



*Seminarians take part in the traditional lemon oiling of the wood in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, October 2014.*

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## Letter of Introduction

### Greetings to the Lay Ministry Certificate Graduates.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, as your representative on the Board of the Alumni Association of St. Peter's Seminary. My name is Rosina Hooper (2004) and while I am known to many of you, I look forward to meeting those graduates, whom I do not know.

It is only a year since we were afforded the privilege of being included in the Alumni Association, for which we are grateful. For the benefit of our fellow Alumni, I think it would be appreciated to hear some of the activities and involvements of the Certificate Graduates. I encourage you to contact me and let us all know of the exciting things that you are doing within your parish, diocese or area of work. I hope to hear from you soon.

Next year, May 2015, is a Reunion Year and there are sessions, talks and a banquet being organized for all of us to participate in. Read the newsletters for further information.

Wishing you all blessings and peace,  
*Rosina Hooper*

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## A Message from the Alumni Association President Fr. Martin Vallely

Dear Members of our Alumni Association,

I am delighted to communicate with you once more, as my term as your Alumni Association President enters its final months. I hope you will enjoy this edition of the Alumni Bulletin, and that your connection with Saint Peter's Seminary will be renewed and strengthened by catching up on all that is going on with the Seminary and its alumni and friends.

I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the big Reunion, May 18-21, 2015. This will be the first Alumni Reunion since the grand celebration of the centenary of Saint Peter's in 2012, and it will be good for us to see and hear about all that has been developing as our alma mater advances with renewed energy and confidence into a second century of excellent service to the Church, in Canada and beyond. More information on the Reunion will be forthcoming as we move closer to the time. And this will include the procedures for having our first "real" election for President. As you recall, it was overwhelmingly approved, in the poll taken two years ago, to allow the Executive to revise our election philosophy and procedures. The upshot is that we will be providing you a mechanism for advance nominations, and formal ballot voting at the Reunion itself. My successor might be another priest, might be a Permanent Deacon, or a layperson, male or female. It will be a new era for the Association!! Stay tuned.

But let me say now that I will forever be most grateful for the great group of people with whom I have shared the work of your Executive Committee. They represent every constituency of our diversified alumni, and their intelligent and creative input into our discussions has made my task not just easy, but a true joy. Our collective debt of gratitude to Secretary-Treasurer Father Mike Prieur can never be repaid. Father Mickey, as you draw near to your 50th anniversary of priestly service, and to retirement from your countless duties with our Association, we



*Fr. Martin Vallely was ordained in 1980 and is currently pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Stoney Creek, Ontario.*

pray that you will enjoy peace, satisfaction, and our assurance that we would never be what we have become, if it were not for you. *Ad multos annos!!*

The 2013 Alumni Survey, and subsequent consultations, have helped bring shape to our perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing Saint Peter's. Whatever can be said of the future of the building and the property (still a work in progress), it has emerged clearly that the Alumni Association wants to throw the weight of its support to one key dimension of the Seminary's mandate: a strengthening of the ongoing excellence and future stability of academic and pastoral formation.

In this regard, I am particularly pleased, of course, by the commitment of my own Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario, to endow a Chair in Catholic Moral Theology and Social Teaching. Congratulations, once again, to Father Mickey, who will serve as the inaugural holder of this Chair until his retirement.

Meanwhile, things are in the works for the creation of an endowed Chair in Pastoral Formation, to be named in honour of Bishop John M. Sherlock, and held by new faculty member Bernardine Ketelaars. Getting this campaign off the ground will be a special project of our alumni. Look for more information soon, and please be as generous as you possibly can!

I pray for rich blessings on you, your ministries, and your families, in the year to come! Thank you for representing well the spirit of Saint Peter's, in every place to which you have been called and sent! May the Good Shepherd continue to bless you all with the graces flowing from his wise and compassionate heart! See you at the Reunion in May!!



