

Holy Cross Seminary

joyfully announces the ordinations of:

Rev. Mr. Gregory Noronha
of Andheri, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
&

Rev. Mr. Jordie Stephens
of Brighton, Victoria, Australia

to the Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
on 27 December 2008

by His Lordship, Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta
at Holy Cross Seminary, Goulburn.

Also, to be ordained to the Diaconate:

Rev. Mr. Rémi Picot
of Oberbonn, France
&

Rev. Mr. Todd Stephens
of Tynong, Victoria, Australia

The Pontifical High Mass will begin at nine in the morning.

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Rev. Mr. Benjamin Campbell
of Sanford, Florida, USA

to the Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
on 30 December 2008

by His Lordship, Bishop Richard Williamson
at St. Vincent's Church, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

LIST OF FIRST MASSES

Rev. Fr. Gregory Noronha

4 January 2009 Rockdale, Sydney
8-10 January 2009 In Tasmania
11 January 2009 Tynong, Victoria

Rev. Fr. Jordie Stephens

December 28, 2008 Holy Cross Seminary
4 January 2009 Hampton, Melbourne
11 January 2009 Rockdale, Sydney
18 January 2009 Wanganui,
New Zealand
25 January 2009 Tynong, Victoria
1 February 2009 Oxley, Brisbane

Rev. Fr. Benjamin Campbell

31 December, 2008 Kansas City, MO, USA
1 January 2009 St. Mary's, KS, USA
4 January 2009 Sanford, FL, USA
11 January 2009 St. Thomas Aquinas
Seminary, USA
18 January 2009 Nicholville, NY, USA



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Rev. Vicente A. Griego
Rector

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

For the Christian, life is a precious time. But it is only time... a time to learn "how to leave time and enter eternity." The lesson, however, is not to lead to a life of sullen "piety" or to gloomy penances. Although the Christian life is most serious, it is also joyful – such is the life of one truly in love. The Christian life is a life of love and the pursuit of God, Who is Love. The desire of perfecting this divine charity drives the Christian happily to undertake the means Divine Providence lays before him to win God's eternal love.

Many seek this love with too little effort, and at the end of their time in this life are found lacking in the purity of their love of God. Such will be judged unworthy of entering the glories of the Beatific Vision. Those wholly without charity cast themselves eternally into the torment of Hell: those who have charity but have failed to purify their charity sufficiently in this life will pass through the fires of Purgatory.

As we devote special prayers for the Poor Souls during the month of November, we do well to consider what might have been their faults which merited purgation. Detained for a time, the Poor Souls joyfully submit to the terrible but necessary purification from all that impedes their entering the perfection of beatitude. "...for they are without spot before the throne of God." (Apocalypse 14:5)

How gratefully should we proclaim the goodness of God, Who created us for eternal happiness with Him in Heaven! What ingratitude to neglect this imminent reality! Do we live according to the reality of our mortality, judgment and eternal destiny? How might we better live virtuous lives, now, so as to avoid the fires of Purgatory? We have a life-time to "prove" our love, but precisely how much time is known only to God: "The days of man are short, and the number of his months is with Thee: Thou hast appointed his bounds which cannot be passed." (Job 14:5) Do we use the days and months of our lives well?



Fr Pfluger celebrates the first Mass in the (nearly completed)
Cemetery Chapel on the Feast of All Souls.

Many young men who have thought and prayed about this life's end have proposed themselves for the religious or priestly life – not for motives of “selfishly hiding from the world,” but to seek more perfectly to conform themselves to the image of Christ. Indeed they care for their own salvation, but as did Christ, they care also for the salvation of others. Their call to share in the Priesthood of Christ is a unique grace of God's predilection.

Abandoning all that this life has to offer, such a young man begins his journey to know better the God that calls him to draw nearer. To draw nearer to God means more and more to leave behind this world. This is the significance of the black cassock, which proclaims the cleric's death to this world. Union with God brings greater joy than can be had in this life – this is symbolized by the white surplice and alb worn over the cassock. The life, death and eternity of the faithful cleric are truly joyful only in Christ.

When we die what will be our eternity? If we have clung to the world and ignored the call to know and love the good God more perfectly, if we have failed to offer God fitting worship, then what can we expect at our judgment? Although a frightening consideration, judgment is a reality. If we sincerely desire peace as we consider our end, then let us generously seek God, *now*. We *will* die, we *will* face a judgment and we *will* be either perfectly happy or eternally miserable. The decision is ours – Christ has come to help us!

