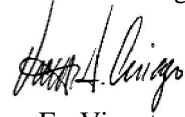


The struggle to maintain the property has been quite difficult and makes many demands upon the community. God has deemed this hardship as part of our training in His service, and we thank God for the blessings that certainly rain down upon us. At the same time we also beg your generosity to assist us in our spiritual and material poverty. Please pray for us and please help us with the present material expenses we face with the numerous projects being completed.

You and your intentions are remembered each day in our prayers – especially in the Community Rosary. May God bless you and Our Lady Immaculate watch over you.

In Christ the King,



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



*Sanding the scars left by the repairs*

#### **NOTICES**

**The Clerical Tonsure and the Minor Orders are scheduled for 15 August 2011.** His Lordship, Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta will be performing the Ordinations.

**The Seminary is looking for help on the Seminary Farm.** Accommodations and salary are offered for a three months' employment (July to September) to improve the farm land and facilities. Experienced men may contact Fr. Griego for information.

**Ignatian Retreats** – Contact Fr. Christoph Pfluger for registration and information at [retreats@holycrossseminary.com](mailto:retreats@holycrossseminary.com) or at the address and telephone numbers listed above.

- Men – 2<sup>nd</sup> (2:00pm) to 7<sup>th</sup> (11:30am) January 2012
- Ladies – 23<sup>rd</sup> (2:00pm) to 28<sup>th</sup> (11:30am) January 2012



*After a long day of work*



*The Spirituality Classroom*



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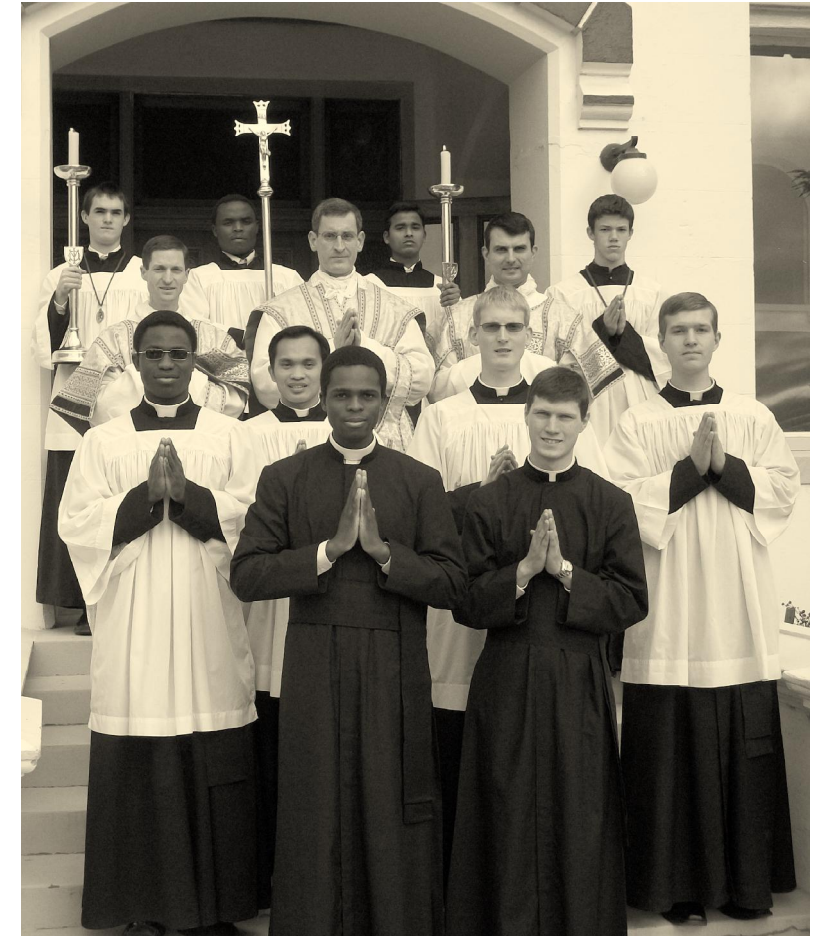
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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

This month of July, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Christ, is for us the happy occasion to receive new members into the family of the Society of St. Pius X and to clothe the first year seminarians in the cassock. This we did on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which was celebrated on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Although there is presently a handful studying at Holy Cross, it is Divine Providence that wishes us to fulfil this humble role in augmenting the ranks of the Society – may we live this ideal of humility. Please join us in giving thanks to God for the blessings bestowed upon our Seminary and beg from Him abundant graces for us to persevere in the work of training the young men who offer themselves to the religious life and the Priesthood of Christ.

