



invalid, the removal of what is truly an “excommunication of Tradition” is welcomed. Many good souls, deprived of the True Sacrifice of the Cross, are essentially starving for the life-giving grace that abundantly fortifies the wayfarer and enables him to live integrally the ideal of Christ. We pray this gesture removes the “stigma” attached to Tradition by the enemies of Christ, so that many more will avail themselves of the timeless and integral Doctrine and Sacraments of Sacred Tradition.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Victory, who has won this historical victory for Tradition by the over 1,700,000 Rosaries offered to her during the recent Crusade, continue to conquer the enemies of God. Thank you for your continued support in the training of priests for tomorrow. Be assured of our prayers of gratitude for your prayers and sacrifices, which are so necessary in the formation of priests. God knows the sacrifices you have made – God bless you and may Our Lady of Victories watch over you.

In Christ the King,

Rev. Fr. Vicente A. Griego
Rector, Holy Cross Seminary



His Lordship, Bishop Richard Williamson, prays for newly ordained, Fr. Benjamin Campbell - the Veni Creator is then sung while the newly ordained's hands are anointed and consecrated.



Fr. Campbell receives the power to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while touching the chalice and paten at the prayer of the ordaining Bishop.



Fr. Noronha presents the Agnus Dei to the faithful before giving Holy Communion at his First Mass.



Fr. Stephens at the consecration of the Holy Eucharist as he offers his First Solemn High Mass.



Fr. Campbell gives the final blessing after his First Solemn High Mass in St. Vincent's Church (Kansas City, Missouri, USA). Fr. Peter Scott is the Assistant Priest, Fr. Michael Johnson, Deacon and Fr. Christopher Leith, Subdeacon.



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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Reflecting upon the significance of the Feast of the Presentation and the events of the past two months, it is with joy that Holy Cross Seminary presented three new priests, “new Christs,” to the Society of St. Pius X. Rev. Frs. Gregory Noronha and Jordie Stephens were ordained on December 27th at Holy Cross Seminary and Rev. Fr. Benjamin Campbell was ordained at St. Vincent’s Church in Kansas City, Missouri in the United States of America on December 30th.

Our young priests will take their first assignments at St. Bernard Novitiate (Fr. Noronha) in the Philippines, Church of the Child Jesus and St. Joseph in Rockdale, Australia (Fr. Stephens) and St. Mary’s Academy & College in the United States (Fr. Campbell).

Ordained to the Diaconate also on December 27th, were Rev. Mr. Rémi Picot and Rev. Mr. Todd Stephens, who will return to Holy Cross to complete their final year of studies this March. May God call many more young men to serve Him in Christ’s Holy Priesthood.

Our Lord’s priests must strive to “live Christ” the entirety of their lives. This is a difficult battle. It is the struggle between the world’s clamour for attention – its inviting noise, flashing images and comforting indulgences – and the quite, unobtrusive and sacrificial way of the Christian wayfarer. The world’s allurements threaten to overpower the idealism of manly heroism seeking God. “Foolhardy” would be the worldling’s interpretation of a young man desirous of sacrificing

self to become a Christ-like man, forged through habitual prayer, frequent denial of self and a perennial effort to love the good God! “Why forsake the world and its lawful joys?” the worldling might ask.

The quick and timeless reply is simply because God is good. Indeed, God is everything. Without Him we have nothing; with Him we have everything. No price is too great to ensure eternal life with God in heaven – even forsaking many of life’s legitimate joys.

The Tonsure



Mr. James Ngaruro receives the clerical tonsure at the hands of His Lordship, Alfonso De Galarreta. The cleric leaves any aspiration of the words for an inheritance in heaven.



After receiving the tonsure, Mr. Mark Lamod is vested with the surplice, worn by clerics when performing sacred functions. The surplice signifies joy in the life of Christ.



The newly tonsured cleric, Mr. Suneel Arogya Sudha, presents a candle offering to the Bishop, as do all ordained to the various orders, at the Offertory of the Ordination Mass.

Choosing the course of Christ’s Priesthood or the Religious Life, a young man chooses to live, not for this world, but for heaven. Such a man of faith lives, for a time, in the world, but all the while he must live for God, our love and happiness. Lest we exaggerate this idealism, be assured this is not easy! Confronting the many difficulties in this struggle, however, provides opportunity for the soldier of Christ to prove himself, his love, his courage, his fortitude!

Christian warfare is one of overcoming self; indeed, it is one of being overcome by God – “letting” ourselves be sanctified and not so much our becoming saints, as if by our own effort and power. We can do nothing without God, much less “become saints.” Christ gives His life to whom He wills. Christ shares His life with those who seek and ask.

The Diaconate



The Subdeacons are called to approach the bishop for ordination to the Diaconate.



Deacons and Subdeacons lie prostrate while the Litany of the Saints is being chanted to implore heaven’s aid before they are ordained to the Priesthood and Diaconate, respectively.



The new deacon, Rev. Mr. Rémi Picot, receives the deacon’s stole according to his office.



Rev. Mr. Todd Stephens is vested with the Dalmatic, the vestment worn by Deacons serving the altar in the Solemn Liturgy.

Few seek, few ask. Now, let us face the sincerity of our religious pursuits. Fr. Eugene Boylan explains in his excellent books on priestly holiness that the priest must come to terms with the sincerity of his sacrifice. This may be said of all men and not only the priest, as Pius XII mentions in his Encyclical *Mediator Dei*. Uniting our sacrifices with Christ’s, we truly live the sacrifice of Christ when we patiently endure various difficulties which impede us from fulfilling our own will – these are the crosses of life.

How easily we become frustrated when difficulties arise, when our plans and objectives are impeded. Christ’s plan of saving all men was certainly “frustrated.” He desired to preach, heal and sanctify... but the nails impeded Him. At least it seemed so. We know too well that Christ accomplished the greatest conversions on the Cross. Although impeded on the Cross, Our Lord most perfectly manifested His submission to God, redeemed all men, and offers salvation to all. This sacrificial submission is the perfect act of confidence that God is in control and which permits God to work – here is success. We too must face the difficulties and frustrations of life with confidence and dependence upon God if we wish to “succeed” – that is, to become saints. This is demanded especially of Christ’s priests. Let us pray for such priests, who really know and live this way of Christ so that God be given the greatest glory in all things!

This principle of spiritual action may well be applied to the interesting gesture on the part of the Holy Father to “take away” the excommunications purportedly incurred by the bishops of the Society of St. Pius X for their heroic act of defence of the Faith and the Papacy. Firmly convinced that the penalty was

The Priesthood



Bishop De Galarreta imposes his hands upon Rev. Mr. Gregory Noronha in the Rite of Ordination to the Eternal Priesthood of Our Lord.



The Bishop crosses the stole over the chest of the newly ordained, Fr. Jordie Stephens, to signify the change in office – from Deacon to Priest.



Fr. Noronha is vested with the chasuble, which is worn by the Priest in the celebration of the Holy Mass.



Bishop De Galarreta anoints the hands of the newly ordained priest, Fr. Stephens, consecrating them for the sacred ministry.



As the Mass of Ordination draws to its conclusion, Fr. Noronha’s chasuble is about to be lowered to signify the receiving power to absolve the faithful from their sins.



The newly ordained priest (Fr. Stephens) makes his solemn promise of fidelity to the Bishop, before God and man to remain faithful to his superiors.