

# NEWSLETTER



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## PROVINCIAL RETREAT



Rev. Fernando Negro, Sch.P. was the retreat master for the 2008 USA Province Provincial Retreat, which was held June 8-13 at the Family Life Center of the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. Fourteen members of the Province attended the retreat.

Father Negro was Master of Juniors in India, and he will now reside in the Piarist parish in New York City, where he will supervise Brs. Javier and Igor who will be studying theology at St. Joseph's Seminary.

During the retreat, Father Negro gave three daily conferences on such diverse topics as The Personal Project, Imaginative Prayer, and the Calasancian Exami-

nation of Consciousness.

In addition to the retreat, there was also a meeting of the Provincial Curia and the House Rectors, as well as a Provincial Meeting and a meeting of the Provincial Corporation.

On Thursday afternoon, the Province celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious profession of Fr. Ferdinand Negrillos and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious profession of Fathers Oscar Alonso and Geza Pazmany. Fathers Alonso and Jose Alberto Moreno also celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination.

## FR. PROVINCIAL'S CORNER



The vocations  
are a joy!

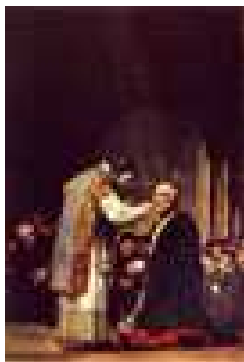
On August the 4<sup>th</sup> 2008, we had the simple profession of two of our novices. The ceremony took place at the Provincial House in Miami. We had around 90 persons attending the ceremony; friends, families, collaborators, teachers, the SEPI Pastoral Team. Six priests concelebrated the Mass with Fr. Mario Vizcaíno, Sch.P., Provincial. Five of the celebrants were Piarists. All the participants were touched by the meaningfulness of the ceremony, the presence of four other professed seminarians dressed in their cassocks and white surplice, six pre-novices and postulants also dressed in black and white. Tears were in the eyes of several of the attendees and joy in the hearts of many of us.

Vocations are one of the priorities of our Provincial Chapter. May God be blessed.

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# MIAMI NEWS



*"If man's life (it is understood of God's servant, since the others are not men but men only by name) according to Job is a fighting or war upon the earth, why do you marvel that the Lord will permit so many interior and exterior contradictions?"*

**St. Joseph Calasanz, 1629**

**Some dates to remember:**

**Birthdays:  
August**

- 27: Fr. John Callan, 51
- 28: Fr. Mario Vizcaíno, 74
- 31: Bro. Nelson, 53

**September**

- 5: Bro. Fidel Mondragón, 32
- 10: Fr. Joseph Kershner, 81
- 19: Fr. Geza Pazmany, 79
- 23: Fr. Nicholas Fodor, 83
- 28: Fr. Richard Wyz. , 68

**October**

- 10: Fr. Andrew Buechele, 66
- 23: Fr. Charles Newburn, 65
- 26: Bro. Francisco López, 29



Our three novices professed their simple vows this summer. Brother Fidel Mondragon professed his vows in July in Celaya, Mexico. Brother Gilberto Mejia and Brother Francisco Lopez

made their profession on August 4 in Miami, FL. Approximately 100 Piarists, relatives and friends attended this ceremony. Our Provincial, Father Mario Vizcaino, was the principal

celebrant of the Mass, and he received their vows. Afterward, the guests enjoyed one another's friendship during a luncheon.

*We welcome Ruben, Edgar, Jose and Norberto, new Postulants in Miami , 2008*



## VOCATION STORIES

My name is Isaac Almanza. I am 29 years old and come from Guanajuato, Mexico. When I was 25, I had an amazing encounter with Jesus who healed my past wounds. I then felt a strong need to share my joy and newfound freedom with others, but I didn't know how. That is when I started looking for ways to serve others. After talking to my pastor and other people in the parish, I realized that I might have a priestly vocation. I knew that I wanted to live closer to Jesus, to know Him better, and to discern His will for me. I also considered the married life, and I think I could have been very happy with a wife,

but the love that Jesus offered to me was greater and more beautiful. I considered several religious communities and the diocesan priesthood, but they were not where God was calling me.

I was working in my parish when I attended some courses in the School of Ministries offered by SEPI. There, I met Fr. Alberto Moreno who talked to me about the Piarist Fathers and their educational ministry. He told me about their formation program and how they have a special program of academic studies for those who need to improve their English or finish their secondary school education.

Fr. Moreno invited me to attend a



discernment retreat in November of 2006. I soon realized that the Piarists were the answer to my prayers, and I was certain that I was called to religious life. I was accepted into the prenovitiate and soon finished my GED studies. In July, I began my novitiate and cannot wait to one day tell the world about the great love that Jesus has for everyone.

