



IHM News

Summer 2011

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary



Bishop Robert Gruss
Diocese of Rapid City

Ordinations

Totus Tuus

Serra Club

ECCE QUAM BONUM

Et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum

IHM News

In this Issue

Letter from the Rector.....2
 Bishop Robert Gruss.....3
 Men's and Womens' Retreat4
 Serra Clubs4
 Ordinations.....4
 Totus Tuus.....5
 Graduate perspective6
 Development notes7
 Brick Campaign.....7
 Bishops and Rector Dinner...8

Upcoming Events

- Family Weekend
Sept. 30-Oct. 2
- Mid-term
Oct 14
- Autumn Recess
Oct 15-18
- Renewal Weekend
Oct 21-23
- Seminary Information Weekend
Nov 12-14
- Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 23-28
- Evening of Recollection
Dec 3

Proudly Serving the
Dioceses of :

Crookston, Duluth,
Fort Wayne-South Bend,
Gary, La Crosse, Madison,
Peoria, Rapid City,
Saint Cloud, Sioux Falls,
and Winona

For more information about Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary or to learn about opportunities for memorial gifts, contact Ellen Speltz at the Office of Development:

Tel: (507)457-7376
 Fax: (507)457-8601
 Email: ihms@smumn.edu

Greetings from IHM Seminary,

As I write this letter, the school year has just begun at IHM Seminary. We have 10 new seminarians this year for a total of 47 seminarians. They are a great group of men who have committed themselves to following God's call and discerning whether He might be inviting them to the vocation of priesthood. Right before the beginning of the academic year, I had the opportunity to travel to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day. There were about 450,000 youth registered for the event and another 1.5 million people from the area who attended the events with Pope Benedict XVI. A good number of seminarians from IHM also attended along with Bishop Quinn, Bishop Harrington, Fr. Thomas Melvin and many other priests. It was a great experience to be with so many other youthful Catholics who are excited about their faith and want to grow into a closer relationship with Christ. The Holy Father encouraged the young people to continue to seek Christ, stating, "If you abide in the love of Christ, rooted in faith, you will encounter, even amid setbacks and suffering, the source of true happiness and joy. Faith does not run counter to your highest ideals; on the contrary, it elevates and perfects those ideals. Dear young people, do not be satisfied with anything less than Truth and Love, do not be content with anything less than Christ." While in Madrid, the group that I was with from the Winona Diocese had the opportunity to make a day trip to the city of Toledo, the highlight of which was the visit to the Cathedral. We were able to see a beautiful gold monstrance used to hold the Blessed Sacrament for the annual Eucharistic procession held in Toledo every year. This monstrance was brought to Madrid for the evening vigil with Pope Benedict for World Youth Day. At the gathering of over 1 million people it was inspiring to see the Holy Father expose the Blessed Sacrament on the altar and lead the youth in prayer to Jesus. The large crowd fell to their knees and became completely silent in adoration and praise of the Lord.

Pope Benedict also celebrated a Mass with the seminarians, which was the highlight of the trip for the seminarians I spoke with. He encouraged them in their aspiration to be Christ's priests for the service of the Church. He also referred to the power of Christ's blood in the Eucharistic sacrifice: "His blood, a sign of love, was given to us by God as a covenant, so that we might apply the force of his life wherever death reigns due to our sins, and thus destroy it." Please keep our seminarians in your prayers as well as the priests who work here in forming the seminarians, as we will remember you in our prayers. God Bless you.

Fr. Andrew Beerman



Very Reverend Andrew J. Beerman, STL,
Rector



Senior Perspective



About three years ago, I transferred to Saint Mary's University with the hopes of studying religious education. Within my first month at the university, I met Father Beerman who became my spiritual director for a year and a half. Over the course of that year and a half, I met the former rector of IHM, Fr. James Steffes, who told me in our first conversation that I would make a good priest or religious. I remember taking the contents of that conversation to spiritual direction with Father Beerman, and he helped me to realize that God indeed was asking me to enter the seminary. To both Fr. Steffes and Fr. Beerman I am eternally grateful.

Over two years after that conversation with Fr. Steffes, Fr. Beerman no longer is my spiritual director, but rather my rector. I no longer live in a dorm on the campus of Saint Mary's, but rather live in the seminary adjacent to Saint Mary's. I no longer walk the halls of Saint Mary's as another campus student, but rather as a seminarian. I no longer have an uncertainty about what I am doing, but rather I have peace and freedom that I am exactly where the Lord wants me to be.

