
OUR NEW DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS



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St. Charles
Pre-Theology I
St. John the Baptist



Jason Burchell
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Pre-Theology I
St. Mary, Imm. Con.



Rich Dyer
Mt. St. Mary
Pre-Theology I
St. Andrew



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First Theology
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Third College
St. James



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Josephinum
First College
St. John, Warrenton



Steven Walker
St. Charles
First College
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Charlottesville

Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the dedication and courage of these men and we ask You to bless them as they earnestly seek to follow Your call in their lives. Amen.

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP SUMMER PILGRIMAGE

The shrines in Philadelphia were the destination of the members of the Women's Discernment Group during their summer pilgrimage on July 30th. Father Bashista led the group up I95 North early that Sunday morning heading for the first stop, the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel. After exploring the room which housed historical evidence of this saint's life and work, they stopped to venerate "Mother" Drexel at her tomb. From there they traveled to the National Shrines of St. Rita (*right*) and St. John Neumann. After Mass at St. John Neumann's, they broke for lunch then visited the Discalced Carmelite Monastery. Mother Pia greeted them through the turn and explained the layout of the monastery. After praying Daytime Prayer in the chapel, they visited both the upper and lower bookstores. These proved to be treasure troves of solid books on all manner of Catholic topics. Limiting purchases there was a real exercise in the spirit of poverty!



THE 'POTOMAC CUP' RETURNS TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

On July 12th of this year, the fourth annual Potomac Challenge softball game between the seminarians from of the Diocese of Arlington and those from the Archdiocese of Washington took place at St. Bernadette's Parish in Silver Spring, MD. After last year's win put Arlington's "More's Men" up 2-1 in the series, confidence was high that their success would continue, especially with strong group of first-time players added to the lineup. As the visiting team, Arlington jumped ahead



early, scoring 5 in the top of the first inning, but before they could rest on their laurels, Washington responded by tying it up in the bottom of the inning, and continued to add four more before the inning was complete. The rest of the game, Arlington found itself playing catch-up, but they never gave up, even when trailing by almost ten runs as the innings were running out. In the top of the sixth inning, Arlington put together a rally that brought them to within a run of the Washington men, 16-15. The seminarians from the district regrouped and extended their lead to four in the bottom of the sixth, however, and More's Men

could not muster another rally in the last inning and the final score was Washington 19, Arlington 15. Both teams and their guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Priestly Vocations for a delicious barbeque buffet afterwards.

CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS UPDATES: MEN & WOMEN FROM THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

July 5: **Michael Carroll III** entered the Dominicans, Order of Preachers Province of St. Joseph

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July 24: **Monica Scalph** entered the Benedictine Community in Canyon, Texas

August 6: **Sr. Maura Walter of the Loving Providence of God, SV** made her first profession with the Sisters of Life

August 10: **Sr. Marie Rosaria Garcia, OP** made her first profession with Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

August 28: **Fr. Elias Carr, Can. Reg.** made his final profession as a Canon Regular of St. Augustine in Austria.

September 2: **Bridget Heisler** entered the Sisters of Life

September 8: **Kathy Kossey** entered the Servants of the Lord and of the Virgin of Matara, Bowie MD

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September 14: **Sr. Mary of the Ark of the Covenant** made her first profession with the Servants of the Lord and of the Virgin of Matara in Brooklyn, NY

SERRA MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR SEMINARIANS AND PARENTS

The 2006 Serra Mass of Thanksgiving for our seminarians and their families was held at St. Mary's Historic Church in Fairfax, VA. Among those gathering there for the 11 am Mass on August 5th was eighteen of our twenty-three seminarians. They brought with them parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, grandparents and godchildren. As Bishop Loverde, main celebrant for the Mass, pointed out in his homily, those in attendance gave witness to the truth that the family is indeed the seedbed of vocations. Bishop expressed his deep gratitude to the families, whose love and prayers have given support to these men as they grew in the strength of Jesus' call to them. He also thanked the Serra Club members for all they do to lend their prayerful support to vocation and for hosting the picnic that day. His final thanks were extended to the seminarians themselves for their openness and dedication in following the Lord's call to discover more clearly their vocation through seminary formation. Helping at the picnic were members of the Knights of Columbus #8600 donated the main dishes and beverages and masterfully barbequed hamburgers, hotdogs, bratwurst, and three types of chicken. It was a blessed time for all.



ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

August 9th was a perfect day for the Diocese of Arlington to thank its altar servers. The annual picnic honoring their dedication and faithful service was held again at Lake Fairfax Park. Roughly 250 attended. The servers found plenty of ways to enjoy their day of celebration. Some fished, some played sports, some swam, while others stayed in the shade playing cards and other games. All four picnic areas were used, and a large canopy covered the tables of food served with the help of the seminarians and Knights of Columbus Council #6790. Joining in the festivities was Bishop Loverde who awarded a variety of prizes to lucky ticket holders. Each of the boys and girls had received their ticket number when they went through the food line. Prizes included an assortment of sports balls with a grand prize being a \$100 savings bond. All were happy to have participated in this event which esteems the generosity of our altar servers.

ITALIAN STUDIES



Robert Wagner (Theology II) and Rob Kennedy (Theology I) spent part of the summer studying Italian in Bagno di Romagna, a small town in the Apennine Mountains in eastern Italy. They each lived with families, took classes, and spoke Italian all day long. They regularly made a Holy Hour, attended Mass, and prayed the Liturgy of the Hours (in Italian) together. Their time there will aid them in their studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University this fall, where theology classes are taught in Italian. In addition to their increased command of the Italian language, they feel that the experience of a new and different culture has helped form them to become priests in the Diocese of Arlington. They gained a great amount of respect and patience for those who struggle to communicate in a language not their own.

ST. THERESE VOCATION SOCIETY MORNING OF REFLECTION

The St. Therese Vocation Societies' annual Morning of Reflection will be held on September 30, the 109th anniversary of her death, from 800-11:30am. The gathering will include Mass, spiritual conferences and continental breakfast. Fr. Chris Pollard will lead the Morning of Reflection this year at St. Veronica Church. All are invited to attend. Please watch for details about the event on the Office of Vocations webpage and in the Arlington Catholic Herald. *St. Therese, pray for us!*

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH AND MOTHER OF VOCATIONS, PRAY FOR US!

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