## Focus on our Family

As the bishops of the world have gathered this year to reflect on the Family and its ever-changing landscape in our modern world, it is good to reflect on the family of St. Peter's Seminary. I came to recognize in parish ministry that family life is never static but is always on the move. Like every family, the St. Peter's Seminary family is ever changing to respond to the ongoing needs of the Church and World, and to provide the highest quality formation for future pastoral leaders.

The prime demographic of those seeking to be educated and formed in our Priestly Formation and Lay Degree Programs is the age group from 17 to 35 years. After several months of development, we recently launched a brand new Seminary Website. Dynamic and people-oriented, it features the life, joy and enthusiasm of many individuals engaged in study and formation. I invite you to take a tour of our new website at [www.stpetersseminary.ca](http://www.stpetersseminary.ca) As well, we recently launched St. Peter's own Facebook page, which features photo galleries and updates of recent events and things to come at St. Peter's. There is a link to our Facebook page on our new website. These new developments will help make St. Peter's Seminary more visible and attractive to our young people.

For these past four years, St. Peter's has been offering online courses, making available to people near and far from the Seminary the expertise of our professors in various areas of Theology. This has been particularly helpful to those enrolled in our Lay Degree Programs, who often juggle their studies with responsibilities at home, work and parish. St. Peter's has also been utilizing Internet media by offering blended courses that combine classroom learning together with a course web page where supplemental material (such as videos, powerpoint presentations, audio clips, and online discussion forums) augment the in-class experience.

We are very excited about the support we have received from Dioceses beyond London to nurture the ongoing mission

of St. Peter's Seminary. This past spring, we received a landmark donation of \$2 Million to establish the Diocese of Hamilton Endowed Chair in Moral Theology and Social Justice. We are so grateful to Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton for their strong and exemplary support of St. Peter's, both in sending many young men to study for the priesthood here and for this tremendous gift of financial support. I was proud to recently announce that the first faculty member named to this Chair is Fr. Michael Prieur. Fr. Mickey has faithfully served on faculty for almost fifty years, teaching moral and sacramental theology and being renowned throughout the continent as a resource in this field. He was the fitting choice for this honour.

This year, St. Peter's is happy to serve twelve Dioceses across Canada in the formation of their future priests. We look forward to this April when five seminarians (four from the Diocese of London and one from Saskatoon) will be ordained to the Priesthood. This is the largest ordination class the Diocese of London has had in seventeen years! Like many seminaries in the United States, St. Peter's has seen a rise in enrolment of priestly candidates. In September, twelve new men entered seminary formation. This year, we are happy to have 35 seminarians in formation for the priesthood. This is the highest number studying at St. Peter's since 2008. We are looking forward to having 40-plus seminarians at St. Peter's next year.

With deep gratitude to you, our alumni, for your ongoing support, let us remain united in prayer that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our seminary family as we journey together in Christ.

In Christ  
Fr. Steve Wlusek (Class of '86)

# People First – Strategic Investments in Faculty at St. Peter's

The word "seminary" in the minds of many people conjurs up images of buildings. But "seminary" is about community, and at the heart of any seminary community are the faculty and formators. In collaboration with the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation, the Seminary has started to take steps in a key direction which, over time, will support the Seminary's Mission in a transformative way.

Taking a cue from the survey of alumni last spring, which expressed a strong preference to put the spotlight on supporting current and new faculty, the Seminary plans to expand its endowments to underwrite the Seminary's academic and formation programs. The endowment for the Seminary is currently held in two places—the Seminary Foundation's endowment holdings, and the Pentecost 2000 Seminary endowment fund managed by the Diocese of London. The former provides primarily for the bursary and financial support needs of seminarians and students. The latter generates a subsidy that contributes right across the Seminary budget.

The plan is to expand the Foundation's endowments with new capital to fund, to start, three teaching Chairs: in Moral Theology and Social Justice; Scripture; and Pastoral Formation. This objective will expand our capacity to support faculty excellence in three areas that are critical to our Mission and for which the Seminary has recognized charisms.

