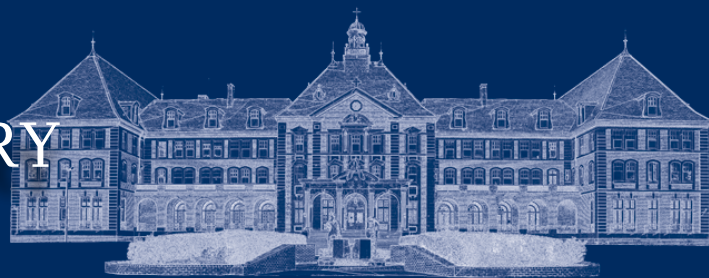


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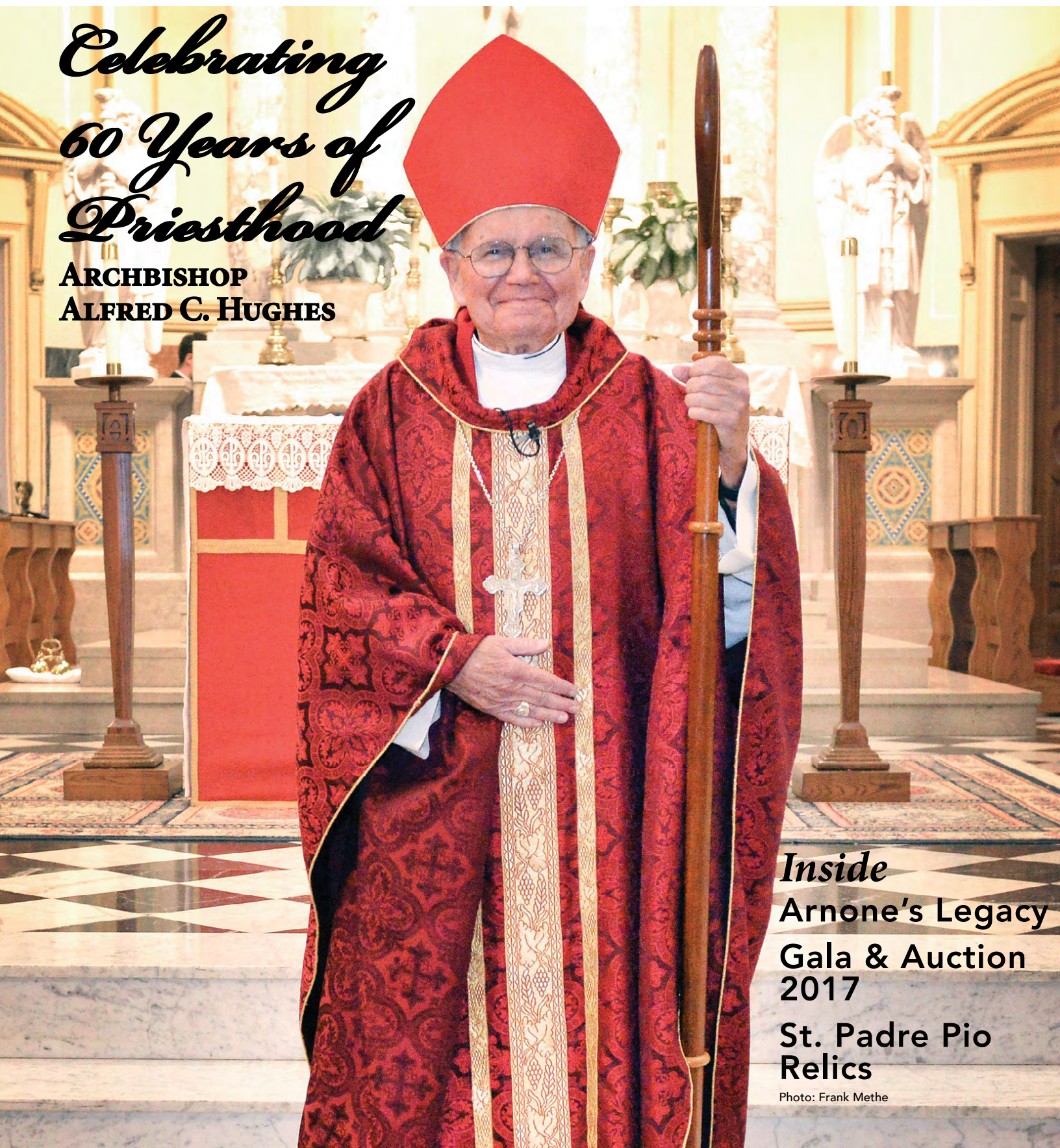
# NOTRE DAME SEMINARY

