Our Lady of Guadalupe Medallions Bestowed Upon Leaders

The Institute for Priestly Formation recently bestowed The Our Lady of Guadalupe Award upon two distinguished friends of the Institute.

The Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and former Bishop of Sioux City, Iowa, was cited for his long-time friendship with the Institute. His citation read in part: “His prayerful advice and generosity to IPF faculty and spiritual directors helped found, sustain and catalyze the mission of the Institute. His wisdom and experience shaped the Institute's identity.”

His other citation read in part: “He is a visionary leader who has given the Institute the best start it could possibly have.”

Also honored was Monsignor David Bohr, Academic Dean of the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Monsignor Bohr has been a member of the Institute’s Board of Directors since 1996. His citation read in part: “His vision, discipline and dedication to the Institute have been crucial to its success.”

Deacon James Keating Joins Institute Faculty

The Institute for Priestly Formation welcomed Deacon James Keating as its newest staff member on July 1, 2005. Deacon Keating comes to IPF following thirteen years as associate professor of moral and spiritual theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, a seminary for training diocesan priests located in Columbus, Ohio.

His role in the Institute will be to develop programs of spiritual growth for seminary faculty and staff members, helping to fulfill the vision of the Institute’s fourth symposium which asked the question, “How can spiritual formation be more at the heart of priestly formation?”

Keating will do research and writing on these and other related topics, as well as work with seminarians directly to assist them in discovering ways to receive the study of theology in a more contemplative manner.

Ordained a deacon in 2001, Deacon Keating identifies his calling to the diaconate as the vehicle that helped him hear the Lord’s call to accept this position at the Institute.

“Deacon Keating is a wonderful addition to our Institute faculty. As a deacon, he brings to us a deep understanding of the spiritual formation of laity and priests in the Roman Catholic Church. His experience as a professor of moral and spiritual theology and his expertise in research and writing will be of great benefit to the Institute and its partners,” said Deacon Scott Traynor, Director of the Institute for Priestly Formation.

Mission Statement

The Institute for Priestly Formation 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 and ecclesial 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.

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.

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The Institute has established two programs: a four-week summer program at Creighton University and a one-month residence program at St. Mary’s Seminary & University.

Visit our website at www.creighton.edu/ipf/
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From Our Executive Director ...

Archbishop John Michael Miller Visits, Learns About Institute

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Archbishop Gabuzda, the Executive Director of IPPC, the Rev. Richard Gabuzda, S.T.D. recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Gabuzda was ordained on September 27, 1981, in the Church of St. John Nepomucene, Freeland, PA. (his home parish).

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