

# ALUMNI BULLETIN

with **illuminations**



ST. PETER'S SEMINARY  
FOUNDATION

No. SEVENTY-FOUR



*A New Era Begins!*

PHOTO TAKEN BY MR. TED SINCLAIR



# Contents

- p3** Message from the Alumni Association President
- p4** A Confident Future, A Faith-filled Commitment
- p6** Rector's Reflections
- p7** From Vision to Action: the Seminary's New Five-Year Plan
- p8** Campaign to Revitalize the Seminary Launches
- p9** Retirements
- p12** Welcome New Faculty
- p15** Alumni Reunion
- p16** Permanent Deacons
- p17** Annual Report
- p18** Ordinandi and Lay Grads
- p20** Institute for Ongoing Formation
- p21** Seminary Milestones
- p22** "Rekindle the Gift" Construction at St. Peter's Seminary
- p23** Necrology

**Cover Illustration:** June 21, 2016, members of the St. Peter's Seminary Board of Shareholders Bishop Ronald Peter Fabbro, C.S.B.; Bishop D. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.; Ms. Wilma de Rond and Seminary Rector Fr: Steve Wlusek celebrate the Board's decision to move forward with the Seminary's restoration and modernization.

The **Alumni Bulletin** is published annually by the St. Peter's Seminary Alumni Association.

**Illuminations** is a triennial publication of the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation.

## Editorial Committee

Rev. Michael Prieur '65  
Bernardine Ketelaars '01  
David Howie

St. Peter's Seminary and the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation are committed to protecting the privacy and personal information of our employees, students, donors, volunteers and all other stakeholders.

St. Peter's Seminary Foundation Registered Charitable Number 888817 9702 RR0001

**St. Peter's Seminary and St. Peter's Seminary Foundation are located at**

1040 Waterloo Street North  
London, Ontario, Canada N6A 3Y1  
Phone: 519-432-1824 • Toll Free: 1-888-548-9649  
www.stpetersseminary.ca

## Officers of the St. Peter's Seminary Alumni Association 2016

### Honorary President

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.

### Honorary Vice-Presidents

The Most Rev. Gerard Bergie  
The Most Rev. Robert Bourgon  
The Most Rev. Murray Chatlain  
His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins  
The Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.  
The Most Rev. Anthony Daniels  
The Most Rev. Brian J. Dunn  
The Most Rev. Marcel Gervais  
The Most Rev. Gary Gordon  
The Most Rev. Richard Grecco  
The Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen  
The Most Rev. Frederick Henry  
The Most Rev. Peter Hundt  
The Most Rev. Stephen Jensen  
The Most Rev. Eugene LaRocque  
The Most Rev. Blaise Morand  
The Most Rev. William McGrattan  
The Most Rev. Priamo Tejada  
The Most Rev. Donald Thériault  
The Most Rev. John Sherlock

### President

Rev. Patrick Bénéteau

### Past President

Rev. Martin Vallely

### Secretary

Rev. Peter Keller

### Treasurer/Archives

Rev. Michael Prieur

### Dioceses' Contact Persons

*Alexandria-Cornwall, ON:*  
Rev. Daniel Van Delst  
*Antigonish, NS:* Rev. Patrick O'Neill  
*Brooklyn, NY:* Rev. Jerry Nadine  
*Caldean Eparchy:* Rev. Niaz Toma  
*Calgary, AB:* Rev. Cristino Bouvette  
*Camden, NJ:* Rev. Paul Wise  
*Denver, CO:* Rev. Jude Geilenkirchen  
*Edmonton, AB:* Rev. Paul Moret  
*Fall River, MA:* Rev. Edward Burns  
*Grand Falls, NL:* Rev. David Joy  
*Hamilton, ON:* Rev. Wayne Lobsinger  
*Honolulu, HI:* Rev. Clark Horan III  
*Kamloops, BC:* Rev. Dale Normandeau  
*Kingston, ON:* Rev. John Brennan  
*Lafayette, LA:* Rev. Michael Benedict  
*Lansing, MI:* Rev. Dennis Howard  
*London, ON:* Rev. Michael Prieur  
*Manchester, NH:* Rev. Daniel Deveau

### Dioceses' Contact Persons con't

*Montreal, QC:* Rev. Patrick Donnelly  
*Nelson, BC:* Rev. Wayne Pfliger  
*Ottawa, ON:* Rev. Peter Cody  
*Passaic, NJ:* Very Rev. Robert Hospodar  
*Pembroke, ON:* Rev. Ryan Holly  
*Peterborough, ON:* Rev. Raymond Rick  
*Prince Albert, SK:* Most Rev. Blaise Moran  
*Regina, SK:* Rev. Rick Krofchek  
*St. Augustine, FL:* Rev. Blair Gaynes  
*St. Boniface, MB:* Rev. Joseph Tran  
*St. Catharines, ON:* Rev. Paul McDonald  
*Saint John, NB:* Rev. Aaron Knox  
*St. John's, NL:* Rev. Laurence Pitcher  
*St. Paul, AB:* Rev. Martin Jubinville  
*Saskatoon, SK:* Rev. Gregory Roth  
*Sault Ste. Marie, ON:* Rev. James Ketzler  
*Scranton, PA:* Rev. Msgr. Donald McAndrews  
*Thunder Bay, ON:* Rev. Msgr. Pasquale Stilla  
*Timmins, ON:* Rev. Patrick Lafleur  
*Toronto, ON:* Rev. Robert O'Brien  
*Vancouver, BC:* Rev. Patrick Tepoorten  
*Venice, FL:* Most Rev. Priamo Tejada  
*Victoria, BC:* Rev. Kenneth Bernard  
*Winnipeg, MB:* Rev. W. Richard Arsenault  
*Yarmouth, NS:* Rev. John MacPherson

### Religious Communities' Contact Persons

*Congregation of St. Michael of the Archangel:* Rev. Jan Burczyk, C.S.M.A.  
*Congregation of the Resurrection:*  
Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.  
*Congregation of the Sacred Heart:*  
Rev. Herman Falke, S.C.J.  
*Companions of the Cross:*  
Rev. Allan MacDonald, CC  
*Order of St. Benedict:*  
Rev. Christopher Bernard, O.S.B.  
*Order of Carmelites Discalced:*  
Rev. James McSharry  
*Order of Friars Minor:* Bro. Stephen Van Massenhoven, O.F.M. Cap.  
*Scarboro Foreign Mission:*  
Rev. Timothy Ryan, S.F.M.  
*Society of the Precious Blood:*  
Very Rev. Mario Cafarelli, C.PPS.  
*Voluntas Dei Institute:* Rev. Paul Boulay, I.V.Dei

### Permenant Diaconate Contact Person

Dcn. Rudy Pflanzner

### Lay Graduates'/Certificate Contact Persons

Mrs. Debbie Craven, M.Div. '99  
Mrs. Marjorie Braatz, M.Div. '12



## A Message from the Alumni Association President Fr. Patrick Bénéteau

Dear alumni and friends of St. Peter's Seminary,

It is with deep gratitude, and a bit of surprise, that I write to you as the somewhat newly-elected president of St. Peter's Seminary Alumni Association. Fr. Mickey Prieur has assured me that I am the youngest serving president – I did not realize that there was such a contest! In all seriousness, though, it is truly an honour to give back a bit of time, prayer and energy to the people and place that had such an instrumental role in my own formation for the priesthood. For my first five years after ordination, I had the privilege of serving as associate pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Leamington, with the seminary's former rector, Fr. Pat Fuerth. The fraternity that I had experienced, at the seminary, continued in the parish, as the four resident priests would gather together nearly every evening to pray evening prayer, followed by supper, some laughs and to share our many "pastoral experiences of the day". Our common roots and formation at St. Peter's Seminary fostered this fraternity, which in turn, I believe, helped to unify the parish community and build up God's people.