Graduate School of Theology



## *Celebrating 60 Years of Priesthood*

**ARCHBISHOP  
ALFRED C. HUGHES**



*Inside*  
**Arnone's Legacy  
Gala & Auction  
2017  
St. Padre Pio  
Relics**

Photo: Frank Methe





Very Rev. James A. Wehner  
Rector/President

## Preparing for a Great Anniversary

**B**eginning next Spring 2018, New Orleans will observe its 300th anniversary of when the city was founded in 1718. The rich cultural and religious tradition continues to inspire the entire gulf coast where our seminarians experience the work of priestly formation.

Hailing from 22 dioceses and countries around the world, the seminarians at NDS continue to receive a priestly formation of the highest caliber due to the commitment of our bishops, vocation directors, the board of trustees, an outstanding faculty and staff, and the generosity of our benefactors. I am very proud and honored to humbly serve our seminary community. We began this past semester with 140 seminarians ranking us as one of the largest seminaries in the country. Never about numbers and always about quality – we have a robust community of men who are serious about their discernment and formation. Another important anniversary is the 60th year

of priestly ordination for Archbishop Alfred Hughes who resides with us, serves as a professor of spiritual theology, directs many seminarians as a spiritual director, and provides an exemplary model of priestly ministry and life for all of us. We also thank the Lord for the recent

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gift by Gayle and Tom Benson that will enable us to renovate the Lourdes House to provide residency for 24 seminarians. God is good! With so many blessings, we prepare for the 300th anniversary of New Orleans with a humble sense of gratitude for all of our benefactors and friends, and for the joy of preparing future pastoral leaders for the Church.

## SAVE THE DATE

### — Christmas Luncheon —

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Reception & Luncheon at The Roosevelt Hotel

To purchase tickets, visit <https://501auctions.com/NDSChristmas>

### — Chancellor's Dinner —

*Monday, March 5, 2018*

Honoring Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes

Notre Dame Seminary

*For more information regarding these events, please contact  
the Development Office at 504-866-7426, ext. 375 or visit [www.nds.edu](http://www.nds.edu).*



*NDS Seminarians visit Mt. Rushmore in Keystone, South Dakota while attending The Institute for Priestly Formation this past summer.*



*Seminarian Viet Pham (Diocese of Atlanta) teaches teens how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours at Life Teen Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA.*



*Deacon Stephen Pellessier enjoys his summer ministering to the youth in the Diocese of Lafayette.*

## Summer Pastoral Ministry



*Houma-Thibodaux seminarian Second Lieutenant Daniel Duplantis sits in the pilot seat of a WC-130J belonging to the Hurricane Hunters at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS as part of his summer tour with the U.S. Air Force.*



*Deacon Tim Grimes (Diocese of Baton Rouge) teaches Vacation Bible School to a group of children at St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Albany, LA.*



*Seminarian Andrew Rudmann (left) and his brother John (right) on a tour of Life Flight services at Memorial Hermann TMC hospital in Houston, TX.*



## NDS Hosts Foundations New Orleans

by Dr. Chris Baglow, Professor of Theology

The third week of June is usually a quiet time at Notre Dame Seminary, as seminarians go out across the country for educational programs, parish assignments and pastoral ministries. However, this year our halls were filled with science and theology teachers from high schools from across the US for *Foundations New Orleans* (FNO), a program of the McGrath Institute for Church Life (ICL) of the University of Notre Dame, funded by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation (JTF) and hosted by Notre Dame Seminary and St. Mary's Dominican High School.

The creator and director of FNO is **Dr. Chris Baglow**, NDS Professor of Theology and a veteran of science and religion dialogue.

"What made FNO unique and unprecedented is the emphasis on science experiments," Baglow said. "Each experiment required the teachers to become lab partners and

apply the scientific method to scientific problems. It offered science teachers experiments that fit new approaches to science education but that also raise theological and philosophical questions that show the harmony between science and the Catholic Faith. It brought religion teachers into the lab and gave them a better understanding of how science works and the power it has for understanding the world."

FNO addressed a vital goal of Catholic education—the integration of theological and scientific knowledge. In the 2007 document "Educating Together in Catholic Schools," the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education asserts that a Catholic school should be "a synthesis between faith, culture and life... reached by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the Gospel."