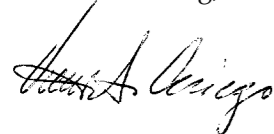
Our Lord chooses priests to teach and sanctify man through His Gospel and His Sacraments. By the grace of God, two priests and two deacons are to be ordained at Holy Cross Seminary this December 27. Another of our Deacons is to be ordained in the United States a few days later. These men eagerly desire to preach and exemplify the joyfully sacrificial life of Christ, now and forever, so that souls in the world may well prepare for their death and eternal life!

Pray that our priests will fight the good fight until death, which we hope will be honourable in glorious combat for the King of kings and the salvation of souls! This outrages the Devil, who will oppose such good efforts. Therefore, we must pray for our priests and seminarians as Our Lord prayed for St. Peter: “*Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and thou, being once converted, confirm thy brethren.*” (St. Luke 22:31-32) Thank God for the holy example of Christ's priests who labour for our salvation. May many more young men offer themselves for this honourable vocation and lead souls to God's infinite joys of eternal life.

Pray also for the young men who are still in their studies and continue to work out their joyful death to this world and hope to join the ranks of Christ's priests in the years to come. “*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send labourers into his harvest.*” (St. Luke 10:2)

Finally, thank you sincerely for your kind and generous support, upon which the Seminary relies both spiritually and materially. Your generosity in responding to the grace of God brings forth many more blessings – among these, please God, many more vocations. May Our Lord, the Eternal High Priest, and His beloved Mother bless you and guide you safely to life eternal.

In Christ the King,



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



A prayer is said before every instruction at the Seminary. Here, Fr Bourmaud leads a class of Theology in prayer.

NOVENA FOR THE PRIESTLY AND DIACONAL ORDINATIONS DECEMBER 18 TO 26, 2008

VENI CREÁTOR Spíritus, Méntes tuórum vísita: Imple supérna grátia Quae tu creásti péctora.

Come, Creator Spirit, visit the souls of Thy own; fill with heavenly grace the breasts that Thou hast created.

Qui díceris Paráclitus, Altíssimi dónum Déi. Fons vívius, ígnis, cáritas, Et spirítális únctio.

Thou Who art called Paraclete, gift of the most high God, Living water, flame, charity, and spiritual anointing.

Tu septifórmis múnere, Dígitus patérnae déxterae, Tu rite promíssum Pátris, Sermóne dítans gúttura.

Thou Who art sevenfold in Thy gift, finger of God's right hand, Thou Who were rightly promised by the Father, enrich our throats with speech.

Accénde lúmen sénsibus, Infúnde amórem córdibus, Infírma nóstri córporis Virtúte firmans pérperti.

Inflame the light of our senses, pour love into our hearts The weakness of our bodies strengthen with lasting power.

Hóstem repéllas lóngius, Pacémque dónes prótinus: Ductóre sic te praévio, Vitémus ómne nóxium.

Drive the enemy far back, and at once grant us peace; With Thee going ahead of us, may we avoid all harm.

Per te sciámus da Pátrém, Noscámus atque Fílium, Téque utriúsque Spíritum Credámus ómni témpore.

Through Thee may we know the Father and recognize the Son; And may we always believe in Thee, Spirit of Both.

Déo Pátri sit glória, Et Fílio, qui a mórtuis Surréxit, ac Paráclito, In saeculórum saécula. Amen.

To God the Father and the Son, Who from death is risen, as also the Paraclete, be glory, unto ages of ages. Amen.

V. Emite Spíritum tuum creabuntur.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Oremus: DEUS, qui corda fidélium Sancti Spíritus illustratióne docuísti: da nobis in eódem Spíritu recta sápere, et de eius semper consolatióne gaudére. * Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray: O God, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS SEMINARY:

- **Ordinations to the Priesthood and the Diaconate and the Clerical Tonsure:** Saturday, December 27, 2008
- **Men's Five Day Ignatian Retreat:** Monday, December 29, 2008 to Saturday, January 3, 2009
- **Women's Five Day Ignatian Retreat:** Monday, January 5, 2009 to Saturday, January 10, 2009
- **Men's Five Day Marian Retreat:** Monday, January 12, 2008 to Saturday, January 17, 2009
- **Please note** that the Women's Five Day Ignatian Retreat scheduled for January 26 to 31, 2009, will not be offered.
- **Crusade Boys Camp:** Saturday, January 3, 2009 to Saturday, January 10, 2009 in Brisbane area. Please contact Fr. Bourmaud for details.

How you can Help Holy Cross Seminary:

We need your help to purchase linen for new Altar and Mass linens. The Seminary is also in need of new sacred vestments for Holy Mass. Thank you for your generous help.