As you know, an important first step has been taken. The Seminary's new Diocese of Hamilton Chair in Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching, by a gift of \$2 million from the

Diocese of Hamilton, with enthusiastic encouragement from Hamilton's Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. This project is a mark of the special relationship between that diocese and St. Peter's. The Seminary has named Father Michael Prieur '65, our long serving and respected member of the St. Peter's faculty, as the first holder of the Chair for the 2014/2015 academic year.

The second Chair, in Scripture, is at the proposal stage. The third, in Pastoral Formation, in honour of Bishop Emeritus John Michael Sherlock, has a particular emphasis on developing pastoral skills pertaining to the New Evangelisation and will be presented to our Alumni and Friends for their particular support. Mrs. Bernardine Ketelaars has joined the faculty to bring her special expertise in this area in the role of Director of Lay and Pastoral Formation.

Back in the Seminary's formative years Bishop Fallon raised funds for teaching chairs in areas such as Moral Theology and Church History. The Seminary's new emphasis is on being able to financially support core teaching positions by investing funds raised for teaching chairs and spending the investment proceeds to the extent that all or part of the salaries of these positions are underwritten. Together, the three chairs have the potential of covering nearly a quarter of a million dollars in salaries annually, in perpetuity.

David Howie, Ph.D.

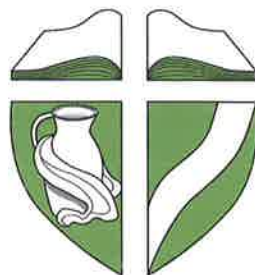
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## The Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of London: Fifteen Years and ...

It was during Advent, 1999, that Bishop John Michael Sherlock announced the establishment of the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of London. His decision concluded a very extensive period of consultation under the direction of Auxiliary Bishop Richard Grecco. In his announcement, Bishop Sherlock acknowledged that there continued to be fears, anxieties and a sense of exclusion on the part of some but he pledged to give his full support not only to the continuation of lay ministry in the Diocese but, also, to its growth.

Following upon this announcement, Bishop Sherlock oversaw the establishment of a steering committee to implement the establishment of a program of formation. This committee was specifically mandated to study programs existing in other dioceses and to recommend a program which would conform to the norms from the Holy See and to the lived experience of those Canadian dioceses already forming and ordaining permanent deacons. It was, also, charged with developing a screening process for candidates to ensure the selection of only those men who had given evidence of exemplary commitment to the evangelizing mission of the Church and demonstrated the qualities which would facilitate integration into pastoral teams. Finally, it was tasked with determining what human, material and financial resources would be necessary to introduce the program.

Early in 2001, the first General Information Sessions were held in the various Deaneries of the Diocese. Almost 100 men registered as Inquirers! By February of that year, the first Admissions process was in full swing and, after what seemed like a whirlwind process, the Class of 2005, comprised of 15 men and their wives, and one unmarried man, gathered at Aquinas House on St. Peter's Seminary Campus on September 21, 2001 for the inaugural Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Weekend.

It is only appropriate to thank all those who committed so much time and energy to serving so diligently, not only on the Steering Committee, but also on its various sub-committees. However, so many generous people were involved that to list names would, inevitably, result in the omission of some who provided valuable service. Thanks must be offered, however, to Bishop Sherlock, for his courageous decision to proceed with the establishment of the permanent diaconate in our Diocese, to Bishop Grecco, for his leadership in implementing the Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program, to Bishop Bill McGrattan, who, as Rector of St. Peter's seminary, was the Program's first Director and to Fr. Michael Prieur, who served as the Program's first Coordinator. Fr. Prieur's unfailing humour and flexibility went a long way toward smoothing out the unavoidable bumps in the Program's early days. Finally, special acknowledgement must be given to Dr. Joe Morrissy, who served in so many capacities during the early years of the Program, as a member of the Steering Committee, as Chair of the Admissions Committee Chair and as Director of the Program.

The permanent diaconate in the Diocese of London continues to thrive. In 2015, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ordination of the Program's first class, the Class of 2005. We've come a long way! For more about where we are now and where we are headed, wait until next time ...

