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Institute 'Inspired' by Many Blessings

Growth is often measured by numbers. The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) measures its growth in 2005 by counting the many blessings received and relationships developed and sustained. This annual review of growth is an inspiring accounting of the many gifts received.

Blessings from many constituencies enhance the Institute's work to provide the intense spiritual formation needed to help seminarians and priests become **united to the Heart of Christ**. Lay and religious volunteers and donors give of their time and talents to support IPF's mission.

Characteristic of the blessings received in 2005 is the designation of dedicated office space for the Institute. Through the kindness of Father John Schlegel, S.J., President of Creighton University, Institute staff members are now able to consolidate their offices in a single building. The Campion House, located on the east side of the Creighton campus, has become home for the Institute's staff and administration. The townhouses, which are shared by several other Creighton University offices, formerly housed Jesuits who were taking courses at the University. The building's name honors St. Edmund Campion, a sixteenth century Jesuit who was martyred in England while defending the Catholic faith. His life



Campion House, the new home for Institute offices, is located on the corner of 19th and California streets.

challenges all who are involved with the IPF mission to follow this brave saint's example.

The centralizing of staff and resources has enhanced the hospitality and outreach that is unique to the Institute for Priestly Formation. IPF counts its new home office among the many gifts received in 2005 through the generosity of all those who have experienced and believe in the Institute's mission to assist in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests.

Fifth Annual Symposium Held in Chicago

The Institute's fifth annual symposium on the spirituality and identity of the diocesan priest was held March 16 - 19, 2006, at the University of St Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in suburban Chicago. The theme of this year's symposium, "Good Shepherd: Living Christ's Own Pastoral Authority," focused on the uniqueness of the pastoral authority of priests, exercised in union with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

The keynote address was delivered by Father Nicholas Cachia, S.T.D., the spiritual director of the Archbishop's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Malta, who now teaches in IPF's summer program.



(l-r): Rev. Lawrence Hennessey, Rev. Richard Gabuzda and Ralph Martin.

Plans are being made for next year's symposium to be held from March 15 - 18, 2007, in collaboration with St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida.

Mission Statement

The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) has been founded to assist in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests in the Roman Catholic Church. Working as a complement to already existing programs of seminary formation, the Institute responds to the need for a more concentrated and integrated spiritual formation. Inspired by the biblical-evangelical spirituality of Ignatius Loyola, the Institute's programs present a spirituality that can inspire, motivate and thus sustain the busy daily lives of contemporary diocesan priests.

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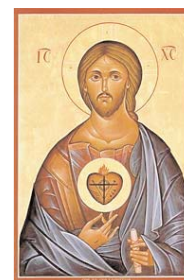
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Heart of Christ.*



Assisting in Spiritual Formation

Nationally...Internationally

As IPF counts its many blessings, we are grateful for the opportunity to have served priests and seminarians associated with the following seminaries over the past year.

Programs Offered 6

- Summer Program of Spiritual Formation for Diocesan Seminarians
- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola
- Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors
- Training Program in Spiritual Direction
Austin
Mundelein
- Ongoing Spiritual Formation for Diocesan Seminarians

Seminaries Served 30

United States

- Assumption Seminary, San Antonio, TX
- Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA
- Cardinal Muench Seminary, Fargo, ND
- Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio
- Holy Apostles Seminary, Cromwell, CT
- Holy Trinity Seminary, Irving, TX
- Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, NJ
- Kenrick School of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR
- Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD
- Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL
- Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH

Seminaries Served

- Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corner, WI
- Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY
- St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA
- St. John Vianney Theological Seminary, Denver, CO
- St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA
- St. Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict, LA
- St. Mary's Seminary, Houston, TX
- St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD
- St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN
- St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, CA
- St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, MN
- St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL
- St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA
- Africa
 - Katigondo Major Seminary, Masaka, Uganda
 - National Seminary Ggaba, Kamapla, Uganda
 - St. Mbaaga Major Seminary, Kampala, Uganda
 - Uganda Martyrs' National Seminary, Alokolum, Masaka
- Europe
 - North American College, Rome, Italy

Dioceses Served 59

From Our Director ...

Dear Friends,

Thank you is certainly the phrase that comes to mind over and over again as we publish our Annual Report. Perhaps you will be as amazed as I am to see so many individuals and groups who have contributed to the growth of the Institute throughout this past year. We are grateful to all of those who have made financial sacrifices for the Institute's benefit. We are grateful to those who have encouraged priests and seminarians to attend our various programs. We are especially grateful to all of you who remember to pray for the Institute and its special intentions.