## DEVON NEWS

### Devon Preparatory School Graduates 49 Young Men in the Class of 2008

Devon Preparatory School's Class of 2008 graduated Saturday, June 7 during a commencement ceremony held in the school's athletic facility. The Very Rev. Mario Vizcaino, Sch.P., Provincial of the Piarist Fathers USA Province, presided over the ceremony with assistance from Headmaster Rev. James J. Shea, Sch.P.

Over \$5.5 million dollars in college scholarships has been awarded to the 49 members of Devon Prep's Senior Class. They received over 200 acceptances to 90 colleges & universities

including: Cornell, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, NYU, Lehigh, Notre Dame, Fordham and the University of Pennsylvania.

Two members of the class plan to attend college in England, one will go to Alaska and another will study in Canada. One of the graduates has been accepted into Thomas Jefferson Medical School, another into the University of Miami Law School. One graduate has been accepted into Drexel University's MBA Program and two others have been accepted into M.S. programs.



**Devon Prep Students March For Life in Washington**

# KENTUCKY NEWS

The Piarist School graduated eight seniors during its fifteenth commencement exercise on May 23 at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center. Former Family Court Judge Julie Paxton was the commencement speaker.

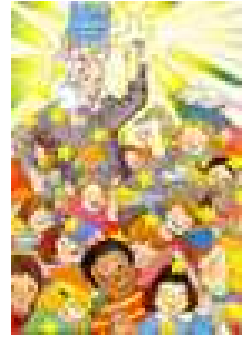
Several groups participated in summer home repair projects as part of the Piarist outreach ministry. Twenty Michigan teens from four parish youth groups and six adults spent a week building a wheelchair ramp, a

roof, and a swing for the back porch of a special couple. The husband, who is dying of cancer, and the wife, who is confined to a wheelchair due to a stroke were moved to a cabin at the Odd Fellows Camp for a week while the young people painted and repaired their home.

Retired navy servicemen from four Indiana parishes and their families worked on two homes in Wheelwright. They fixed the roof



on the trailer of one couple with an autistic child, and they repaired and renovated another home. In addition, they replaced the siding on the Piarist School building.



# FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS

The Piarist Fathers will begin their 48<sup>th</sup> year of working in the Archdiocese of Miami in August. Back in the fall of 1961, they began a joint venture with the Franciscan Sisters to help staff a new high school, Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale. Since then, a total of 31 Piarist Fathers and Brothers have contributed more than 265 years of service to the school community. Today, three Piarists continue the ministry begun by the "pioneers". They are Father Oscar Alonso, Father Charles Newburn and Father John Callan. In addition, Father Joseph Kershner, who is now retired from active ministry, resides in the community.

In addition to their work in the classroom and office, the fathers try to help care for the pastoral life of the school community. They work together with the faculty of the Theology Department and a newly appointed director of Campus Ministry to offer the students, faculty and staff



opportunities to develop themselves spiritually.

The fathers continue to celebrate Mass in the school chapel during each of the three lunch periods. The Theology Department sponsors workshops for the students on topics such as vocations, missions, pro-life ministry and AIDS education. The Campus Ministry personnel hold a prayer service once a week before classes begin and on other occasions when the situation demands (for example,

death of or injury to a student or faculty member). The faculty of the Theology Department or student volunteers lead the school community each morning with a prayer over the public address system.

Members of the Theology Department and our Campus Ministry personnel hold a Day of Reflection for each grade level and other special Days of Reflection for interested students

*"Ordinarily the Lord uses to mortify during this life those whom he loves as sons, so that He would not have to mortify them in the other life. And being this true, we all must receive as coming from the hand of a Father everything that happens to us, especially sickness. If we could receive it not only with patience but also with happiness, as coming from His hand, we could make Him a very pleasing sacrifice. "*

**St. Joseph Calasanz, 1631**

**Our coming feasts:**

**August 25:** St. Joseph Calasanz. PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF BRO. NELSON HENAO, in Miami

**September 12:** the Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**September 22:** Blessed Dionisio Pamplona and Companions, Martyrs

**October 16:** Blessed Meter Casani

## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Development Office would like to share one of the many letters we received this past year.