Presently, I am serving as full-time Vocations Director for the Diocese of London. In the work of promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, I will also be able to speak to a variety of audiences about the great gift that a seminary, such as St. Peter's, is for our Catholic faith. It is because we have a seminary that forms men for the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church, that we are able to easily provide the means of formation for degree programs in theology, the permanent diaconate, certificates in pastoral ministry and other programs of on-going formation. This essential purpose of St. Peter's, as the seedbed for future priestly vocations, is what allows its faculty, staff and facility to be a blessing for so many across the country.



We cannot lose sight of this core mission of forming good shepherds according to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

This past October marked the first simultaneous canonization of a married couple, Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of Ste. Thérèse of Lisieux. As you are well aware, our seminary chapel has a strong connection with Ste. Thérèse, for the sanctuary alcoves beautifully display four wood carved tableaux of her life. The construction of St. Peter's Seminary began just one year after Thérèse was canonized, in 1925. What, however, I did not know until this past summer, was that the main impetus for having Ste. Thérèse of Lisieux declared as the universal Patroness of the Missions, was due to the many miracles occurring, through her intercession, in the Oblate missions of Canada. Bishop Fallon O.M.I., founder of the seminary, and also an Oblate of Mary Immaculate priest, would have been keenly aware of these miracles of conversion, growth in faith, and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our native soil. As St. Peter's Seminary journeys through this Jubilee Year of Mercy, and continues its mission of forming shepherds according to the heart of Christ, we ask that the intercession of Ste. Thérèse of Lisieux, and Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin, will once again strengthen and deepen the Catholic faith of our families, parishes, schools, institutions, and grant us an abundance of labourers to work in the Lord's harvest.

With my prayers,  
Fr. Patrick Bénéteau  
Class of 2010

On June 21, 2016, Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Crosby signed the legal agreement by which the Diocese of Hamilton will provide \$23 million in financing towards the renovation of St. Peter's Seminary.

PHOTO TAKEN BY MR. TED SINCLAIR



## A Confident Future, A Faith-filled Commitment

An historic agreement between the Diocese of London and the Diocese of Hamilton has set the stage for a new era of service at St. Peter's Seminary.

Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B., and Bishop D. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., signed the framework agreement which enabled the Diocese of Hamilton to commit to a financial facility of \$23 million that will be used to assist in a thorough, \$38.5 million renovation of the Seminary's living and learning spaces, improvements to infrastructure, replacement of the roof and windows, and repair of the stonework.

St. Peter's will be strengthened in numerous ways. With 60 new seminarian residences and five new classrooms, the Seminary's expanded capacity to serve the formation and education needs of contemporary students will support growing enrolment. Modernization of the building, including environmentally responsible heating and cooling, will enable the Seminary to host groups for retreats, conferences and meetings year round. The Seminary's property will be right-sized for its needs. Faculty and students will have ready access to good classroom design and technology that will fit the Seminary's adult education-based curriculum practices.

The aim of the project is to create an environment that will help seminarians, permanent diaconal candidates and students alike engage in the personal, transformational process of preparing for a life of faithful and joyful service, to help people

encounter and live out the Good News of Christ.

Bishop Crosby explains the Diocese of Hamilton contribution as an "investment". He points out that the people of his diocese have been well served by priests who were formed at St. Peter's Seminary, and that the Seminary will be a vital formation centre for Hamilton's future diocesan priests. He has also committed to making available future faculty from among the priests of his diocese.

Construction at the Seminary began in the late summer of 2016. It followed years of investigation and planning going back to 2008 under then Rector and now Bishop William McGrattan, and study by two advisory committees on the Seminary's future. Those who advised Bishop Fabbro on the need to continue the Seminary and to do so on its present site, looked in depth at the Seminary's financial stability in light of the need to deal with capital priorities.

"We have a strong faculty delivering well-respected programs. These new measures will ensure St. Peter's ability to serve the Church in Canada for decades to come", says Fr. Steve Wlusek. As Bishop Fabbro states, "Bishops across Canada recognize the importance of St. Peter's to help prepare men and women for ministry in the world today. I am delighted that, with the support of so many people, St. Peter's Seminary can continue with confidence on its urgent mission."



*Seminary as seen from proposed new entry.*



DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY ALLAN AVIS ARCHITECTS.



*Seminarian Rooms*



*New classrooms incorporate modern design and technology*



## Rector's Reflections: The Spirit is Moving at St. Peter's

While on retreat recently, God's words pronounced by the Prophet Isaiah spoke with renewed significance to me: "My thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways" (Is. 55:8). Who would have foreseen the amazing things God is doing in our midst to vibrantly continue the mission of St. Peter's Seminary? We are living through historic and momentous times at St. Peter's to foster the proclamation of God's Word throughout the Church in Canada.

After months of meetings (involving architects, city planners, Ontario heritage society, construction experts, legal counsel and inter-diocesan leaders), Phase I of construction began in August to inaugurate the full renovation of the iconic St. Peter's Seminary building. This renovation will encompass every floor and wing of the seminary, in what is projected to be a 48 to 52 month project. This first and most intensive phase involves: the full re-configuration of the top two residence floors of seminarian and priest suites, addition of the new elevator, installation of the core elements of the high efficiency heating and central cooling system, re-pointing of exterior masonry, and replacement of the building's slate roofing. Great excitement is in the air at St. Peter's as the many years of discernment and planning are coming to fruition as the construction crews are now on the job.

In addition to the material changes in the building that are taking place before our eyes, we have also experienced significant transitions in our human resources at St. Peter's. As you will read in the following pages, a number of key long-time faculty members retired this summer. The tremendous contributions of Fr. Michael Prieur (Professor of Moral Theology and Director of the Pastoral Year), Fr. Frank O'Connor (Spiritual Director of the Seminary and Professor of Spiritual Theology and Catholic Social Teachings), Mrs. Josephine Herriott (Human Formation Counselor and Lecturer of Pastoral Counseling) and Mrs. Claire Callaghan (Director of Library Services) have profoundly affected hundreds of seminarians and lay students through the years. Their presence and unique gifts will be greatly missed. With these retirements, St. Peter's has been pleased to welcome new faculty to serve in key roles: Fr. Wayne Lobsinger

(a Spiritual Director of seminarians), Deacon Jim Donovan-Panchaud (Human Formation Counselor and Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation) and Adrienne Co-Dyre (Director of Library Services at St. Peter's and King's University College). As well, Fr. Murray Kuemper was appointed House Spiritual Director and Fr. Al Momney appointed as Director of the Pastoral Year. Fr. Peter Keller is working closely with our Architect and Project Manager in implementing our full renovation plan.

There is also much excitement due to the growth in student population this year in the many programs of St. Peter's Seminary. In September, we welcomed 19 new seminarians in the priestly formation program. This has been the highest intake of new seminarians at St. Peter's since 2006. Our Seminary is truly a place of priestly formation for the Catholic Church throughout Canada, as this year we offer formation to seminarians from the Dioceses of Victoria, St. Boniface, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Alexandria-Cornwall, Sault Ste. Marie, London, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Quebec and Antigonish. As well, we have had 6 new individuals begin study in the Lay M.Div. and M.T.S. programs, and 14 inquirers engaged in the Aspirancy Year of the Permanent Diaconate formation program. These many new students bring great enthusiasm to our environment.

Finally, under the Direction of Dr. Christian McConnell, the Seminary's Institute for Ongoing Formation is doing cutting edge work in coordinating meaningful programs: leading a series of continuing education sessions for Lay Ecclesial Ministers, offering public lectures on Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, starting a new stream of the Parish Nursing program, and launching the "Good Leaders, Good Shepherds" leadership program for priests.

St. Peter's Seminary is an exciting place to be and a community to be part of. We are so appreciative of our enthusiastic Alumni who continue to offer prayerful support as we move together into a future filled with hope!