Reverend Richard Gabuzda

Looking ahead, we anticipate that our summer program for seminarians will grow from last year's high of 118 to a new record of 125. In May, we will enter our second of three years in the spiritual direction training programs offered in Austin and Chicago. And, most importantly, this fall we anticipate offering increased service to seminary formation personnel with the addition of a new staff member.

Rev. Dr. James Keating, who has served on the faculty of the Pontifical College Josephinum for the past 14 years, will join the staff of the Institute on July 1, 2006. Having served as the keynote speaker at last year's landmark symposium on priestly formation, Dr. Keating will develop and promote programs that will assist seminary staffs to help make spiritual formation the heart of all seminary and priestly formation. Look for more information on Dr. Keating and these programs in our next newsletter.

Continued growth means a continuing need to support the ever-expanding programs provided by the Institute. We are hoping that the efforts of our Development Council and the generosity of friends both old and new will help us with this year's fundraising goals. We are especially searching for individuals and groups willing to "sponsor" the spiritual formation needs of those attending our summer program. A gift of \$1,500 helps us cover the costs of spiritual formation which are not covered by the program fees, tuition, room and board, etc., paid by dioceses for their participants. We hope to find many such willing sponsors during this year.

"Thank you," once again. We are deeply grateful that so many individuals and groups find themselves engaged in our mission of providing ways in which diocesan seminarians and priests can grow in holiness. May all of us grow this year in deeper union with the Heart of Christ and so be led more surely to live more faithfully our own individual calls to holiness.

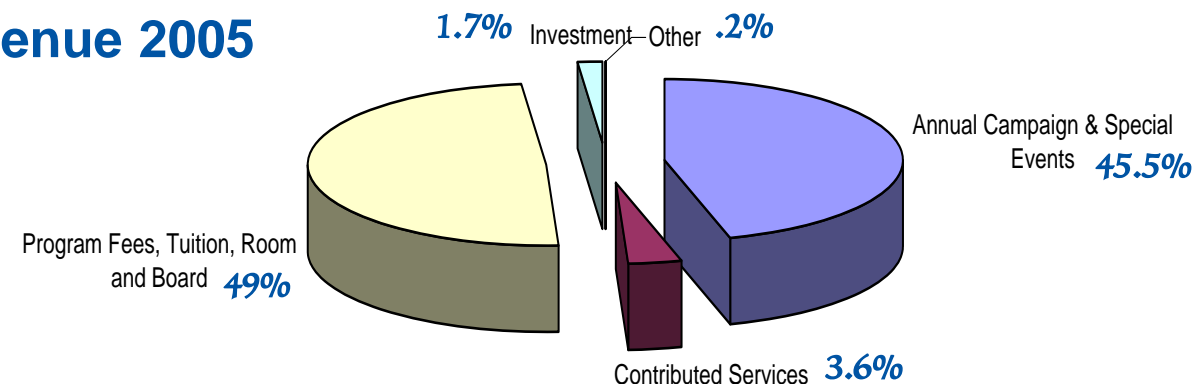
Sincerely in the Lord,

Richard J. Gabuzda

Rev. Richard Gabuzda, Director

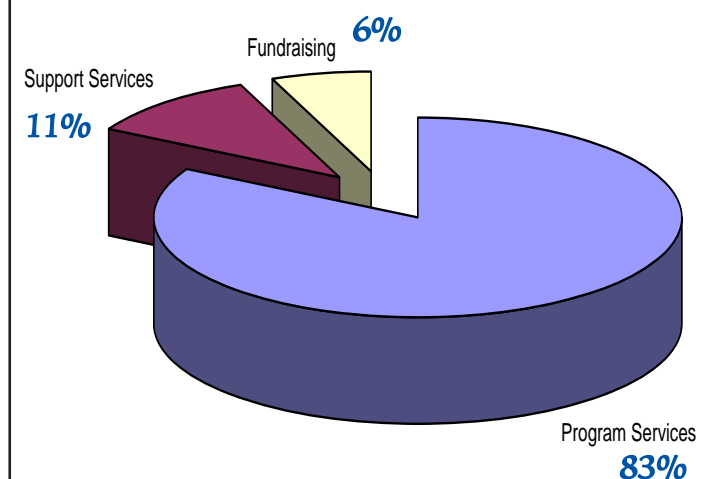
The Institute for Priestly Formation 2005 Summary of Activities