*"Dear Reverend Vizcaino, Enclosed please find our contribution to the Reverend Leonard J. Gendernalik Memorial Scholarship Fund. We hope in some small way this will continue the work that my brother Len (Father Lenny) felt was important. Throughout Len's illness*

*he showed tremendous strength and courage in the face of great pain and suffering and we drew our strength from him. We hope his work will continue and that his spirit and love of the Piarist Fathers remains alive in the seminarians.*

*Sincerely,  
Sally and Frank Roach"*

The members of our Development Team would like to extend

our deepest gratitude to all of our benefactors. Thanks to your continued generosity, the "spirit and love of the Piarist Fathers" does remain alive in our seminarians. We are pleased to inform our friends that we expect four more men to join our group of seminarians this August. To all of our benefactors, be insured that you will remain in our daily prayers

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*"It is no secret that the ministry of the Piarist Fathers greatly depends upon the generosity of our benefactors. Please consider us in your estate planning."*

(Note from the USA Province Development

### Vocational Retreat

For the Piarist, Youth  
**Is Our Concern.**

If you think the Lord may be calling you, come to the next vocational retreat November 27-30 at the Southeast Pastoral institute in Miami, Florida.

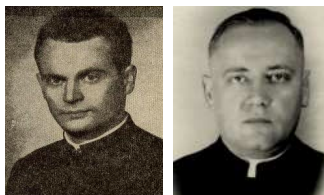
## 50 YEARS AGO... (WE WERE YOUNGER!)

### 1957 was a hard year for the Piarists in the United States

#### Fr. Rozsaly dies "in action"

Fr. Francis Rozsaly had served as a chaplain during the Second World War, and after it he made a name for himself as the spiritual and corporal caretaker of the Hungarian refugees in Germany.

In 1949, he arrived in the USA. He was the first master of novices and the first master of clerics in the Delegation. After the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, he spent all his energy ministering to the refugees in the USA. He contacted Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary, all the senators in Washington and the Cardinals in Rome. He exhausted himself. Archbishop O'Boyle called him in and tried twice to curtail his activities, to no avail. When he was excited his blood pressure went



FF. Rozsaly and Torontali

very high. He was looking for a house to accommodate a refugee family in the morning of February 18, 1957, when he felt sick. He went into the house of some friends to ask for a glass of water... and there he died.

**Fr. Torontali was a victim of Doctor's "furor operandi"** (Fr. Batori).

Fr. Ladislaus Torontali underwent a varicose vein surgery in August 1957. It was successful, and the Doctor also advised him to have his gall bladder removed in order to treat a sickness that he experienced monthly (purpurosus). He accepted the advice. He developed an infection after the second surgery. Fr. Torontali lost consciousness, and within a week he was dead, on August 31, 1957.

Both fathers (and also Fr. Francis Senye, who had died in 1955) died at the age of 39. They had been novices together, and were ordained priests the same day. All the Piarists in the United States lamented their early deaths.

## Stephen Mustos, Sch.P., (1931- 2008)

### See you again in Heaven

He was born in Veszprem, Hungary, on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1931. He was the only child of his parents. He studied in the Piarist school of his native town, and following the example of his teachers he joined the Pious Schools. In 1950, he made his simple profession.

There were hard times in his country. He had to serve first in a laboratory, and then in the Army. From 1954 to 1956 he taught at the Piarist School in Budapest. He was sent to Rome to study Theology in the Gregorian University. He made his solemn profession in 1957. His dream was to be sent as a missionary to Japan, but it didn't come true. Three young Hungarian Piarists had died in the United States. Fr. General asked him to go to replace them, and he accepted the invitation. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on April 20, 1958.

He arrived in the USA on January 21, 1959. After studying English for one year, he was sent to the Derby Community. He graduated

in 1966 from Canisius College in Buffalo. He taught Physics and Mathematics at Calasanz School from 1960 to 1969.

When Fr. Stephen Senye resigned as Headmaster of Devon Prep, Fr. Ladislaus Irandi, the Vice-Provincial, appointed Fr. Mustos to replace him. He was the headmaster and a teacher at the school from 1969 to 1987. He also served as Superior of the Community from 1973 to 1979 and again from 1985 to 1987. He was elected Provincial Assistant on several occasions.

In 1987, he left Devon to serve as the administrator of St. Stephen Parish in Trenton, NJ. In October 1990 he moved to Passaic, NJ, where he was appointed pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish. For many years, he celebrated a monthly Hungarian Mass in the school chapel at Devon. He assisted Bishop Ladislaus Irandi, who was the bishop for Hungarian emigrants from 1983 to 1987. He was later appointed as the USA Delegate for Bishop Attila Miklosz, from 1989 to 2006.



Father Mustos retired from active ministry in 2007. He developed some serious health problems and retired to his native Hungary on June 20, 2007, although he was still a member of the USA Province. Ten months later, on the morning of his golden anniversary of priestly ordination, he was called to the House of the Father. The Gospel of the Mass for that day read: "I am going back to the Father to prepare a dwelling for you. In the House of my Father there are many dwellings..."