process, when they are tired of being held in bondage to bitter feelings, that is the time to explore forgiveness. But I would never dishonor their grief by starting a process of forgiveness too quickly."

This ministry has also caused Father Desiderio to take an internal look at his own capacity for forgiveness.

"I have to participate in the process I am teaching about," Father Desiderio said. "I have to ask myself, 'Am I holding onto resentment or am I a forgiving person?'" When asked if he had any final thoughts he said, "When we have exhausted the avenues of justice, what is left to us is forgiveness."

For more information, visit forgivenessretreats.org.

SOAR! answers the call

The Paulist Fathers thank SOAR! (Supporting Our Aging Religious) for the recent grant awarded to support the accessibility modifications at St. Mary's on the Lake in Lake George, N.Y. SOAR! is dedicated to advancing the cause of retired and infirm religious in the United States. The grant will provide much needed renovations to the facility including the installation of additional handrails and a lift, upgrading the bathrooms and completing the accessibility renovations to the bedrooms on the first floor of the Priest House. Thank you, SOAR!

The making of a



Photo: Bruce Byers

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin examines Deacon Jimmy Hsu, CSP, as a candidate for the priesthood.



Photo: Bruce Byers

Deacon Jimmy Hsu, CSP, promises obedience to the bishop wherever he may serve and to his Paulist superiors.

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The Rite of Ordination continued with Deacon Hsu promising to preach the Gospel and explain the faith worthily and wisely, to celebrate the liturgy of the church faithfully, pray continually for the people and to live a life of holiness.

Deacon Hsu placed his joined hands between those of the bishop as he promised respect and obedience to the bishops in the dioceses where he will serve and to his religious superiors.

Bishop Vasquez invited all to pray for the bestowal of heavenly gifts upon Deacon Hsu, now lying prostrate in front of the altar as the Litany of Saints commenced.

The bishop laid his hands on the head of the ordinand as a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit for the priestly office. The laying on of hands by Bishop Vasquez was repeated by all of the Paulists and priests gathered, signifying the Deacon Hsu's incorporation into the priesthood.

Then, with hands extended, Bishop Vasquez offered the prayer of ordination: "Grant, we pray, Almighty Father, to this, your servant, the dignity of the priesthood; renew deep within him the Spirit of holiness; may he henceforth possess this office which comes from you, O God, and is next in rank to the office of bishop; and by the example of his manner of life, may he instill right conduct."

The newly-ordained Paulist priest was then invested with the priestly stole and chasuble by Paulist Vice President Father John Behnke and Father Dat Tran, CSP, associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles.

Bishop Vasquez then anointed the new priest's hands with Holy Chrism as a symbol of his distinctive participation in the priesthood of Christ, and the bishop handed Father Hsu a chalice containing wine mixed with water and a paten filled with bread.

Bishop Vasquez then offered the new priest a kiss of peace, sealing the reception of his new co-worker in priestly ministry. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then proceeded with the gifts of bread and wine brought forth by Father Hsu's parents, brother and sister-in-law.

At the end of the Mass, the Paulists gathered in a circle around the baptismal font at the back of the church after the Mass as the bishop escorted Father Hsu into the center of the crowd with enthusiastic applause.

Father Hsu celebrated his first Mass the next morning at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle; he will soon take up his first pastoral post as associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles.



Photo: Bruce Byers

Deacon Jimmy Hsu, CSP, lies prostrate before the altar while the Litany of Saints is sung.



Photo: Bruce Byers

Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin anoints the hands of newly-ordained Father Jimmy Hsu, CSP.

Faithful to the

Call

Celebrate with the six Paulists who are marking milestone moments in their priestly ministry in 2014! These men have a combined 245 years of dedicated service to God's Church and the Paulist charism.

Father Robert Baer • 60 Years

Residence: Boston, Mass.

Hometown: Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Ordained: May 1, 1954

Service: Associate pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd in New York City, 1954-56; vocation director for the Midwest, 1956-59; Campus ministry, Tufts and Brandeis universities out of St. Ann's Parish in Boston, 1959-65; campus ministry at the University of California at Berkeley, 1965-67; pastoral studies in theology at the University of Nijmegen in Holland, 1967-70; founder, People of Promise, which he led until 1978. In 1978, Father Baer began studies at the CG Jung Institut in Zurich, Switzerland, until 1982; Jungian analyst, Boston.



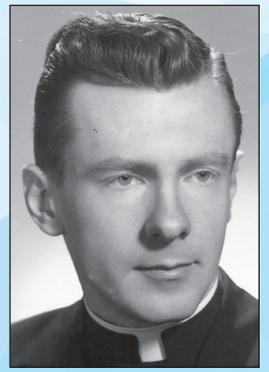
Father Lou McKernan • 60 Years

Residence: New York City

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Ordained: May 1, 1954

Service: Associate pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd, New York City, 1954; faculty, St. Peter's College, Baltimore, 1954-55; graduate studies; campus ministry, Tufts and Brandeis universities out of St. Ann's Parish in Boston, 1956-57; staff, *The Catholic World* magazine, New York City, 1957-61; graduate studies, 1961-66; staff, *The Catholic World* magazine, New York City, 1966-69; coordinator, St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C., 1971-75; pastor, St. Nicholas Church, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1975-79; associate pastor, Old St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, 1979-82.



Father John Geaney • 50 years

Current post: Rector of the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Hometown: Malden, Mass.

Ordained: May 11, 1964

Service: Associate pastor at St. Ann's Church in Boston, Mass., 1964; associate pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Los Angeles, 1964-66; campus ministry at the University Catholic Center at the University of California at Los Angeles, 1966-68; faculty member at St. Paul's College, 1968-75; director of communications for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, 1975-82; executive producer, Paulist Media Works, 1982-99; priest-director, Catholic Relief Services, 1999-2002; pastor, St. Augustine, Memphis, Tenn., 2002-10.