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





## From Vision to Action: the Seminary's New Five-Year Plan

In his book *First Things First*, Stephen Covey writes that our busy lives are often propelled by our response to two stimuli: that which is urgent and that which is important. The reality, however, is that the things that are urgent are not always that important; and the things that are important are not always urgent! Therefore, we often flit along dealing with one urgent matter after another, yet rarely attend to those matters which, although aren't crying out for our immediate attention, are of extreme importance for a meaningful path ahead.

Responding to the call to examine that which is important for the future mission of St. Peter's Seminary, representatives from our whole Seminary community engaged in a 1½ year process to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan that would propel the momentum of our seminary. A great precipitator of this planning process was the full ten-year re-accreditation granted to St. Peter's Seminary by the Association of Theological Schools in Feb. 2013 and the recognition that the development of such a Strategic Plan would help steer our course to maintain ongoing vitality in the years ahead.

Our comprehensive Plan begins with the Vision Statement: "St. Peter's Seminary aspires to be an outstanding collaborative centre of creative formation and education of Catholic leaders who are shaped by the Heart of Christ to be pastorally engaged with the world and dedicated to the service of God's people, especially the poor." Collaborative, creative, pastorally engaged - all shaped by a personal response to the example of Jesus to serve others with selflessness and compassionate love. Flowing from the Vision Statement are: a Statement of Principles; seven Goals each with their own Objectives; Action

Tasks, Timelines and Responsibilities to be achieved for each year of the Plan from 2015 to 2020. The fully articulated Strategic Plan can be viewed at the Tab on the left menu of our Seminary website [stpetersseminary.ca](http://stpetersseminary.ca).

At the heart of this Plan is Goal Three, which addresses the very spirit of formation at St. Peter's. It states that all three formation streams – for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and lay ministry – will unite human, spiritual and intellectual formation to respond to the deepest needs of individuals and societies in pastoral action. Since this combination of energies has long been recognized in the Canadian Church as St. Peter's distinctive charism, it is not at all new to the Seminary. But what is new is how the Plan spells out the markers of how this goal will be accomplished. Defining and promoting pastoral excellence, showing leadership in homiletics, ensuring that students are engaged with society and culture, and expanding on-line learning; each of these will be pathways towards achieving the larger goal.

This summer saw the completion of thirty-two distinct action tasks identified for Year One alone. It has taken the involvement of many to bring this about. A strong feature of this Plan is the role of the Seminary Board in overseeing its implementation, ensuring that the projected benefits will be realized. Founded upon ongoing prayer, it is hoped that the good seeds of planning will bear abundant fruits. A dynamic, action-filled five years has begun well!

Fr. Steve Wlusek (Class of '86)

# Rekindling

## THE Gift

### AN INVITATION TO RENEW ST. PETER'S SEMINARY FOR THE CANADIAN CHURCH

## Campaign to Revitalize the Seminary Launches

In June 2015, the St. Peter's Seminary Board of Shareholders invited the St. Peter's Seminary Foundation to lead a fundraising campaign that will raise at least \$6.5 million to complete the financing needed to restore and modernize the Seminary's main building. David Howie, the Foundation's executive director, was asked to put together the fundraising plan.

In its early planning days, Bishop Fabbro agreed to be the campaign's Patron, lending his full support to its success. Next came giving the campaign a compelling title. From many suggestions came the idea of referencing a point in St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, in which Paul urges Timothy to redouble his conviction of faith in the person and teachings of Jesus. Paul instructs him "to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands." Hence the title for this campaign: Rekindling the Gift.

The campaign team has been spending its initial months in the so-called "quiet phase" of the campaign, aiming to confirm gifts and gift pledges in the amount of \$4 million from major gifts (\$2500 to \$500,000+). The public phase will follow to secure the next \$2.5 million from Seminary's supporters, parishioners and the general public. A list of naming opportunities in the rebuilt interior spaces should prove attractive to a number of the project's participants.

Two factors are critical to the success of the campaign. First is the fact that the funds sought in the Rekindling the Gift campaign, though to be sure a significant financial undertaking at \$6.5 million, represent less than 20% of the total funds needed. Together, Bishop Fabbro and Bishop Crosby have ensured that the project will have start up funds of over \$28 million, or about 80% of the projected total costs for the project.

The message that two dioceses have collaboratively committed themselves to undertaking this project has been inspirational. As of August 2016, the Seminary Foundation reports about \$2.9 million in cash and pledges to the Rekindling the Gift campaign, bringing the resources available

to nearly 90% of the objective. Transformational lead gifts from The Toldo Foundation (\$500,000), The Gatfield Family Foundation (\$280,000) and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of London (\$100,000), along with a strong response from Seminary alumni, have set the stage for a solid campaign launch.

The second, more important factor is the compelling nature of the cause. There is a widespread consensus that the Seminary is an essential part of the future for the local Church in the Diocese of London and across Canada. As the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Gérald Lacroix puts it: "The Canadian Catholic Church is well served by the quality of formation for the priesthood which St. Peter's Seminary provides." Bishop Fabbro's own commitment is undeniable. In his view St. Peter's has the capacity not only to respond to present needs of Catholic ministry, but as the place to help develop new roles for a Church that is evolving alongside the wider society it serves. Bishop Crosby, now president of the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops, regards St. Peter's as making an equally vital contribution to priestly formation for the Diocese of Hamilton as well as other English-language Canadian dioceses.

The campaign timeframe is four years, roughly the period required to complete the work on the building. Some donations may require a longer pledge period. Nevertheless, the campaign is designed to ensure that the Seminary will not take on significant long-term debt as a result of the investment that is being made in its future.

The campaign aims eventually to raise support not only for the Seminary's fabric, but also to increase endowment to pay for ongoing and future capital expenses. However, it is the completion of the restoration and modernization plans that remain the principal goals, so that St. Peter's Seminary can operate more efficiently, and provide its resident and student populations with a physical environment that is supportive and welcoming.

*David Howie*  
St. Peter's Seminary Foundation



# Ave atque vale – Hail and Farewell

PHOTO OBTAINED FROM SEMINARY FILES



**Rev. Michael Prieur**

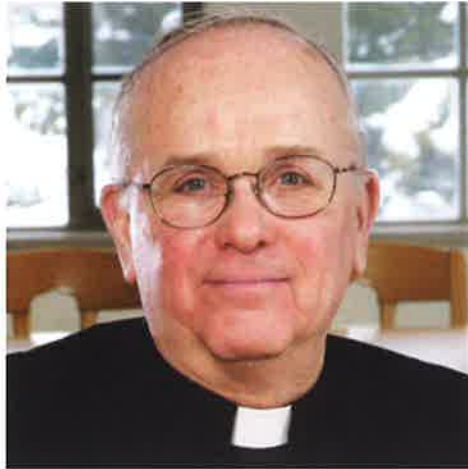
Fr. Mickey, the longest-serving member of the teaching faculty at St. Peter's Seminary, has played a number of essential roles over the years. In addition to being involved in the formation of hundreds of men and women as they prepared for ministry, he taught Moral and Sacramental Theology from 1969 until 2016, served as a spiritual director and formation group leader, became the resident expert on the history of the Seminary and promoter of alumni relations.

Fr. Mickey practices the art of change with energy and optimism. He stepped up to the plate when new programs, such as in lay ministry and the permanent diaconate, started up at the Seminary. With the emergence of bioethics, he generously shared his knowledge with the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, St. Joseph's Health Care, London, and numerous dioceses and individuals as struggles and concerns arose.

His books—on the stained glass windows of the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel at the Seminary, on Holy Family Retreat House, on the windows of the St. Joseph's Hospital chapel, the Canadian Catholic Health Ethics Guide, on the art of the confessor—reflect his view that in order to think clearly about the future we need to contemplate the beauty and lessons of the past. He is no stuffy academic; rather, he sees the purpose of careful study as a means to improve lives in the here and now.

In retirement his association with St. Peter's goes on as he serves as the Seminary's "Ambassador". We are thankful to God for the gifts Fr. Michael Prieur has selflessly shared and will go on sharing for years to come.