As Christ has poured His Precious Blood abundantly upon the world for the sanctification of men by having His Sacred Heart opened to us as a door through which we may enter into present and eternal union with Our Lord, we must earnestly strive to enter therein. This is difficult given our wounded nature, the allure of this world and the machinations of the devil. But the difficulty arises from our lack of genuine



cooperation with God's grace and confidence in His promise to save us. We must trust Him and put Him before all else in this life. Reflect upon these words of Our Lord to his disciples:

*...be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat; nor for your body, what you shall put on. The life is more than the meat, and the body is more than the raiment. Consider the ravens, for they sow not, neither do they reap, neither have they storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them. How much are you more valuable than they? If then ye be not able to do so much as the least thing, why are you solicitous for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. Now if God clothe in this manner the grass that is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more you, O ye of little faith? And seek not you what you shall eat, or what you shall drink: and be not lifted up on high. For all these things do the nations of the world seek. But your Father knoweth that you have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom. Sell what you possess and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not: where no thief approacheth, nor moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands. (Luke 12:22-35)*

For this reason do seminarians don the cassock, the vesture of those dead to this world and desirous to live solely for the love of God. Likewise, does the Society receive members into its family, a priestly society apart from secular affairs and desirous to serve Holy Mother Church in Her mission to save souls.

All men are called in one manner or another to offer themselves to God, the imperfect to the Perfect, so that God may perfect us in ever greater likeness to Himself. We must trust that God is better than all the joys of this life if we earnestly make this offering and persevere in the pursuit of this supernatural perfection.

In the Seminary, these first steps of forming a young man into a man of religious conviction in the *total* service of God, is the daily task at hand. This ideal must be ever before us and pursued; otherwise, we literally waste the time and the resources God has placed at our disposal. All face the difficulty of persevering in zeal and effort in the pursuit of this ideal. Hence our "nature" or dependence: first, upon God and Our Lord, the source of our very existence and sanctification; secondly, upon Holy Mother Church, Guardian of the Faith and the Treasure of Christ's Merits; thirdly, upon all members of the Mystical Body of Christ, who, like Our Lord, support and encourage one another in fidelity to Christ's call to perfection.

The labour of holiness is long and arduous. For this reason, Christ leaves us His Priesthood and calls some men to be *other Christs* in order to assist in this great work. As we all *need* priests, so too do priests need the



faithful: to pray for them, to support them and to deserve them. We at the Seminary greatly rely upon you, our dear friends and benefactors, to help us accomplish this supernatural task. Without the prayers of devout faithful the Seminary will be disadvantaged in the spiritual resources needed to form and fortify the young men striving for the Priesthood and the Religious life.

Since the Mother of God is supreme in the role of forming Christ, we can do no better than to call upon her, who gave us *the* Priest and beg her to grant us many other priests and many other Christ-like men and women in religion – signs of a "healthy Mystical Body," alive and fruitful. This desired fruit comes from families also desirous of a total conformity to the high ideal of living faithfully Christ: at home, at work, at play... in all things.

I earnestly beg your generosity in the **Rosary Crusade** launched by Bishop Fellay last Easter. It is evident that *all* "success" in these days of apostasy and godlessness depends upon the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We cannot merely wish the sanctification of our families, our religious, our priests and our society, we must venture to accomplish it – always dependent upon God. We must follow our Lady's example, and humbly cooperate with Christ in restoring all things to give glory to God, which includes working for the sanctification of our neighbour. We too must be good examples living the life of Christ.

Please pray for your *neighbours* at Holy Cross, so that your future priests and religious will be truly and perseveringly conformed to the example of Christ. In this way they will assist you in the years to come in the struggle to overcome all obstacles to giving the greatest possible glory to God in the work of our sanctification.

Not only do men grow weary in the struggle to lift their hearts to the praise of God, but all things material "struggle" against the forces of time and weather, which returns all things to dust. At the Seminary we have had a great share of dust for the last month as we repair the crumbling walls of the interior of the Seminary Building. The seminarians put in some days of work in order to get the building in order to return to classes after their return from the June holiday, since we were unable to complete the laborious project. This, after two weeks of intensive labour on the part of our dear brothers and the help of a number of faithful. A heart-felt *thank you* to all who spent some days toiling at the Seminary.

Additionally, in order to secure a lasting and sufficient water source for the operation of the Seminary property, a bore was drilled and an application lodged *before* new legislation would forbid the acquisition of new ground water licences. A substantial source was tapped and we now await the NSW Office of Water to grant the acquisition rights. Please pray for this intention.



*Brothers and Seminarians pose in their dusty work*