The event will be repeated in Summers 2018 and 2019.

## New Faculty & Staff at Notre Dame Seminary



### **Caroline Butterworth**

*Coordinator of Lay Student Services*

Caroline is an alumna of Notre Dame Seminary with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies. After attending NDS from 2012-2014, she worked as a theology teacher for 3 years. This past summer, Caroline returned to NDS as the

Coordinator of Lay Programs and Student Services. As the lay programs have grown at NDS, Caroline is responsible for coordination and communication in all aspects of the programs.



### **Reverend Lance Campo**

*Associate Director of Pastoral Formation*

Fr. Lance Campo attended Notre Dame Seminary and was ordained for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1993. After serving at 2 parishes and working in Hispanic Evangelization, Fr. Campo returned to NDS from 2003 to 2006 as

Director of Spiritual Formation and a Professor of Spiritual Theology and Hispanic Ministry. This past summer, Fr. Campo returned to NDS after being appointed to serve as the Associate Director of Pastoral Formation.



### **Max Tenney**

*Organist & Director of Sacred Music*

A native of Scottsdale, Arizona, Max joins the seminary community as Organist and Director of Sacred Music having just finished serving as the Interim Organist and Director of Sacred Music to our city's landmark St. Patrick's Church

on Camp Street. Mr. Tenney studied at the famed Westminster Choir College and St. Joseph's Seminary, both at Princeton, NJ. He is frequently consulted on major pipe, and pipe-digital instrument installations throughout the country.



### **Caroline Thriffley**

*Coordinator of Special Events & Communications*

Caroline is a graduate of Mt. Carmel Academy and Louisiana State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Marketing. In June 2017, Caroline joined Notre Dame Seminary as the

Coordinator of Special Events and Communications, where she coordinates fundraising events for the seminary as well as works to design and distribute both print and electronic communications.

## ***“Extra-Ordinary Diaconate Internship”***

by Dcn. Duane Trombetta, Diocese of Shreveport

Catholics denote “Ordinary Time” as that time of year between feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) and fasting (as in the Advent and Lenten seasons), during which we read the Good News of Christ walking among us as Priest, Prophet, and King. Certainly, there is nothing ordinary about that!

Likewise, there was nothing ordinary about my Diaconate Parish Internship at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans in the Diocese of Shreveport, during “Ordinary Time” 2017. Now as I return to Notre Dame Seminary, I reflect upon the many wonderful ministries, friendships, and blessings that I experienced during my first summer as a member of the Catholic clergy.

As a newly ordained deacon, I received many graces through participating in the sacramental ministry of the Church. For example, I served as deacon at daily and weekend Masses, and I assisted with many sacramental liturgies. All encounters of true and abundant graces!

I was blessed to work with many faithful Christians, all nurturing their vocations to know, love, and serve God. One highlight was a visit with Immaculee Ilibagiza, a Catholic author and motivational speaker who survived the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. Her story of faith genuinely inspires.

My pre-seminary career as a surety bond broker afforded little opportunity to engage in teaching. So, I particularly appreciated this summer’s many opportunities to grow in that area. I learned so much from preaching, teaching RCIA and CCD, participating in faith formation, and working with the students of St. John Berchmans School and Loyola College Prep.

I express thanks to all who have supported me during my seminary studies, formation, and Diaconate Parish Internship. I appreciate the clergy, faculty and staff of Notre Dame Seminary, who so meaningfully contribute their spiritual gifts to the life of the Church.

I assure all the friends of Notre Dame Seminary of my prayers. May God bless you with goodness, peace, and happiness.



*The staff at St. John Berchmans School in Shreveport worked closely with Dcn. Duane Trombetta, Diocese of Shreveport during his Diaconate Internship.*



*RCIA candidates listen to Dcn. Duane as he teaches and prepares them to become members of the Church.*



*Dcn. Duane interacts with students at lunch at St. John Berchmans School.*



*Dcn. Duane Trombetta with Catholic author, motivational speaker, and Rwandan Genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza.*





*The priests of Notre Dame Seminary concelebrated mass on September 14<sup>th</sup> as Archbishop Hughes celebrated the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Episcopal Consecration*

## Celebrating Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes: 60 YEARS AS A SHEPHERD OF THE CHURCH

by Seminarian David Keran, Diocese of Alexandria

Archbishop Alfred Hughes is a familiar figure at Notre Dame Seminary. Since moving to the seminary and joining the faculty in 2009, he has provided a faithful, fatherly presence to the community; he is someone who can remember a name and a life story after a single introduction.