PHOTO OBTAINED FROM SEMINARY FILES



**Rev. Frank O'Connor**

In June 2016, Fr. Frank concluded 28 years of service at the Seminary; for nearly all of that time as Seminary Spiritual Director as well as serving on faculty, teaching courses in theology, Missiology, Orders and Ministry, and of course Social Justice. He underwent graduate studies at Regis College, Toronto, and the Toronto School of Theology completing two master's degrees and the Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

Having entered the Seminary in 1962 and ordained in 1966, he has served in parishes in Windsor, London and Chatham, and in the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru. Spirituality has been at the centre of his life as a priest and teacher. As well, social justice has been a hallmark of Fr. Frank's active career – Social Action Director of the Diocese of London, eleven years among the poor people of the Zana Valley in northern Peru, and a leader of well over a dozen mission awareness trips taking seminarians, students and lay people across Latin America, the Caribbean, India and the Canadian North. His first master's thesis looked at worker attitudes in the wake of a factory shutdown. In 2015, he was named the second holder of the Diocese of Hamilton Chair in Moral Theology and Social Justice at the Seminary.

Fr. Frank's influence has been felt in countless ways among his brother priests whether in service on multiple diocesan committees, in workshops, as a spiritual director and a friend. Beyond that he has reached out to work with schools and parishes, communities of religious women, retreatants in Canada and in the US and, with his acquired fluency in Spanish, the Hispanic community. A product of a large, devout family in Strathroy, those who have known Fr. Frank have been touched by his gentle demeanour, compassion, and sharp wit. We are grateful for his many selfless years at St. Peter's, and wish him well in what promises to be an active new stage of life, especially in spiritual direction.

# Ave atque vale – Hail and Farewell

PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOSEPHINE HERRIOTT



**Josephine Herriott** Human Formation Counsellor

Josephine first began teaching the Hospital Course at St. Peter's Seminary in 1990 while serving as Chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital. She taught this course until 1996 at which time she was moved to provide Chaplaincy services at Victoria Hospital in South London – a ministry she joyfully provided until her retirement in 2007.

Following her retirement from the hospital, Josephine was invited back to St. Peter's Seminary in September of 2007 to teach the Crisis Counselling course – an area in which she had become quite proficient as she was providing counselling to patients and their families, as well as staff and volunteers, during the latter part of her employ at Victoria Hospital. This, indeed, was a natural progression for Josephine. A month into her new career, she was approached by Father McGrattan – Rector at the time – and offered the position of Human Formation Counsellor.

The responsibilities of this office included responding to referrals that came from faculty and bishops for seminarians requiring counselling. Josephine emphasized that “the seminarian had to be willing to enter into a process of formation, even transformation.... Counselling is not something done to people but something they enter into with an appetite for change.”

Josephine's greatest joy during her years at St. Peter's Seminary has been working with seminarians and getting to know them individually, “experiencing first-hand the trust they have in you.”

Officially retired now, Josephine is not going to sit idly by. Already deeply involved in her parish, she looks forward to dedicating more time to visiting the homebound – revealing light-heartedly that she has successfully received her Police Screening, gardening, reading, travelling, and re-introducing herself to her piano. As you begin this new chapter in your life, Josephine, the alumni of St. Peter's Seminary extend their gratitude to you and wishes you God's blessing.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RYSZARDA ALEKSANDRA



**Ryszarda Aleksandra** Cook Extraordinaire

Arriving from Poland 1989, Ryszarda was in Canada for only three years when she began working on a part-time basis at St. Peter's Seminary. Her responsibilities would be in Housekeeping and Laundry, and it was in this setting that Ryszarda would spend a lot of time listening to her co-workers in order to obtain a better grasp of the English language.

In 1995, she was offered a full-time position in the Kitchen and Ryszarda was thrilled to take on this new responsibility as she loves to cook. She enjoyed her work and knew immediately that she was in the right place. Always regarding the Seminary as her “second home”, she was like a mother to many of the seminarians who have come and gone over the past 21 years. Ryszarda is a gracious hostess and welcomed all who worked, studied, or visited the Seminary's refectory with a beautiful smile.

Officially retired now, Ryszarda looks forward to some relaxing time at home with family and friends, babysitting her grandchildren, gardening, shopping, and maybe even some travelling.

As we wish you many blessings in the years ahead we say, “Dziękuję bardzo!”... “Thank you very much!” for the years of joyful service you have given us.



# Ave atque vale – Hail and Farewell

PHOTO OBTAINED FROM SEMINARY FILES



**Ted Johnston**

John "Big Z" Zadorsky hired Ted in 1984 as the first-floor custodian. This was gratefully received by Ted since he and his wife Kath had a growing family which eventually reached seven children. In a few years he "graduated" to the job of "Maintenance Engineer" after Frank Ryder's retirement. He had a grand portfolio: boilers, roof leaks, doors, windows, locks and keys, air conditioners, light electrical and plumbing problems, squeezing into crawl spaces, etc., etc. He literally knew every nook and cranny in our English Gothic building. His quiet ability to get even the smallest things done quickly, without any fuss or bureaucratic tangles, is a perfect example of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's spirituality: "Doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well".

In October, 2015, Ted retired after 31 years of totally dedicated service at St. Peter's. His personal reflection is poignant: "Through these many years, I realized that St. Peter's is more than a building. It is a community, a family of people from all the departments and levels. Many great friendships were made. It is a great place to work." Everyone loved Ted. We all miss his deep Catholic faith, finger-plucking music, squirrel-like agility and congenial smile. Happy retirement, Ted!

PHOTO PROVIDED BY CLAIRE CALLAGHAN



**Claire Callaghan** Director of Libraries

Claire's initial career plan did not have the word 'librarian' in it; she actually wanted to be a social worker. However, while working as a student library assistant in the King's library, Mr. Peter Mitchell, the Chief Librarian at the time, encouraged her to consider library science. Having graduated from Kings, Claire packed her bags to begin her studies at the University of Toronto. She obtained her Master of Library Science Degree in 1973 and has been an academic librarian ever since. Claire worked at academic libraries in Hamilton and Toronto but in 1988 found her way back to London where she worked as Head Librarian at the Education Library (1988-2001) and then Director of the D. B. Weldon Library at Western from 2001-2005.

Claire loved her time at King's as an undergrad and a strong sense of loyalty to her alma mater and its Catholic values stayed with her. Returning to King's on July 2, 2005, was "a dream come true." The collaboration between the A. P. Mahoney Library and the Cardinal Carter Library came into existence on May 1, 2007; Claire believes it was and continues to be a good initiative. Surely this initiative has brought a smile to the face of the late Monsignor Leonard Forristal, who served as the Seminary's Spiritual Director from 1924-1966, and was Claire's great uncle who often times sustained her when the 'going got tough'!

Claire states, "The best part of working at King's and the Seminary is the people. I enjoy liaising with our students, seminarians, faculty, priests, and staff. I will greatly miss my dedicated and talented library team, all of whom inspire me on a daily basis."

An academic librarian for 43 years, Claire looks forward to retirement and all that it holds – more time with family and friends, re-establishing a regular workout routine, continuing to learn, and opportunities to volunteer. As you begin down this new path, Claire, the alumni of St. Peter's Seminary remains grateful to you and wishes you all the best.

# Welcome New Faculty

PHOTO OBTAINED FROM SEMINARY FILES



**Rev. Peter Keller**

Born and raised in Stratford, Ontario, Father Peter Keller is the younger of two children and one does not have to speak with him long to realize how fond and proud he is of his two “wonderful nieces” who truly care for their Uncle.

Having completed his elementary and high school education in Stratford, Father Peter moved to London to begin his studies at King’s University College. While majoring in psychology and philosophy, he worked at the Centre for Cognitive Science as a Research Assistant – a job which quite intrigued the young man who was discerning God’s call in his life. During that time, a close relationship was forged with some of the seminarians; as a result, he felt quite at home at St. Peter’s Seminary. The young Peter entered the Seminary in 1989 and was ordained for the Diocese of London in 1995.