My heart is filled with gratitude and joy as I reflect on how generous the Lord has been toward me since I came to IHM. I have developed a deep relationship with the Lord in which I daily encounter His unconditional love for me from which I am empowered to do His will. I have grown in maturity and self-confidence. I am now much more comfortable in sharing my gifts, as I have done with the elderly and the imprisoned in my apostolic works here at IHM. I have grown in knowledge and love of Him through studying philosophy. I also have made some of the most lasting friendships of my entire life. As I continue studying for the priesthood, I will be a better man and, God-willing, a better priest from my experience here at IHM.

As I near the end of my time at IHM, I cannot help but crack a big smile, because of how much I have loved and appreciated my time here. It is because of my time at IHM that I am prepared to continue onto theology school and, God-willing, one day become a priest of Jesus Christ. The amazing thing is that while my time at IHM has been absolutely fantastic, I have heard that it only gets better. I am excited for what is coming ahead, but I also am very grateful to the Lord for the great gift of being formed in this environment for the last two years. The Lord is so very good, and I cannot wait to see what He has in store for me.



Timothy Smith, a junior from the Diocese of Sioux Falls, has been elected Head Prefect by his peers. The Head Prefect, heads up the IHMS Student Council and also represents the seminary in university relations and matters between the seminary faculty, staff and seminary board.

Timothy Smith is a convert to the Catholic faith and was inspired to Catholicism through a priest alumni of IHM seminary.

Annual Silent Retreat

IHM Annual Silent Retreat
By Alex Davis

After nearly a month of being away from IHM for Christmas Break, the Annual Silent Retreat seemed essential in getting back into the swing of seminary life. Within hours of arriving back at IHM, a rule of silence took over the house, allowing for much needed rest and prayer.

This year, the Franciscan Brothers Minor from Ft. Wayne, Indiana led the retreat. The presence of the brothers visiting IHM brought insight into our prayer as a seminary. Fr. David Mary of the order presented talks and homilies focusing on a call to holiness, a love for God, and the importance of an active discernment. Time between conferences allowed for independent prayer, exercise, and spiritually reading. Plenty of rest and quality meals also added stamina to the retreat as each seminarian took the opportunity to grow in virtue. Breaking the silence at the end of the retreat felt rewarding, paving the way to another academic semester at Saint Mary's University. The Annual Silent Retreat adds greatly to our spiritual journey to grow as holy men in our formation at IHM.

Men's and Women's Summer Retreat



Highlighting the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



Thomas Zehr

It is a privilege to be representing the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the rest of my seminarian brothers from that great Diocese. There are currently five seminarians studying at IHM from our Diocese, and there are 21 other seminarians studying elsewhere for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne was established in 1857, being the northern most of the two dioceses in Indiana at the time. In 1944, the diocese was split horizontally at the creation of the Diocese of Lafayette, and in 1957 was divided vertically when the Diocese of Gary was established. In 1960, the diocese was renamed the Diocese of Fort Wayne – South Bend and designated St. Matthew's Parish in South Bend to be the diocese's Co-Cathedral.

There are two Catholic High schools in Fort Wayne; Bishop Dwenger High School, where my seminarian classmate Nathan Maskal and I graduated from, and Bishop Luers, where my seminarian brother Daniel Davis attended. In the South Bend area we also have two Catholic High Schools; St Joseph's in South Bend and Marian High School in Mishawaka. There are 5 Catholic colleges and universities in the diocese including the University of Notre Dame and The University of Saint Francis. There are also 39 Catholic grade schools within the diocese.

Having lived in the Diocese for the majority of my life, I have a great love for the people of it, especially the clergy and our Bishop, Kevin Rhoades and Emeritus John D'Arcy. I am thankful for the guidance and formation I receive at IHM seminary which will prepare me to serve my diocese and its people, God willing, as a Catholic Priest.

Serra Clubs visit IHM

Totus Tuus



Totus Tuus was started 24 years ago in the Diocese of Wichita, KS. Fr. Beerman was one of the first teachers in 1991. Totus Tuus is Latin for "Totally Yours" from the motto of Blessed Pope John Paul II.

Totus Tuus takes place in 30 dioceses and many seminarians spend their summer travelling as part of this year there were 7 teams trained in Winona at IHM Seminary: from the Diocese of Duluth, one team from La Crosse, one team from Superior, and three teams from Winona. Each team had two males and two females of the program. The teams presented for 7 weeks, staying per week. They held camp for grade school children during the school students during the evening.