A Boston native, Archbishop Hughes was ordained to the priesthood in 1957 for The Archdiocese of Boston, where he served for several years in a variety of roles, including Auxiliary Bishop. An appointment as Bishop of Baton Rouge brought him to Louisiana in 1993, and eventually to New Orleans as Archbishop in 2002. On September 14, 2017, Hughes celebrated the thirty-sixth anniversary of his episcopal ordination, and he will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of his priestly ordination in December.

Archbishop Hughes is a particularly valuable gift to NDS through his wealth of experience as a seminary formator. He joined the faculty of St. John's Seminary in Boston the year Vatican II began, and as opinions became polarized, tensions created a trying atmosphere to work in. "The years from 1966 to 1972," he says of the midst of the challenge, "were the most difficult years of my priesthood." Nevertheless, Archbishop Hughes walked with the Church through those difficulties, and helped plant the seeds that would grow into the program of priestly formation that

NDS enjoys today. From those tedious years of challenge to now, he says the difference is night and day, with a faculty that is both "committed and collaborative" in the service of forming priests for the New Evangelization.

Yet, more than his history and qualifications, Archbishop Hughes has a presence within a community that, simply, is what it is in part through his fatherly role and gentle guidance. His ministry visibly comes from a love of the basic function of a priest: Sacramentally walking with people on their journey towards holiness. When asked what the single-most constant factor in his many years of priesthood would be, he quickly answers: "God's grace!"

Post-retirement, he has a guiding, rather than deciding, role in seminarian formation, which makes him accessible in new ways. "I



*Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes as a young Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Boston*





*As a young priest, Archbishop Hughes blesses his mother*



*A kid at heart, Archbishop Hughes enjoys World Youth Day 2002 with teens from around the Archdiocese of New Orleans*



*The 2007 Installation of Bishop Fabre as Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans*

have what might be called a grandfatherly role. And in some cases,” he adds with a grin, “a great-grandfatherly role.” Along with his natural approachability, this new role allows for “relationships that might not otherwise be possible.”

Archbishop Hughes has a sense of humor and ready-wit that are legendary within the community and with those who know him. He chuckles as this is brought up, and reveals that while he was growing up, his parents used to refer to this as Hughes Humor – “usually in a pejorative way,” he says laughing. A sense of humor is part of the key to his joyful outlook: “It reveals a practical relationship between the human and divine elements of everyday events, and opens a faith-inspired perspective.”

It is in the spirit of this joyful, faithful perspective that the NDS community rejoices with Archbishop Hughes and gives thanks for his ministry and presence. The Notre Dame Seminary Community will celebrate and honor Archbishop Hughes at the annual Chancellor’s Dinner on Monday, March 5, 2017.



*Hughes, Schulte, Hannan, and Aymond—on the installation of Aymond as Archbishop of New Orleans*



*Archbishop Hughes meeting with men and women at the Pro Life Center*



*Hughes’ sense of humor keeps Seminarians Mark Shoffner and Andrew Gutierrez laughing during lunch at the seminary*



# FR. JOHN ARNONE'S LEGACY

## *Impacting Generations of Future Priests*

by Seminarian Danny Roussel, Diocese of Baton Rouge

I met Father John over three years ago when I began seminary formation at Notre Dame Seminary. At that time he was the Director of New Orleans Seminarians and he would visit here at least once a month. His face was familiar because he was close friends with my Pastor, Father Michael Miceli; Father Mark Derise from Lafayette; and my Vocation Director, Father Matt Dupre—together known as the “four musketeers.” In formation, we are taught to foster relationships with brother seminarians that will last a lifetime so as to support one another after ordination. Father John and these priest friends have inspired many of us to develop strong friendships with our brother seminarians so we may have that same positive support system in the future.

When he first told me of his new assignment as the Associate Director of Pastoral Formation at Notre Dame Seminary, I thought he was joking, as he was a first class prankster! After assuring me he was not joking, I told him how blessed the seminary was to add him to the team of those forming the next generation of Catholic Priests. His new position began in August of 2016, and he was assigned as the Formation Advisor for many of the new seminarians. His advisees often said how blessed they were to have him as their advisor, and how most meetings included dinner off-campus or ice cream at a local place. This is exactly who Fr. John was: relaxed, fun, comfortable and supportive of everyone on the journey that God called them in their own unique vocation.