Father Joe Ciccone • 25 Years

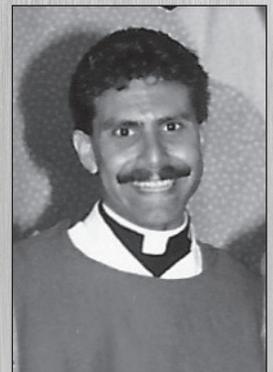
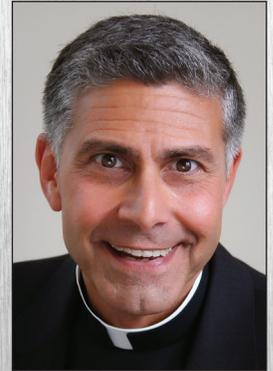
Current post: Director of the St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University, Columbus

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.

Ordained: May 13, 1989

Service: Campus ministry, St. Andrew's Parish at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., 1988-93; campus ministry, St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish at the University of Colorado in Boulder, 1993-2000; staff member, Paulist Center, Boston, Mass., 2000-05; pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish in Knoxville, Tenn., from 2005-10

On 25 years: "As a priest, you are given access into a variety of peoples' lives, where you can offer them blessing and a taste of the mystery of God."



Father Ed Nowak • 25 Years

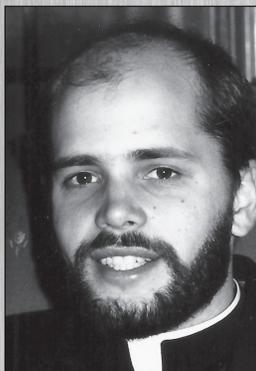
Current post: Director of the University Catholic Center, University of Texas at Austin

Hometown: Crafton, Pa.

Ordained: May 13, 1989

Service: Campus ministry, St. Lawrence Church and Newman Center, University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, 1988-93; Campus ministry, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1993-2002; Director of vocations, 2002-08.

On 25 years: "The Paulist Fathers have let me do things that inspired me to be a priest in the first place," he said, "to reach out to people on the edge of the Church or not in any church at all; to let them know God's love and mercy right where they are in their lives."



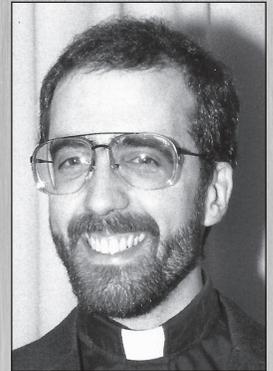
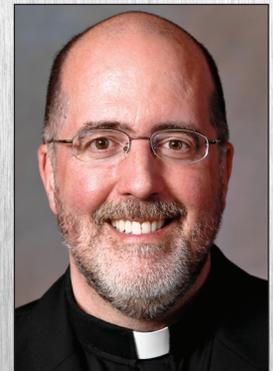
Father Larry Rice • 25 Years

Current post: Director of vocations; director, St. Mary's on the Lake, Lake George, N.Y.

Ordained: May 13, 1989

Service: Associate pastor at Good Shepherd Church in New York City, 1989-90; Executive producer, Paulist Media Works, 1990-2002; Pastoral Associate and director, St. Thomas More Newman Center at The Ohio State University, Columbus, 2002-10; First consultant 2010-14.

On 25 years: "Both the Paulists as a community and I as an individual have an impact on people's lives. We may not recognize it or appreciate at the time, and we may never be aware of it, but it is there."





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Father Charlie Martin, CSP, is one of the 54 Paulists over the age of 70. He currently resides at the Paulist Center in Boston.

Honor friends and Family with a Perpetual Mass Enrollment

When faced with ways to celebrate life's wonderful, joyous milestones, such as the birth of a child, graduations, marriages or just letting a friend know you are thinking of them, consider enrolling them in the Paulist Perpetual Mass enrollment. The honoree will be included in daily prayers and Masses of the Paulist community.

Similar to the Memorial Mass Enrollment, Society members receive a beautiful commemoration card, informing them that they have been honored by a caring friend or family member. Their prayer card is completed and your intention is shared with the community.

The suggested offering is \$20. This gift helps defray the cost of maintaining the Paulist Mother House in New York City and St. Paul's College in Washington, D.C.

Lives well spent

Appeal to help senior Paulists

How do we say thank you and we appreciate your service? There are no gold watches or cash bonuses for senior Paulists, men who have dedicated their lives to the call to serve God and humankind. During this time of year, we ask our Paulist family and friends to help us demonstrate our appreciation by supporting the Senior Paulist Appeal.

The fiscal realities for the Catholic Church in today's economic situation are of serious concern:

- The rise in the median age of priests
- The heavy costs for providing quality care for older members of the community
- The high cost of health care, especially as we age
- The need to renovate facilities to meet the needs of those challenged with mobility.

This is a topic usually not discussed in facts and figures but in impressions of what should be. Many Catholics assume that the Church takes care of the needs of priests as they reach maturity; that is not the case. The distressing reality is the social security allotment is about \$4,290 annually for religious community members. The Paulists have absorbed the ever-rising costs of skilled care facilities, accessible modifications and other costs for the loving care of their Paulist brothers, most of whom continue to work well beyond the usual retirement age.

This year, the Paulists are blessed to have two members celebrating their diamond jubilee marking 60 years of ministry, Father Louis McKernan, CSP, and Father Robert Baer, CSP. (Read about these incredible men on Page 6!)

Among the Paulist Fathers we have 54 inspirational leaders over the age of 70. Men who heard the call and dedicated themselves to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord. These 54 Paulists have preached countless missions; they inspire and pray for us. Remember them in your prayers and with your support.