Deacon John Vallely  
Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study  
Director of Permanent Deacons

# A.T.S.: Resounding Affirmation of our Theological Programs

After more than a year of our intensive preparations, the Visitation to St. Peter's Seminary of the Association of Theological Schools concluded in February, 2013 with the affirmative decision by their Board of Directors to grant a full 10-year reaccreditation to our theological programs and institution. The Steering Committee overseeing our self-study process comprised representatives from the Diocese of London and each of our affiliate Colleges of Western University (Brescia, Huron and King's), together with representatives from the London District Catholic School Board, seminary faculty, seminarians and lay students. The Steering Committee, working in tandem with many volunteers on various sub-committees, developed a 150-page Self-study Document, together with a several hundred page Resource Document in preparation for the A.T.S. Visitation. As a result of the positive experience by the Visitation Team of interviewing dozens of seminary board members, faculty, alumni, and students in the lay, diaconate and

priestly formation programs, the Visitation Team wrote a strong report recommending this full reaccreditation. In its Letter of Decision, the A.T.S. Board of Directors gave particular affirmation to the following aspects of St. Peter's Seminary's educational programs: "a) its strong commitment to the preparation of pastoral leadership; b) its commitment to the growing program of lay ecclesial leadership formation; and c) the relationship between St. Peter's Seminary and King's University College and Western University." As well, particular acclaim was given to our A.P. Mahoney Library (comprising over 70,000 volumes) as being a stellar resource to the entire Western community and to our alumni. Please join in praising God for the affirmation St. Peter's Seminary has once again been given in its mission of providing quality theological education and ministerial formation.

**ats** The Association of Theological Schools  
The Commission on Accrediting



*Ordination of Permanent Deacons, 18 November 2013,  
St. Peter's Basilica, London—photo courtesy of Diocese of London*

# Annual Report of the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation

## 2013/2014 Fiscal Year – Overview

In a year marked generally by modest economic recovery in North America, and continually struggling regional economy in south-western Ontario, the Seminary Foundation achieved solid financial performance in cash donations and in investment returns. Cash and gift-in-kind donations amounted to \$1,500,447 received from 2339 donations from individuals, parish communities, businesses, organizations and institutions. In general the financial momentum of the Centenary year was maintained, though there was a decline in the number of individual donations from the year previous.

Donations to the Seminary Foundation enabled the Foundation to meet its obligations of

- \$750,000 in transfers for St. Peter's Seminary operations
- \$155,000 in support of the activities and programs of the Institute of Catholic Formation at St. Peter's Seminary
- \$212,000 to help offset tuition costs of Diocese of London seminarians

Through the Foundation's financial assistance the Seminary achieved a fiscal surplus in 2013/2014 and paid down some of its operating line of credit.

However, in some respects this was a pivotal year in which the Foundation's active attention has been focused on the Seminary's transformational future, specifically at this time on building endowment to support future faculty needs.

### Investment Results

The Foundation's endowment asset mix remained 70% equities and 30% fixed income, all in North America, a strategy which was rewarded by strong overall returns of +17.1% in the capital markets (+10.16% net of distributions), despite some market cooling in the third quarter of the fiscal year. SEIC continued this year as the sole provider of investment advisory and management services to the Foundation. As of May 2014, Foundation holdings had over \$1 million in unrealized gains.

### Revenue Highlights

Once again the Bishop's Dinner for Windsor/Essex under the Honorary Co-Chair leadership of John and Pamela Rodzik, beat budgeted expectations handily with over \$283,000 in net revenues. The London Bishop's Dinner helped the Foundation to meet its funding obligations for the Institute for Catholic formation by netting \$83,000.

The Annual Appeal to the parishes of the Diocese of London generated \$282,000 in revenues, virtually tied with the 2013 results, but attracted the largest single gift in the appeal's history at \$25,000. The Advent Appeal produced similar results--\$93,000 in revenue, or about the same as 2013.

The Foundation achieved record Highest Priority Needs gifts amounting to \$530,317, partly on the back of six estates which totalled over \$416,000 and reflected the quiet marketing of planned giving by the Seminary Foundation.