Father Peter ministered within various parishes of the Diocese for 18 years, and served as the Episcopal Vicar of Huron-Perth Deanery during his years of service to various parishes within the deanery.

In 2013, he received a call from Bishop Fabbro asking him to assist with the formation of young men at St. Peter’s Seminary. This led to two years of study at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and, in June 2015, Father Peter successfully obtained his Licentiate in Pastoral Theology with a focus on Psychology and Pedagogy.

Having completed his studies, Father Peter embarked on a 780 km trek as he walked the Camino de Santiago. In August 2015, Father Peter Keller was welcomed to the Faculty of St. Peter’s Seminary. He enjoys the young seminarians and “sees great possibilities.” He is encouraged to see that there are vocations and, in their response, he grows in a deeper appreciation of his own.

He states that these are interesting times at St. Peter’s Seminary. “As we renovate the building, we realize we are more than bricks and mortar; we continue to build community within it!” *Ad multos annos!*

PHOTO OBTAINED FROM SEMINARY FILES



**Dr. Christian McConnell**

There’s a new energy in the house since the arrival of Dr. Christian McConnell! A man with a great love for his work and an enthusiastic energy about him, Christian is simply a delight to be around – an opinion expressed by students and faculty alike.

It has been quite the year for Christian as he splits his time between London and Ajax, Ontario – living at St. Peter’s Seminary during the week and returning home to join his family on the weekends. Married, with three children, it is not easy to simply pull up roots and move. Therefore, arrangements were made to accommodate the needs in both cities in the best way possible.

Focussing on Liturgical Studies, Christian obtained his Master of Arts from St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and his Ph.D. from Notre Dame, Indiana – light-heartedly referred to by Christian as “Catholic Disneyland”. Following graduation, Christian taught at St. John’s University for three years, until he secured his first regular position at the University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto.

Hours of commuting between Ajax and Toronto gave Christian ample time to reflect and, as a result, felt called to go beyond teaching. He had hoped to one day reconnect with the Church community on a personal level; to get back to the parishes and use his gifts, knowledge, and skills to partner with those in the parishes and at the grassroots level. It was this prospect that moved Christian to consider the posting for an Executive Director for the Institute of Ongoing Formation. Since his arrival, Christian has enjoyed the challenge of building up new structures – keeping the good programmes, building new ones to creatively meet the needs of our Church. In addition, he lectures in liturgy and sacramental theology at St. Peter’s Seminary. A joy to have you here Christian!



# Welcome New Faculty

PHOTO OBTAINED FROM SEMINARY FILES



**Rev. Murray Kuemper**

Welcome back to London, Ontario Father Murray Kuemper! The youngest of three children, Father Murray hails from Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Prior to coming to St. Peter's Seminary to begin his priestly formation, Father Murray completed his pharmaceutical studies, practiced, and continued to work in a pharmacy during his summers of formation.

Ordained in 1998 for the Diocese of Saskatoon, Father Murray served in a few parishes – first as an associate and hospital chaplain, and then as Pastor of St. Augustine's in Humboldt. In 2006, his bishop released him from the diocese to join Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario. Still incardinated for the Diocese of Saskatchewan, Father Murray made his final promises on June 8, 2015.

In 2013, St. Peter's Seminary invited Father Murray to consider joining the faculty. Discerned by the Madonna House community, he received his mandate to embark on further studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome. Having "survived" the experience, as "Rome is not my natural habitat", he obtained his Licentiate in Moral Theology. He enjoyed the programme and the "holistic vision" of Thomas' moral theology.

Father Murray is happy to be back at St. Peter's Seminary. Influenced by Madonna House, Catherine Doherty's charisma and vision of priesthood informed Father Murray's priestly life.

Father Murray reflects on God's great sense of humour as he considers his return to St. Peter's Seminary. A few years back, he had been asked by Madonna House to go to Arizona; however, problems arose with obtaining his visa. Then he received the call from the seminary; he accepted and again there was a delay in obtaining his visa. Eventually, his visa for Italy arrived; on that same day, so did his American visa – something he thought was long abandoned. Our God is one of many surprises! We're glad that this is where God has called you Father Murray! May we benefit from your presence for many years.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY REV. LOBSINGER



**Rev. Wayne L. Lobsinger**

We welcome Fr. Wayne Lobsinger ('94), the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Waterdown, ON, as our latest faculty member. In addition to his excellent parish experiences, Fr. Wayne has had four men do their pastoral year with him as well as a fifth who did a summer experience with him. Three of the five were St. Peter Seminary students. Two are ordained as Priests, two were ordained Deacons and one chose to leave formation during his pastoral year.

His job description for the seminary will include being spiritual director for 10-15 students. He plans on being available at the seminary beginning with three days every two weeks and then every three weeks. He will also be available for other activities during his time at the seminary.

He has mixed emotions about his new assignment. He indicates he always had a desire to teach even in his seminary days, often doing this as a Pastor. "I am honoured, excited, humbled, afraid, overwhelmed and can't wait to get started. I am concerned about being divided between the Parish and the Seminary, but I am sure God will make it all work out." Thank you Bishop Crosby for yet another wonderful support for St. Peter's Seminary.



## Congratulations Rev. Al Momney!

Fr. Al Momney ('83) has shored up the faculty by graduating with a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching on May 6, 2016 from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. He tackled "Preaching on Controversial Issues" for his thesis, a much needed theme for ministry today. Congratulations, Al!

Fr. Momney spent five years at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Windsor, three years at St. Ursula's in Chatham and then four years as pastor at St. Agnes in Chatham. At St. Peter's, he lectures in sacramental theology and homiletics, is a formation advisor and spiritual director. He has just been named as the Director of the Pastoral Year for the seminarians. He loves to read and indicates he is "in for the long haul" at the seminary. Good news for a lot of our future grads!

PHOTO TAKEN BY MR. CHAD FRANKLIN



## A Tribute

Jo-Ann Bester is the wonderful person who keeps up the Alumni Directory, writes up and sends out the alumni death notices, and does countless other alumni secretarial needs. She is the "unsung heroine" of our Association. Thanks so much to you, Jo-Ann, and may God always bless your wonderful generosity and great gift of common sense. Ad multos annos!

## Alumnus at Work

Fr. Blair Gaynes, Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, working with students at various university campuses (see p. 21).



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY FATHER BLAIR GAYNES ('12)





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

## Another Big Alumni Reunion uplifts us all!

They came from far and near! The Alumni Reunion on May 18-20, 2015 had a remarkable spirit. 110 members flocked to London: priests, permanent deacons, lay grads and a good turnout of our newly-accepted certificate grads. Everyone said they felt wonderfully welcomed, feted in speech, food and drink, and smothered in tender, loving care.

The presentations were outstanding. Fr. Richard Charrette ('66) enthralled everyone with his power-point presentation illustrating his "Choo-choo train" version of new thinking regarding the Pentateuch. Fr. John Jasica ('01) and Fr. Peter Amszej ('02) did a first-class PowerPoint presentation on their insights in visiting Baltimore, Md., to check out the source of the challenging book *Rebuilt* (2013). The panel of three bishops, Gerard Bergie ('84), Marcel Gervais ('58), and Steve Jensen ('80) fascinated everyone, especially Bishop Gervais's personal story of forgiveness of his pastor under the saintly influence of his mother. It was a vintage Gervais parable for us all.

The business meeting held a grand surprise: Fr. Patrick Bénéteau ('10), the full-time Vocations Director of the Diocese of London, was chosen as president by acclamation, since he was the only nomination submitted. At the banquet, Bishop Fabbro saw all kinds of great connections with this fresh, youthful initiative by the Alumni Association. The banquet featured the

presentation of the Sr. Margaret Ferris Award to Mary Cahalan ('96) and the J. J. Carrigan Award to Fr. Mike Prieur ('65). Congratulations to both!