Father John had a heart condition that had plagued him for many years, but he never let it bring him down. I was there for Fr. John's surgery in April and the complications

that arose after the surgery were just too much for his body to handle. This was a very painful time for all those who loved him, but Fr. John was prepared to see the face God. Like Our Lord, Fr. John's Passion started on Good Friday and continued for three weeks. Fr. John's family was an inspiration to all of us as they graciously accepted our prayers

and ministered to us with the clear evidence of their faith and trust in God. During this time, the seminary community along with countless others touched by his priesthood prayed fervently for him. We know that God's ways are not our ways and on May 5, 2017, Fr. John went



*Fr. John Arnone, Archbishop Aymond, and Fr. Jim Wehner*

*“Be Happy & Live Life to the Fullest.”*

—Fr. John Arnone



*Fr. John Arnone, Seminarian Danny Roussel, Fr. Mark Derise, Fr. Matt Dupre, and Fr. Michael Miceli*

to Our Lord

The wake at Notre Dame Seminary and the funeral Mass at Saint Rita in Harahan were unlike anything I have ever seen. Thousands came to pay their respects to someone who was their friend, father in faith, brother, son, relative, and so much more. Fr. John loved the Priesthood; he loved life, and he lived it.

Shortly after Father John's death, his friends and family expressed the desire to establish a memorial fund in his name to support the Pastoral Formation program at Notre Dame Seminary. The

Father John Arnone Memorial Fund will positively impact generations of future priests through leadership training and quality pastoral training experiences. To contribute to the *Fr. John Arnone Memorial Fund*, please visit the donation page at [www.nds.edu](http://www.nds.edu). You can also support the *Fr. John Arnone Memorial Fund* by joining friends and family of Fr. John for **Fr. John's 50th Celebration on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Rock'n'Bowl**. For more information, visit [www.nds.edu/arnonebirthdaycelebration](http://www.nds.edu/arnonebirthdaycelebration) or contact the Development Office at 504-866-7426, ext. 374 or [ylacour@nds.edu](mailto:ylacour@nds.edu).



# 2017-2018 Motorcycle Raffle

The Notre Dame Seminary community received a unique and generous donation this summer. **Mr. Greg Raymond**, loyal NDS supporter, donated a 2007 Victory Ness Jackpot customized motorcycle to the seminary to be used as a featured raffle item for the 2017-2018 School Year. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$25 each on the Christmas Luncheon website at <https://501auctions.com/NDSChristmas> or by calling the Development Office at 504-866-7426, ext. 375. We are extremely grateful to Greg Raymond for his continued support to NDS and for this incredible donation. Winner will be drawn on April 12, 2018.



## CURRENT NDS UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

1. *Handing on the Faith* Challenge Match to Support Lay Program at NDS: \$30,000
2. Naming Right for New Pergola by Pool: \$5,000
3. New Oriental Rug for Under the Altar in the Chapel: \$2,500
4. Acompaño Mission Trip—Sponsor a Seminarian: \$500 per seminarian (40 Seminarians Attending)
5. Annual One Week Retreat for Seminarians: \$500 per seminarian (140 Seminarians Attending)
6. National Basketball Tournament in Ohio: \$500 per seminarian (20 Seminarians Attending)
7. Annual Causeway Cup Tournament Game: \$100 per seminarian (25 Seminarians Attending)
8. Annual BonFire Football Game: \$100 per seminarian (20 Seminarians Attending)
9. Student Aid: any amount

Should you be interested in underwriting an expense or making a general donation, please contact the Development Office at 504-866-7426, ext. 374.

The names of all of our donors who underwrite an expense or make a general donation between November 1st and March 31st will be included in the Spring Newsletter.

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# Lay Programs Empower Leaders “In the Pews”

by Dr. Tom Neal, Director of Lay Programs and Spiritual Formation

As the new Director of Lay Programs at Notre Dame Seminary, I am excited to share some of the good things happening as we continue our work of forming men and women to become ever more joyful and competent witnesses to the beauty of what it means to be Catholic. Caroline Butterworth, our new Coordinator of Lay Student Services, Dr. Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, Br. Stephen Synan, Father Joe Krafft and I form a collaborative team overseeing all of our graduate theological education and lay ministry formation programs. We are each committed to professional excellence and passionate fidelity to the church's vision for an alive and mission oriented laity, well equipped to inspire a new generation of evangelizers.