### Stefanko Family Fund

The Foundation Fund made its first payouts to retired priests from this fund, totalling \$4250.00. The Fund received an additional endowed gift of \$50,000.00 from its original donors Steve and Lisa Stefanko. Through this fund, the Foundation has the capacity to provide special support to deserving priests who, in retirement, have particular financial needs.

### Transformative Gifts - The Diocese of Hamilton Endowed Chair in Catholic Moral Theology and Social Justice

On 16 January 2014, the Diocese of Hamilton agreed to fund an endowed teaching chair at the Seminary with a gift of \$2 million, to be received over four years. The Bishop of Hamilton, Most Rev. Douglas Crosby OMI, noted that this commitment recognized the excellent formation received at St. Peter's by so many priests of his diocese over many decades. The funds, the first instalment of which was gifted in June 2014, will be

endowed by the Foundation and generate revenues to offset teaching salary in these areas.

The gift is the first of three such commitments that are being sought to lay a financial foundation for faculty recruitment and succession. The aim is to double capital endowment to \$12 million in the next four to five years. This is one pillar of the Seminary's institutional renewal for its next century of service. The other two teaching chairs will be in Sacred Scripture and Pastoral Formation.

### Governance and Legal

Brenda Sarkany succeeded Don Rodzik as Board Chair and Fred Quenneville was elected Vice-chair. In addition the Foundation bid adieu to several other long-serving elected directors: Maureen Greff (past Chair), Emod Greff, and Ken Deane. We thank God for their faithful service of volunteer stewardship and fundraising.

The Foundation appointed Miller Thomson as its legal counsel, confident that the firm has the breadth, depth and experience to assist the Foundation in increasingly complex philanthropic and charities regulation environments. With Miller Thomson's assistance, the Foundation's executive completed the compliance process with respect to recently enacted federal not-for-profit legislation.

### Operating Costs

Operating costs tracked well to budget, except for higher than anticipated legal costs for legislative compliance, and implementation of new software. The calculated operating costs were 24% for the year.

*by David Howie, Executive Director*



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# New Life for our Seminary



**Fr. Denis William  
Grecco**

Ever since Bishop Richard Grecco left the diocese of London in 2002, some of us wondered how we could re-capture some of his pastoral zeal and Italian hospitality. Enter his brother, Fr. Denis Grecco, and our wish was granted. Born in St. Catharine's, Ontario in 1955, he studied at St. Augustine's Seminary and was ordained Sept. 10, 1983. For more than 20 years he did parish ministry in the Diocese of St. Catharine's, while completing his doctorate. He graduated from St. Michael's in Toronto. No slouch to work, he then headed off to teach a variety of courses in theology at St. Thomas Aquinas University in Fredericton, N.B. and then at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown along with chaplaincy assignments. He spent a year in residence at St. Peter's Seminary from 1999-2000 while he was completing his doctoral studies. Some of us have been aiming for him to come to the seminary ever since. Finally, one of our graduates, Bishop Gerard Bergie ('84) made it happen. Thanks, Bishop Gerard!

Fr. Denis brings a huge amount of fresh theological air to the seminary. He is fascinated by the interaction of culture and the faith. Deeply schooled in systematic theology, his critical mind, melded with remarkable pastoral instincts, often guides a table conversation to new "aha" moments. Being Italian, he knows how to make a room truly home, as he has done with his suite in Group A. Helping our students to be truly human will be a blessing on us all. The pastoral orientation of St. Peter's Seminary is truly graced by his presence. He is fulfilling the long-range plan of Bishop Fabbro to have a strong faculty continually enriched by members from across Canada and elsewhere. Welcome on board!



**Bernardine Ketelaars**

What a wonderful move across the lawn! Our soon-to-be Doctor of Ministry from St. Michael's in Toronto, Bernardine is home grown. Born in London, the oldest of seven children, graduate of Catholic Central Highschool, married with four sons and four grandsons, all this local lineage roots her firmly in our local church. Before being married, she worked in the insurance world. She then became a home typist for the Marriage Tribunal followed by being parish secretary at St. Justin's parish in London with the popular pastors Fr. P.J. Mellon and Fr. Gary Goyeau. Moving up in our church world, she was secretary to Bishops Sherlock and Fabbro for 20 years. And she loved it and we loved her too!