Totus Tuus team during one of their weekly sessions. Photos taken at St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Charles.



The team wears costumes as part of the Totus Tuus. Teachers take turns dressing up as a saint, while teaching about these



of a team. two teams from Superior, two females at one parish day, and high

The Via Dolorosa Engraved Brick & Plaque Program



Sample Bricks & Plaque



The "Via Dolorosa", or "The Way of Suffering" brick pathway connects the Stations of the Cross. Shaped to resemble a Celtic cross, the brick pathway offers the opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one, a seminarian, a priest, or a special person that has impacted your spiritual life. Leave a lasting legacy and help IHMS strengthen its endowments!

To order, complete the form below and mail to:
 IHM Seminary
 700 Terrace Heights #43
 Winona, Minnesota 55987
 507.457.7374 ~ 507.457-8601 Fax
 ihms@smumn.edu
 www.ihmseminary.org




Ellen Speltz, M.S.
 Director of Development

Another summer is finished and yet another year begins for the seminarians. With the addition of Duluth diocese, IHM is preparing men for priesthood for eleven Dioceses.

It is nice to see the returning seminarians helping the new men find their classes and fit into the life at both Saint Mary's University and IHM seminary. The seminarians have a full schedule with prayer, daily Mass, adoration, Benediction, Morning and Evening Prayer, along with their full schedule of classes and homework.

The annual Rector's dinner has been renamed to *Bishops and Rector Dinner*. This is to emphasize the involvement of the bishops from the diocese who send their seminarians to IHM and their participation in welcoming you to this event. The date for the dinner is Friday, April 20th, 2012. Please consider attending this event and marking your calendar now to show your support for the seminarians.

We will continue to keep you in prayer at the seminary and ask for your prayers in return. Feel free to stop by and visit the John Paul II Memorial Garden in the Fall and see the names on bricks, stones and Stations of the Cross of the many people and groups who support IHM Seminary. Blessing to you from the seminary. 



Diocese of La Crosse grad studies in Italy



I/we are interested in sponsoring:

6" x 9" Engraved Brick \$100
Embedded in the main pathway connecting the Stations of the Cross.

Engraved Natural Stepping Stones \$250
These engraved stepping stones will lead visitors from the Via Dolorosa to secluded prayer areas off the Via Dolorosa.

12" x 12" Large Engraved Brick \$500
An extra-large engraved Bricks custom designed and placed in the center of the Celtic cross design of the Via Dolorosa. Works great for honoring multiple people or organizations.

8" x 12" Engraved Bronze Plaque \$1,000
An elegant expression of gratitude and admiration, the plaque will be mounted near the seating walls of the Celtic circle surrounding the center plaza & water feature.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Memorial / Honoree _____

A check to IHM Seminary for _____ is enclosed. Please notify me when my brick is installed.

Please charge my credit card _____ and notify me when my brick is installed.

Visa MasterCard

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
700 Terrace Heights #43
Winona, MN 55987

Phone: 507.457.7373
Fax: 507.457.8601
Email: ihms@smumn.edu
www.ihmseminary.org

NON-PROFIT
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 95
Winona, MN



*You are cordially invited to the
9th Annual*

Bishops and Rector Dinner

Schedule of Events

at Saint Mary's University

Social 6:00 p.m.

Toner Center - President's Room

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's Gymnasium

Friday, April 20, 2012

2012 Honoree: Archbishop John G. Vlazny

The ninth annual Rector's Dinner will have a special celebration honoring Archbishop John Vlazny with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Award. The evening will begin with a social gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the President's Room at Saint Mary's University where you will have the opportunity to socialize with Bishop Quinn, Archbishop Vlazny, other bishops, seminarians, faculty, and staff. The evening includes an elegant dinner followed by a short program with musical performances by the seminarians. Proceeds benefit seminarian formation programs.

Please join us for this special celebration.

Seating is limited, an early RSVP is greatly appreciated.
RSVP deadline is Monday, April 9, 2012.
Return this form today or contact Ellen Speltz, (507) 457-7376
espeltz@smumn.edu for assistance.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State/zip _____
Phone/E-mail _____

Reservation for _____ \$80.00 per person \$ _____
Sponsor a table (seating for 6) _____ \$480.00,

under the name of _____.

I/we cannot attend, but would like to support this
event with a gift of \$ _____.
Please make checks payable to IHM Seminary.

Please charge my reservation or gift of \$ _____

Visa Mastercard
Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Cardholder Signature _____