As of this Fall, we have over 100 students taking classes and participating in our formation programs. We have 44 lay ministers in the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM), several of whom will go on to

pursue a Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL). We also have a number of men and women who are ready to enter next year's ILEM cohort. These two closely linked programs offer a holistic and intentional approach to formation in ministry leadership, focusing on developing excellence in the human, spiritual, pastoral and intellectual dimensions of a lay minister's life and work. It has been amazing to witness the growth and transformation in those who journey through these programs and see the visionary work ILEM/MAPL challenges them to engage in.

In addition to our formation programs, we offer an exceptional academic theology program, the Master of Arts in Theological Studies. This program includes both a scholarly-research oriented track, which has led to a number of our

graduates to pursue PhD's, and a more pedagogically oriented track, which equips graduates to serve as effective teachers, catechists, evangelists and apologists. We will be aggressively promoting these programs and the extraordinary caliber of faculty Notre Dame Seminary offers. We are blessed beyond measure!

We have also begun an educational outreach to the local church that extends our Seminary's formational resources to lay leaders and laity “in the pews”. Our outreach to those men and women “in the pews” began this summer with a four week lecture series, *Called, Formed and Sent*. The series

focused on the creative interplay between ecclesial ministry and the secular apostolate in the world, and we are proud to say that it turned out to be a very successful endeavor. Thanks to the generosity of the Seminary, benefactors and the support of Archbishop Aymond, we plan to continue to extend this approach of outreach “to the pews” in the years ahead, responding to the obvious hunger of God's people for solid food.

Thank you for your prayers for and support of our work, and thank you for allowing me to share with you the good things God is doing at Our Lady's Seminary!



2017 ILEM Retreat



ILEM 2018 Cohort





## ROSARY PROCESSION AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

The seminary community celebrated the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup> with a Rosary Procession. The devotion also observed the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima. The seminary sees us as being “Our Lady’s House” as we pray for her intercession over our priestly formation program. The rector prayed the Mysteries of Light as we processed the statue of Our Lady of Fatima throughout the campus. Following the Rosary, we processed over to the Marian Garden sponsored by the owners of the Ye College Inn and Rock’n’Bowl – the Blancher Family. Mass was celebrated in the garden invoking the Holy Spirit upon all who were gathered for Mass. *Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for Us!*



Mrs. Marilyn Quirk, Seminarian Andrew Rudmann, and Sr. Briege McKenna

## Legatus Hosts Seminarians

Each year the New Orleans chapter of Legatus hosts the seminarians and faculty for a banquet to express support and commitment to priestly formation. Archbishop Aymond celebrated Mass for the seminary community and members of Legatus challenging all to spend more time in solitude with the Lord. The busy lives of Legatus members and the work of priestly formation should draw us closer to the Lord and not away from Him, the archbishop noted. Preaching on the gospel passage of Martha and Mary hosting Jesus, the archbishop noted that all work must be for Jesus and His Church, otherwise happiness will never be complete. Following the Mass, a New Orleans dinner was hosted by the Blancher Family, who are members of Legatus, at Rock’n’Bowl. Three seminarians offered a vocation testimony about how the Lord has called them to serve the People of God. With nearly 250 people in attendance, the seminarians and Legatus members have committed to the prayer partnership initiative praying for each other throughout the year.







*Deacon Carlo and Debbie Maniglia, our 2017 Honorary Chaircouple, with Fr. Jim Wehner, Rector/President, in front of the NDS Chapel*

# Gala & Auction

**T**he 2017 Notre Dame Seminary Gala & Auction was held on our historic campus on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Our Rector/President, **Fr. Jim Wehner**, and our Chancellor, **Archbishop Gregory Aymond**, welcomed over 700 benefactors and friends who arrived at the seminary to show their support of and love for the seminarians.

The evening began with the Patron Party and a presentation to our **2017 Honorary Chair Couple, Deacon Carlo & Debbie Maniglia**. Deacon Carlo and Debbie have generously supported the seminary through



*Yvonne Viguerie and Jane Nalty*

the years and were honored at the event for their dedication and philanthropic work in the Church, local community and at NDS.