But her heart yearned for the "castle on the lawn", the seminary. Leading all other applicants, she landed the triple portfolio of Director of Field Education, Director of Lay Formation and Lecturer of Evangelization and Missiology. After a year of part time commitment, she now is a full-time faculty member. She brings her endearing Maltese personality, warm smile, wonderful diplomacy skills, and a deep love of the church and those preparing to give their lives to serve in it. She probably knows more about the diocese than any other living person, perhaps even the bishop! We welcome her to her new post and look forward to more wonderful pages in her personal portfolio.



## Celebrating 103 years St. Peter's Seminary Alumni Reunion

**May 18-20, 2015**  
at St. Peter's Seminary

**Theme: "How the Holy Spirit is moving  
us through the "Francis Effect"**

**Book it in your schedules now: you won't want to miss it!**

## New books to read

**Flynn, Gabriel and Murray, Paul D., eds., *Ressourcement – A Movement for Renewal in Twentieth-Century Catholic Theology*, Oxford, University Press, 2012, 583 pp.**

Vatican II did not come out of nowhere. This great compendium brings us face to face with the "giants" behind the theological revolution leading up to the council. Many of them were silenced for a time, but later vindicated. Gilson, Blondel, de Chardin, Congar, Von Balthasar, Rahner, and a host of others are treated with great insight and scope. Not for the faint-hearted, but a treasure trove for blizzardy evenings.

**Lowney, Chris, *Pope Francis – Why He Leads the Way He Leads*, Chicago, Loyola Press, 2013, 171 pp.**

This is a wonderful exposé of the Jesuit training influencing Pope Francis. It is written by a former Jesuit seminarian, giving us excellent insights on how to lead based on his own experiences in a high-profile business career. Good for pastors and administrators.

**Martin, James, *Jesus – A Pilgrimage*, N.Y., Harper One, 2014, 526 pp.**

Don't be put off by this seemingly hefty 526-page book! He breezily describes his pilgrimage with a fellow Jesuit to the Holy Land, often with hilarious comments. His scripture insights are first class, and great fodder for homilies and catechetical presentations. His inbuilt reflections will feed your prayer for months.

**Reist, Michael, *Raising Boys in a New Kind of World*, Toronto, Dundurn, 2011, 307 pp.**

This one will fill you with great insights about what our boys (and girls too) are facing in our world of speed and technology. Married and a teacher, he speaks with remarkable insight, especially on how to deal with our electronic age. He understands young people. Helpful for confessors too.

## Necrology

**2013** Rev. Charles Schoenbaechler (C.R., 1942)  
April 17, 2013

Rev. Bernard Dunn (Saskatoon, 1947)  
August 9, 2013

Rev. Alvin Pich (Saskatoon, 1953)  
November 15, 2013

**2014** Rev. Thomas Joseph Lever (London, 1957)  
January 8, 2014

Mr. Peter Dill (London, 1967)  
January 11, 2014

Rev. Patrick James Tait (Pembroke, 1973)  
February 15, 2014

Rev. Edward "Ted" Palin Gatfield (London, 1955)  
February 20, 2014

Rev. James Harold Chaseley (London, 1964)  
March 22, 2014

Rev. Dominic (Archie) Kirwin (C.R., 1944)  
April 2, 2014

Rev. Leslie Stephen Horwath (London, 1960)  
April 7, 2014

Mr. Jack Boyde (London, 1954)  
June 23, 2014

Rev. Christopher Quinlan (London, 1962)  
June 28, 2014

Brig. Gen. (Rev.) Murray C. Farwell (Hamilton, 1972)  
July 7, 2014

*May they rest in peace in the mercy of God.  
Please remember them in your prayers and at the altar.*

# Seminary Milestones

**Fr. Peter Amszej ('02)** is now pastor of St. Francis Parish in Tilbury, clustered with St. Patrick, Tilbury and St. Peter, Tilbury. Fr. Peter had been on faculty since 2004 when he went for studies in Rome. He returned to teach moral theology and also to serve as a Formation Group Leader. Among many other things, he is noted for his wonderfully insightful homilies and electronic presentations. We thank him for his creativity and wish him well in his new pastoral duties.