As I reflect on the reunion, I think they serve multiple purposes. Of course, they are an occasion for re-connecting with classmates and friends. They also can provide fresh ideas in the presentations for our theology, spirituality, pastoral directions and to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us through personal witnessing. They allow the bishop of the diocese and seminary personnel to give us ideas about where the seminary is heading in the future. They also often provide an opportunity for some members to return to the seminary as part of a reconciliation and healing they may be experiencing regarding their time here. Finally, they provide a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist in which we all hear the names of those alumni who have died since the last reunion read out to everyone. I do think this last reunion achieved all of these aspects in spades. Praise God!

So, we ask your prayers for all of our alumni, both living and dead. We pray that you will all keep in touch as we enter into some very exciting days ahead. God bless all of you in your own wonderful ministries for God's people!

*M. Prieur ('65)*



**PERMANENT  
DIACONATE**  
THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

## Permanent Deacons: Fresh Directions



PHOTO PROVIDED BY DEACON JAMES DONOVAN PANCHAUD

### Deacon James Donovan Panchaud

Deacon James Donovan Panchaud, ordained with the class of 2007, began the dual roles of Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate and Human Formation Facilitator for the seminary on August 1, 2016. Since his ordination, he has been involved in the PD Formation Program as a member of the Permanent Diaconate Formation and Study Committee, a Weekend Formation Facilitator and the Ministry of Charity Placement Facilitator. He has also served at St. George's Parish

(London) and presently ministers the Word and Sacrament at Christ the King University Parish. Jim and Annette have been married for 22 years and enjoy the "joyful messiness of family life" with their three children, Julian (21), Kathryn (18) and Miriam (13) not to mention an 'ark-load' of pets. He brings a depth of experience gained from life as a husband, father, deacon and social worker and has been involved professionally in the fields of child protection, individual, marriage and family counselling, and health care – most recently as the social worker for Hematology and the Regional Lead for Psychosocial Oncology with the Southwest Regional Cancer Program. Jim earned a BA in English from the University of St. Jerome's College (Waterloo) (1991), a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Toronto (1996) as well as studies in Theology from the University of St. Michael's College (Toronto). When asked about coming on faculty at St. Peter's Seminary, Jim states, "I think formation is about developing two things: the heart of a servant and the mind of the Church. If I can play my part to instil these qualities in our leaders of tomorrow, then I will have accomplished something wonderful for the church. Maybe that will be my motto: COR SERVI ET MENTEM ECCLESIAE."

### Deacons of the Diocese of London 2015

*Front Row (Left to Right):  
Joseph KiYeol Ryu,  
Morgan Treacy,  
Raymond Girard,  
Christopher Stoesser,  
Richard Walter,  
Carol Tamas*

*Back Row:  
Brad Lewis,  
Andy Labrosse,  
Wayne Waechter,  
David Callaghan,  
Gerard Van Schyndel*



PHOTO TAKEN BY BETA PHOTOS, LONDON, ONTARIO



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

## 2015/2016 Fiscal Year – Overview

### Main fundraising metrics

Modest gains occurred in the Foundation's principal fundraising streams, leading overall to an increase in the number of gifts received of 2.6% year-over-year (Y/Y). This generated a nearly 6% increase in total dollars raised Y/Y, when controlled for estates and endowment tranches of the Diocese of Hamilton Chair in Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching. However, the decline in major gifts (\$500+) of about 4.8% Y/Y reduced the average gift by 7%. Variances in annual fundraising results as we have seen in the past year are not unusual for the Foundation.

### Specific Appeals

The Parish Appeal reached over \$283,000, an increase of 4.5% Y/Y, while the number of gifts received climbed 8.3%. The Advent Appeal raised 9.3% more than last year, in the face a nearly 10% decline in the number of gifts. Significant increases were also seen in Alumni and Faculty and Staff giving.

### Funding Impact

The Foundation's support of the Seminary is primarily spread over Seminary operations, the Institute for Ongoing Formation at St. Peter's Seminary, and the office of the diocesan Vocations Director. A special endowment fund provides small but meaningful financial support to priests in retirement, especially those with financial needs. This year, the needs of the Seminary were such that the Foundation drew upon unrealized gains

in its endowments to ensure that the Seminary ended its own year in a financially positive condition. The funds endowed for the Diocese of Hamilton Chair in Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching provided important levels of financial support.

### Project Funding

The Foundation was part of a committee led by London Diocesan Chancellor Father Paul Baillargeon to initiate a major project for ongoing formation support of 30+ priest-leaders of the Diocese of London, to be delivered through the "Good Shepherds, Good Leaders" program of the highly respected Catholic Leadership Institute (Wayne, PA) over two years. To meet the revenue projections for the project, the Foundation committed to raising \$100,000. The Foundation received a grant for \$100,000 from a European foundation to meet the financial commitment. The project is led by the Seminary's director of the Institute for Ongoing Formation, Dr. Chris McConnell.

### Rekindling the Gift capital fundraising

The Foundation has been directed by the Seminary Board of Shareholders to raise the funds that will be needed to complete the planned \$35 million restoration and modernization of the Seminary. The Foundation will raise a minimum of \$6.5 million over four years to complete the other funding sources. The Foundation's Executive Director

developed a plan of fundraising which was approved by the Board of Shareholders, and promotional materials. During the past fiscal year some \$186,000 was received from some early approaches to donors.

### Investment results

This year has seen a continuation of the market challenges which began with the global downturn in equity markets in April 2015 and accelerated in Q1 2016. Equity markets difficulties were joined by declining bond yields. At the end of the fiscal year, as a result of performance and cashing out unrealized gains, the Foundation had approximately \$6.2 million in market value under management. However, each investment fund, under the management of SEI Canada, performed better than their respective indexes during the fiscal year, and the Foundation's holdings were poised for recovery as the new fiscal year began.

*Dr. David Howie, Executive Director*



**ST. PETER'S SEMINARY  
FOUNDATION**

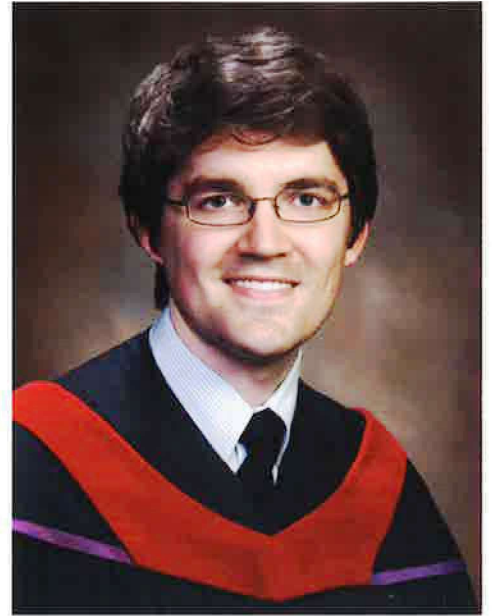
# Ordinandi and Lay Graduates: 2015



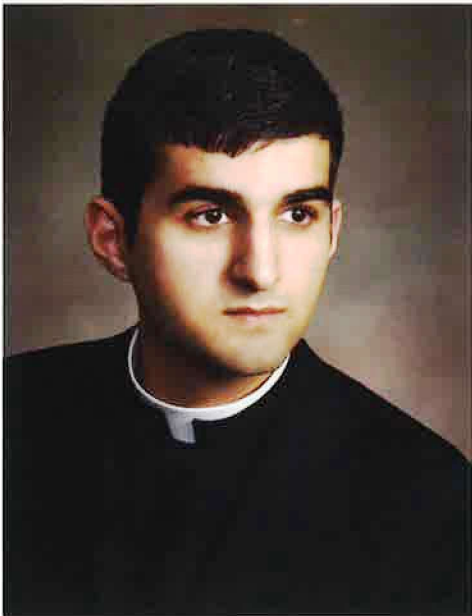
**Rev. Mark Maloney**  
Diocese of London