Revenue 2005



Institute for Priestly Formation Operating Revenue and Expense 2005

REVENUE	
Annual Campaign & Special Events	\$894,748
Contributed Services	\$71,404
Program Fees, Tuition, Room and Board	\$965,742
Investment	\$33,838
Other	\$757
Total Revenue	\$1,966,489
EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$1,091,118
Support Services	\$143,454
Fundraising	\$78,863
Total Expenses	\$1,313,435
Balance Revenue (minus Expenses)	\$648,843



Expenses 2005

Gifts and Bequest Opportunities for The Institute for Priestly Formation

The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) is a tax-exempt charity organized under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and dedicated to the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests in the Catholic Church. IPF complements the seminaries by offering a time and a place to focus more on learning to pray in a way that makes sense for busy diocesan priests. Located on the campus of Creighton University since 1994, IPF is the only program of intensive spiritual formation that has a nationwide outreach. Currently, 25% of all future diocesan priests are being served by IPF's 10-week summer program.

Gifts may be made to the Institute in a variety of ways, some of which can take effect immediately; others can be deferred until your death. For more information, please contact the Institute for Priestly formation (402) 546-6384. If legal advice or other expert assistance is required, the services of a competent professional should be sought.

BEYOND ANYTHING
IMAGINABLE

“I came seeking rest and renewal in the Lord in my priestly ministry. I leave with a sense of God as love...beyond anything imaginable.”

- Rev. Randy Timmerman
Diocese of Madison, WI

Memorials & Tributes

Those who gave to IPF in memory or in honor of a friend or family member during 2005.

In MEMORY of:

- LOUIS ANTONELLI
by Mr. Wilbur F. Kruse
- MATILDE ARJONA
by Mireya Insua-Díaz
- HELEN and JOHN BENDIK
by Rev. Msgr. John Bendik
- REV. PATRICK CARROLL
by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carroll
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by Mr. Vincent Chirichella
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by Rev. Jeff Walsh
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- LAWRENCE GABUZDA, father of Rev. Richard Gabuzda
by Rev. Msgr. Thomas Banick
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by Richard Garrigan
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by Mary Lindsay
by John Micek
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- JAMES and MARY KELLY & HUGH and MARGARET McGRAIL
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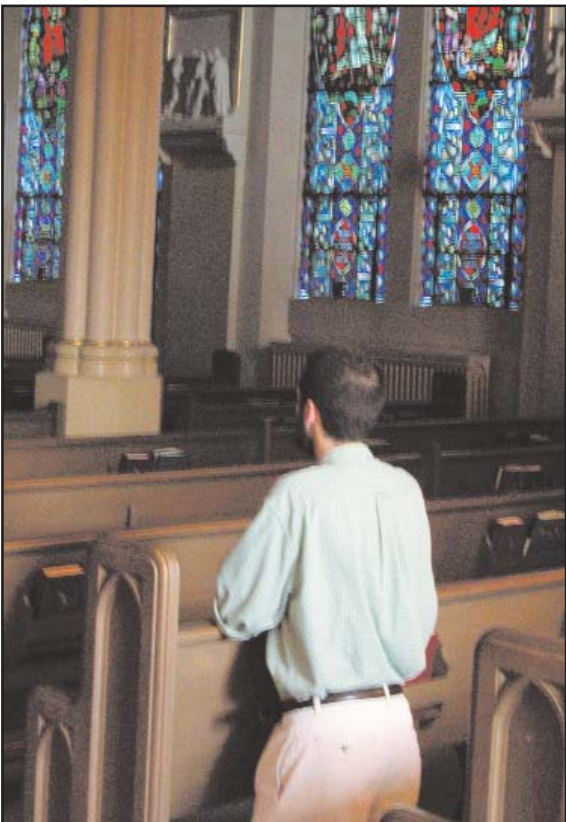
Matching GIFTS

- FIRST DATA WESTERN UNION FOUNDATION
by Mr. David Treinen

A POSITIVE IMPACT

“The IPF program enabled me to attain a deeper level of spirituality which will have a positive impact on the quality of my future priesthood.”