**Fr. Richard Charrette ('66)** has retired from teaching sacred scripture at St. Peter's. He first began teaching in the Permanent Diaconate program in 2001. He continued teaching 3 courses to the seminarians. His wry humour will live on, not to mention his wonderful way of making the scriptures come alive. His mentor, Père Georges from Lyons, France would be proud of him. His classmate, Fr. Richard Tremblay ('66) also retired this year. He has been a seminary spiritual director for 9 years. His penetrating insights and awareness of the meaning of suffering from his present near-blind situation made him a remarkable director who is much loved and respected. We will miss them both.

**Eva Fodeles-Freund ('12)** served for the past two years as the Director of Lay Formation at St. Peter's Seminary. Her work of promoting the M.Div. and M.T.S. programs were tremendous. Her warm smile and loving concern for her "flock" were deeply appreciated by everyone.

In the last few years we have also seen the departure of several staff members

of the Seminary and Institute due to restructuring and the need to manage financial restraints. Connie Spuria occupied the part-time position of Communications Officer from 2009-2013. With great enthusiasm, she brought our PR image to a new level. We are still trying to catch up. Rita Ulrich served in the library for 22 years. Quiet but totally efficient would be one clear attribute of her work here. At the Institute, Mary Smith ('93) served as a Specialist in Adult Education from 2008-2013. Denise Dalton served for the same time, both at the Institute and in the last two years as the seminary's Director of Lay Formation. The success of the Institute is due in no small part to their steady, innovative and cheerful presence. To one and all, thanks for work well done!

**Brenda Sefeldas**, the new Administrative Assistant to the Rector, began here on May 27, 2013. Pat Ramsabhag, who retired from this position last May, deserves huge kudos for the wonderful way she served the seminary for 12 years. May her retirement be a restful one! Brenda was Assistant to the Dean at Huron College for 11 years. She also worked at the London District Catholic School Board. Married with four children, she attends Holy Family parish in London. She hopes the seminary will continue the mission of Bishop Fallon. Welcome on board!

The book written by **Fr. Steve Wlusek ('86)**, *From Darkness into Transforming Light: Illuminations for the healing journey of sexual abuse survivors from the Carmelite spiritual tradition* (Leipzig: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011), continues to be a trendsetter in tapping into religious traditions to aid the healing of sexual abuse survivors. Copies can be obtained from the seminary.

**Fr. Frank O'Connor ('66)** gave a barn-burning lecture "From the Heart of the Poor: A Spirituality of Social Justice" on October 16, 2013. It was the fourth annual A. P. Mahoney Lecture celebrating Theological Library Month. The shy Fr. John Comiskey ('81) gave the fourth lecture in this series on October 15, 2014, entitled "The Very Model of a Modern Major Bishop: The Public Ministry of Archbishop John Walsh".

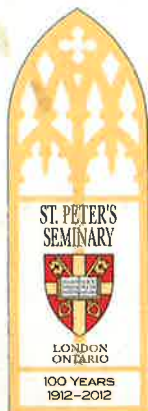
**Fr. Peter Melanson ('14)** was ordained in the Diocese of St. John. He is currently associate pastor in the parish of St-François-de-Sales in St. John.

**Fr. Francis Zambon ('14)** was ordained in the Archdiocese of Kingston. He is currently associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Kingston.

**Keith Metcalfe ('14)** and **Joseph Palko ('14)** graduated from St. Peter's with Master's of Divinity degrees. **Karen Rawlings ('14)** graduated with a Master's in Theological Studies. Congratulations!

*"I will give you shepherds  
after my own heart..."*

*Jeremiah 3:15*



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