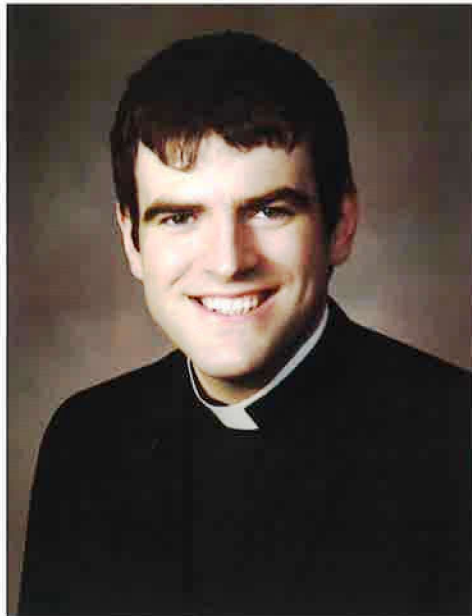
**Rev. Stephen Marsh**  
Diocese of London



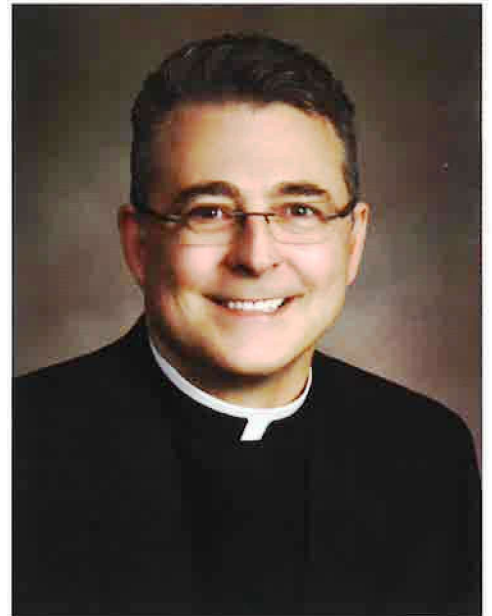
**Alex Ross**  
Lay M.Div. Graduate



**Rev. Danny Santos**  
Diocese of London



**Rev. Gregory Smith-Windsor**  
Diocese of Saskatoon



**Rev. Don Pumputis**  
Diocese of London



# Ordinandi and Lay Graduates: 2016

---



**Rev. David Johnston**  
Diocese of London



**Rev. Daniele Muscolino**  
Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie



**Rev. Trevor Plug**  
Diocese of St. Catharines



**Rev. Andrew White**  
Diocese of Corner Brook  
and Labrador



**Dominica Wozniak**  
Lay M.Div. Graduate

PHOTOS TAKEN BY  
BETA PHOTOS, LONDON, ONTARIO



## Happenings at the Institute for Ongoing Formation

The Institute for Ongoing Formation is tasked with providing "practical and effective formation and professional development opportunities for priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers, and faith formation opportunities for Catholics from all walks of life." Unlike other formation here at the Seminary and elsewhere, which prepares people to take up various kinds of ministries, the Institute is responsible for ongoing formation for those already working "out there" in the life of the Church. Our work is a form of outreach, applying the Seminary's resources in intellectual, pastoral, spiritual and human formation to support everyone already engaged in the service of God's people.

In the year and a half that I have been privileged to serve as the Institute's Director, we have been developing a number of initiatives to support and inspire those in ministry as well as people "in the pews." For several years now, our dedicated, hard-working Parish Nursing team has been forming nurses for this new, emerging form of ministry in the Church, attending holistically to people's physical and spiritual health, as an extension of Jesus' own ministry of healing. Participants come to us from all across Canada, from various denominations, and return to their communities to do pioneering work in establishing parish nursing ministries in their own parishes and congregations.

Last year, in cooperation with Laura O'Reilly, the diocesan Director of Lay Ecclesial Ministry, the Institute developed an annual series of workshop sessions for Lay Ecclesial Ministers in parishes in the London diocese. Most of the participants are Pastoral Ministers or Coordinators of Youth Ministry, along with a few others serving on parish teams. Several sessions are offered each year, at two sites, culminating in their annual retreat with Bishop Fabbro. Topics last year included collaborative ministry, conflict management, and mission in ministry. The response was very strong, giving Lay Ecclesial Ministers a chance to come together and learn from each other. Sessions this year broadly deal with ministry for

missionary discipleship, empowering all God's people to be actively involved in the Church's mission.

For the next couple of years, a major focus of the Institute is the formation needs arising from the work of our diocesan taskforce, as the diocese moves into families of parishes, and the new models of ministry that will require. Over time, there will be formation opportunities for existing parish ministries, new ministerial roles that will emerge in our parishes, and whole parish communities, who will be challenged to take up the call to evangelize and share in the mission of Christ in new ways. At the moment, the Institute is developing resources around baptismal identity and mission for people in the pews, creating ways we can reflect on how our common baptism calls us into active discipleship, including learning from Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). These resources will be made freely available to our parishes. Last year, I took the opportunity to speak to various groups about baptism and mission, to encourage all of us to consider our vocation to mission together.

The Institute has been responsible for the administration of the Good Leaders, Good Shepherds program in our diocese, offered by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Priests from our diocese are learning to apply leadership skills and principles to their work in our parishes. After the first two sessions this past summer, response from the participating priests has been very positive. We have also become the diocesan contact for *Why Catholic?*, which Renew International has been delivering in our diocese for the past two and a half years.

These are just some of the initiatives the Institute has been offering, with more to come. Most importantly, we are always interested in finding out what needs we can address, and what service we can offer.

*Dr. Christian McConnell*  
*Executive Director of the Institute for Ongoing Formation*



# Seminary Milestones

Congratulations to **Dr. Bernardine Ketelaars ('01)** who convocated for her D.Min. in Toronto on Nov. 7, 2015! Feeding off her thesis, she rendered a powerful A.P. Mahoney lecture here on Oct. 14, 2015 entitled, "Harkening to the Voices of the Lost Ones: Evangelizing in Today's Culture". We have much to learn about being a more welcoming church. Bernardine & Ian celebrated 35 years of married love on May 9, 2016. We were sad to see **Fr. Pierre Robitaille** head back to his diocese in Quebec City in July, 2015 after being connected to the liturgical and sacramental aspects of our program for five years. No one will ever forget his renaissance mind, his gastronomical expertise and his flamboyant presence at everything. We do miss him. Also, **Fr. John Comiskey ('81)** mentioned to us that he has been named Moderator of the Curia. He is also graciously looking after Bishop Sherlock in a shared new home. God bless you for this.

**Fr. James "Harpo" Sharpe ('55)** is proud to declare that his class (includes "Saints and Scholars") is celebrating the big 60th anniversary of ordination. "Deo Gratias (Latin)", he says. He goes on to remind us of his classic remark on leaving the Office of Alumni President many moons ago, stating that "It's lonely at the top." He wants to also know (as the late **Fr. Jim Hickey ('46)** used to say) that "It's darn lonely at the bottom". He died on August 29, 2016. R.I.P. In the same diocese, Bishop Plouffe's departure honoured two of our graduates with a papal appointment: congratulations to **Msgr. André Tremblay ('65)** and **Msgr. Jim Hutton ('66)**, both "firsts" for each of these classes.

One of our faculty members, **Sr. Colleen Lashmar, C.S.J.**, passed away on August 9, 2015. In addition to teaching Pastoral Counseling here, she was highly respected for her irenic approach in offering the C.P.E. unit in Cambridge, ON. May she rest in peace.