- Dr. Ed Anderson
Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD



Michael Paris, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

In HONOR of:

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by Rev. Michael Roach
- DAVID TREINEN
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- REV. ROBERT UZZILIO
by James and Mary Pat Toner
- REV. NORMAN WESLIN
by Thomas Brusnahan

‘Celebration of Priesthood’ Theme of 2006 Institute Banquet

Thursday evening, April 27, 2006, marks the date for this year's banquet and "Celebration of Priesthood." This annual event offers a chance for the greater Omaha community to become more familiar with and supportive of the work of the Institute. It also affords an opportunity for the Catholic community to celebrate the gift of priesthood.



Msgr. Thomas D. Furlong

For the first time, the Institute will present the Pope John Paul II Award for Priestly Service. This award, which was suggested by the Institute's Development Council members, honors a local priest who has exemplified the words of scripture which were so dear to Pope John Paul II in describing the Church's hopes for its priests: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer. 3:15). Priests honored with this award demonstrate their closeness to the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through years of dedicated service and priestly example. The first recipient of this award will be Msgr. Thomas D. Furlong, former pastor in Omaha of Sacred Heart Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. John Vianney Parish. He is retired and in residence at St. Matthew Parish in Bellevue, NE.

Rev. Mr. James Keating, Ph.D., currently Associate Professor of

Sue Kirkham Drawn to Institute in Prayer, Devotion and Donations

We wish to thank Miss Sue Kirkham of Medina, Ohio, for her many years of prayerful support of The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) and its mission to serve diocesan seminarians and priests. Fourteen years ago, after Sue entered into Saint Ignatius Loyola's "Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life," she experienced the desire of Jesus' Spirit to satiate her heart with love. She became convinced that Ignatian spirituality would bless those called to serve as diocesan priests as well as invigorate parish life.

Within a context of daily intercessory prayers for IPF's mission, Sue annually donated at the "Sponsor" level to IPF's mission, and recently increased her gift to the "Companion" level. She also has decided to remember IPF in her estate planning. Sue's life has been one dedicated to teaching. She has served grade school children at American military bases in Europe, Native American children in Arizona and the families of Medina, Ohio. for over 35 years. Sue has also been very involved in her parish, St. Francis Xavier Church, where she taught in the R.C.I.A. program and served as a pastoral minister helping many return to the Church.

When asked what the Institute for Priestly Formation means to her Sue replied, "I was greatly drawn to the whole idea of IPF and

Moral Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, will be the keynote speaker for the event. Dr. Keating will speak on the importance of forming priests who are able to respond to the needs of the "people in the pews."

IPF is grateful to Jim Taphorn, Mary Anne Hoover and their committee for their tireless efforts to organize this very special event. If you did not receive or have misplaced your invitation, please contact the Institute at 402-280-2556.

Celebration of Priesthood
Supporting The Institute for Priestly Formation
Presenting Msgr. Thomas D. Furlong with the Pope John Paul II Award for Priestly Service

Thursday, April 27, 2006
St. Robert Bellarmine Church
James T. Mainelli Center
11802 Pacific Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Keynote Speaker
Rev. Mr. James Keating, Ph. D.
Associate Professor of Moral Theology, Pontifical College Josephinum
Emcee - Mr. James Carroll/ Spirit 88.9FM, General Manager

6:30 PM Reception
7:15 PM Dinner

Please RSVP by April 7, 2006



Sue Kirkham

Sue's generosity continues to teach us all as her discerning prayer models a self-donating loving heart. For your love of the Church and IPF's mission, we say "Thanks, Sue." The Lord Jesus promises that blessings will return a hundred-fold. We invite you along with all of IPF's benefactors to imagine in prayer the great gratitude of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for you and your gifts of love.



Blessings



Received from January 1 to December 31, 2005

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\$25,000+

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DEEPER KNOWLEDGE AND INTIMACY

"The 30-day retreat brought me a deeper knowledge and intimacy with the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and Mary. The days were very grace filled."

- Bishop Samuel Aquila, Diocese of Fargo, ND

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Promoting Summer Programs



Bill Ramsey and Betty Shrier spoke with members of the Friends of St. Francis senior group Feb. 22 at St. Mary Parish in Bellevue. Bill and Betty gave a brief talk about sponsorship opportunities of IPF's summer program to between 50 and 60 in the audience. They also showed the Institute's latest DVD. Pictured are Betty, left, with Marlene and Ed Scradski, chairman of the senior group.