Guests at the gala enjoyed delicious cuisine and cocktails donated by over 40 restaurants, caterers, and individuals including: **Drago's Seafood Restaurant, Catering ETC, Lagniappe Luncheonette & Catering, Pigeon Catering, Vincent's Italian Cuisine, and Austin's Seafood & Steakhouse**. The dessert room was filled with heavenly delights from bakeries such as: **Maurice's French Pastries, La Louisiane Bakery, Manny Randazzo's, Swiss Confectionery, and Haydel's Bakery**. Jean Luc Albin of Maurice's French Pastries was on hand to personally serve his famous chocolate martinis!

Guests were also able to give back to the seminary by participating in our Silent and Live Auctions, as well as multiple raffles including: American Airlines Raffle, a Drago's Seafood Restaurant Dinner Raffle, and our annual Jewelry Raffle. This year's Jewelry Raffle item was a beautiful

sapphire and diamond vintage ring donated by **Anton, Ltd.**

An exciting Silent Auction featured on-line/mobile bidding of



*Archbishop Alfred Hughes and Gerald and Jackie Webre, with the original painting by Fr. Mike Mitchell that they won in the Silent Auction*



*Atlanta Seminarian Grant Aasen and Mr. David Haydel, winner of the Autographed Morten Anderson Saints Jersey*



items donated by businesses, schools and individuals from around the New Orleans area.

We proudly recognize our **2017 Gala Sponsors** for their support of Notre Dame Seminary: **Sue Ellen & Joseph Canizaro, Londa & Harry Connick, Dave's Pharmacy Inc.—Anna & David Jouandot, Mr. Jacob Giardina, the Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council, and Fr. Matthew Dupre & St. Patrick Catholic Church** in Baton Rouge. This event would not be possible without our dedicated **Gala Committee**, whose members worked countless hours and many months in preparation for the event! A sincere thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters.



*The Notre Dame Seminary Schola performs in the Chapel during the Gala*



*Joseph and Erin Caruso enjoy the patron party*



*Dr. Steve LaCour, Sarah LaCour, Fr. Joe Kraft, and O.J. LaCour*



*Michael and Maura Cowen were the winners of our 2017 Jewelry Raffle*



*Archbishop Gregory Aymond and Fr. Jim Wehner present Dcn. Carlo and Debbie Maniglia as our 2017 Honorary Chair Couple*



*Dcn. David Frank, Doris and John Bruno, and Seminarian Sylvester Adoga*

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# Seminarians Encounter St. Padre Pio Relics

Thousands from around the state gathered on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at St. Rita Church on Lowerline Street in New Orleans to welcome the relics of popular 20<sup>th</sup> century Capuchin priest and spiritual father **St. Padre Pio**. The seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary joined other Catholics from the city and held Morning Prayer at St. Rita in the presence of St. Pio's relics. New Orleans Seminarian Jason Songe was thrilled to see such a large crowd at the church so early. Songe said, "Their devotion to St. Padre Pio was on display!"



Photos taken by Peter Finney, Jr.

*Seminarians joined with thousands who came to encounter St. Padre Pio's relics*



*Procession of the relics of St. Padre Pio at St. Rita Church*



"Being in the presence of the relics of Padre Pio and witnessing the thousands of faithful who came to venerate them was a true testament to the importance of holy witnesses in our lives and how they inspire us to live out holiness in the particular way in which God calls us."

– Michael Beverung,  
Diocese of Lake Charles

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – Mr. Joe Dicharry

Notre Dame Seminary is grateful to the many volunteers who graciously support our mission through their countless hours of service to the seminary. This fall, we recognize our outstanding volunteer—Mr. Joe Dicharry.

Joe Dicharry has been a volunteer at Notre Dame Seminary for many years. He gives graciously of his time to NDS and the Gala Committee by serving as the head of our Restaurant Pick Up and Logistics Team. For weeks leading up to the gala, Joe and his team of



eight volunteers prepare and organize logistics and then drive to restaurants all over the city to pick up the delicious food that is donated to NDS for the gala. Joe is a behind the scenes volunteer that works tirelessly to ensure that our guests are fed and our gala is a success!

Joe is married to wife, Nancy, and is an active member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Metairie. Thank you, Joe, for your selfless and generous service to Notre Dame Seminary and your continuous support of our future priests!



# alumni day

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Alumni Meeting: 10:00 am**

**Mass: 11:45 am**

***Reception/Lunch Immediately Following***

***Gather your classmates to join  
us in celebrating our alumni and  
anniversary classes!***

Please contact Notre Dame Seminary at 504-866-7426 for more information. Formal invitations will be mailed in early January.

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