Our lay grads continue to rack up wonderful milestones. **Marilyn Deery**

(**M.Div.'10**) continues to honour us in her ongoing life with Scouting. On Jan. 24, 2014, she received the Medal of Merit from Scouts Canada as well as the 35 year pin from Girl Guides of Canada. On August 9, she and her husband Paddy celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! **Patrick O'Donnell (M.Div.'04)** completed (in his words) a "mini-milestone" by completing his 10th year of teaching Religious Studies with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. He currently teaches at St. Mary's High School in Kitchener, and is a parishioner of **Fr. Ted Hughes ('82)**. What a combo! **Christian Prior**, with his wife and six adult children, are now living in Whitby to be closer to his ageing parents. They even have grandchildren. God bless all of them.

**Mary Cahalan (96)** sent in a wonderful thank-you to Sr. Margaret Ferris and to all those who acclaimed her when she received the Sr. Margaret Ferris Award at the 2015 Alumni Reunion. **Mark Ambrogio ('05)** has been granted candidacy in July, 2015, in the DPhil program in Theology at St. Augustine College of South Africa, studying in the areas of church history and liturgical theology. **Chris Jackson ('71)** is now the Accident Benefits Manager for a prestigious personal injury law firm. He is the recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Law Clerk Award from the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association. Well done, all!

**Bernie McCracken (M.Div.'00)** notified us that he has been blessed with reasonably good health and is quite active with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Edmonton for the past few years. He also has had the privilege of working as part of a Habitat for Humanity Construction Project in the area of San Pedro Sula, Honduras for close to two weeks. His mission spirit continues to glow. **Jim De Zorzi ('04)** is all afire with new elections for him, including: a three-year term on the Board of Directors for PROBUS, Canada, an organization serving retired persons; Deputy Grand Knight of Council 8961, Parkhill, ON;

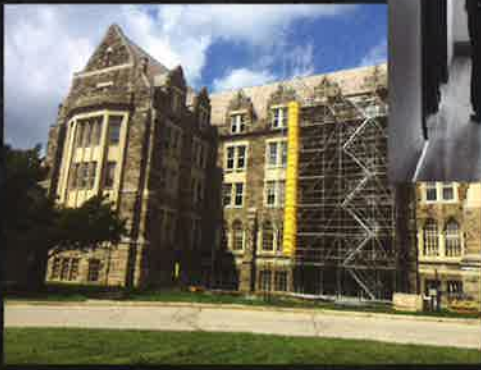
Faithful Captain of the K of C Assembly 2511, Lucan, ON; and a second two-year term as Supreme Director of the International Order of Alhambra. What energy!

Other grads reported interesting milestones. **Fr. Ralph Kleiter ('63)** indicates that in "retirement" he continues with world Pilgrim Journeys ([www.pilgrimjourneys.ca](http://www.pilgrimjourneys.ca)). In September 2015, he conducted his 23rd Pilgrim Journey to Biblical Lands. He must surely know how to find the Inn of the Good Samaritan by now. **Fr. Wayne Lobsinger ('94)** told us that last September he was given the "exalted title" of Very Reverend since being appointed Episcopal Vicar for Consecrated Life. This grand involvement with religious women gives him a seat on the Diocesan Episcopal Board. We all knew he had this gift in him! **Fr. Blair Gaynes ('12)** sent in some beautiful pictures of his success in empowering students to provide some faith-based student housing projects on various campuses of universities in Florida. Great work, Blair! See photos on p.14.

**Fr. Peter Keller ('95)** managed to walk 776 km from St. Jean to Santiago de Compostella, finishing on July 31, 2015. With such spiritual and physical stamina, maybe he could restore the extravaganza hikes to our seminary program. **Fr. Mike Ryan ('50)** continues to publish more wonderfully pastorally oriented books, his latest called *Encounters* (Solidarity Books, 2015). In it are some fascinating meetings including St. Thomas Aquinas visiting Walmart and Moses meeting Gustavo Gutierrez. Just imagine! Another alumni writer is on a roll doing stained glass windows: **Fr. Mike Prieur ('65)**, *Panes of Consolation – Inspirations from the Stained Glass Windows of St. Joseph's Chapel in Celebration of the Chapel's 100th Anniversary* (Altona, MB, Friesens, 2015).

*These are probably just the tip of the iceberg in terms of alumni milestones. Thanks to this wonderful response to send something in. We hope we can put more of these on our alumni website!*

# Rekindle The Gift



PHOTOS TAKEN BY FATHER PETER KELLER



# Necrology

## 2014

Rev. Msgr. Raymond Farrell  
(Sault Ste. Marie, 1954)  
April 10, 2014

Rev. René Emile Labelle  
(Kingston, 1978)  
August 25, 2014

Rev. Frank L. Farenzena  
(Sault Ste. Marie, 1953)  
September 2, 2014

Mr. Stanley MacDonell  
(Sault Ste. Marie, 1975)  
November 22, 2014

Dr. Thomas Francoeur  
*Clinical psychologist for St. Peter's  
Seminary (1965-74)*  
November 29, 2014

## 2015

Rev. Ronald Gilbert Paquette  
(London, 1955)  
January 13, 2015

Dr. Thomas Francoeur  
*Clinical psychologist for St. Peter's  
Seminary (1965-74)*  
November 29, 2014

Rev. Charles Fedy (C.R., 1960)  
January 31, 2015

Rev. Edward T. Kennedy  
(Thunder Bay, 1943)  
March 1, 2015

Rev. James Johnston (C.R., 1951)  
March 15, 2015

Mr. John Soltis (MDiv, 1997)  
April 1, 2015

Rev. Martin J. Bradbury  
(Hamilton/Keewatin-Le Pas, 1994)  
April 7, 2015

## 2015 con't

Rev. Walter Schnarr (C.R., 1937)  
April 12, 2015

Rev. Don Wilson (Nelson, B.C., 1960)  
April 15, 2015

Rev. Bernard Hayes (C.R., 1957)  
May 13, 2015

Rev. Joseph J. Padelt (London, 1960)  
June 14, 2015

Rev. Msgr. Daniel Hinsperger  
(Hamilton, 1971)  
July 16, 2015

Rev. Robert Liddy (C.R., 1964)  
August 21, 2015

Rev. John G. Pluta (London, 1965)  
August 31, 2015

Rev. John W. Casey (Scranton, 1945)  
September 13, 2015

Rev. Terrence Joseph McGuire  
(C.R., 1964)  
October 3, 2015

Rev. Francis Kolla (Saskatoon, 1957)  
October 31, 2015.

Rev. Francis LaPrairie (London, 1977)  
November 6, 2015

Rev. Albert G. Brogus (Scranton, 1945)  
November 18, 2015

Rev. David Butler (St. John's, Nfld., 1976)  
November 22, 2015

Deacon Jeremy Tyrrell (London, 2009)  
December 20, 2015

Rev. Eric Sikora (Peterborough, 1981)  
December 22, 2015

## 2016

Rev. Leo Lariviere (London, 1953)  
January 15, 2016

Mr. Frederick Thomas Pitt  
(London: left seminary in 1942)  
February 14, 2016

Robert Burton (London, 1956)  
March 14, 2016

Rev. Joseph Scollard (C.R., 1983)  
May 8, 2016

Rev. Vincent Gleeson (London, 1960)  
May 11, 2016

Rev. Charles ("Charlie") Thomas  
McManus (London, 1951)  
June 13, 2016

Rev. Linus Francis Bastien  
(London, 1951)  
June 19, 2016

Patricia (Pat) Ramsubhag  
*Rector's Administrative Assistant  
(2001-2013)*  
July 2, 2016

Beverly (Bev) Kearns  
*Rector's Administrative Assistant under  
three rectors*  
July 24, 2016

Rev. James Myles Sharpe  
(Sault Ste Marie, 1955)  
August 29, 2016

Rev. Claire Girodat (C.R., 1963)  
Nov. 18, 2016

Rev. Leonard Strohmeyer  
(Hamilton, 1966)  
November 20, 2016

**May they rest in peace in  
the mercy of God.**



Scenes from the  
13th Annual Bishop's Dinner  
for Windsor/Essex, hosted by Bishop Fabbro and  
Honorary Co-Chairs Paul and Mary Ellen Mullins, October 2016.

