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The 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.

Characteristics 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 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 15 - 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.

Plans are being made for next year’s symposium to be held from March 15 - 19, 2007, in collaboration with St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida.
The Institute for Priestly Formation 2005 Annual Report

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.

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 to 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, 2005. 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,

Reverend Richard Gabuzda, Director

Institute for Priestly Formation 2005 Summary of Activities

Revenue 2005

- Annual Campaign & Special Events $894,748
- Program Fees, Tuition, Room and Board $965,742
- Investment $33,838
- Other $42,804
- Total Revenue $1,966,489

Expenses 2005

- Program Services $1,091,119
- Support Services $143,454
- Fundraising $78,863
- Total Expenses $1,313,435
- Balance Revenue (minus Expenses) $648,843

1.7% Investment
Other -2%

Institute for Priestly Formation
Operating Revenue and Expense 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.
**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. William F. Krow
- MAURICE AURON by Mr. James Taphorn
- HELEN and JOHN BENDIK by Rev. Msgr. John Bendik
- REV. PATRICK CARROLL by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carroll
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- JOHN P. DUFFY by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carroll
- JENNIFER DUFFY by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carroll
- LAWRENCE GARZIZO, father of Rev. Richard Garzizo by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garzizo
- MR. and MRS. STEVE McMAHON & MR. and MRS. GEORGE HAUTZINGER
- REV. MR. JAMES KEATING, Ph.D., currently Associate Professor of 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 402-280-2356.

**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 saturate 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 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 believe that the spiritual formation of diocesan priests can be greatly enriched by awareness of the Spiritual Exercises and IPF’s approach to formation of diocesan priests.”

**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

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**‘Celebration of Priesthood’ Theme of 2006 Institute Banquet**

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Thursday, April 27, 2006

St. Robert Bellarmine Church

11802 Pacific Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Mr. James Keating, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Moral Theology, Pontifical College Josephinum

Emcee – Mr. James Taphorn

6:30 PM Reception

7:15 PM Dinner

**Sue Kirkham**

Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD

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**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

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**Michael Paris, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.**

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**Matching GIFTS**

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Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD
“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 Aquilla, Diocese of Fargo, ND

Promoting Summer Programs

300 N. 84th St. and Betty Shrier hosted a group of brothers from the Fraternity of the St. John Vianney Society.

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