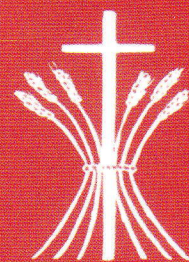


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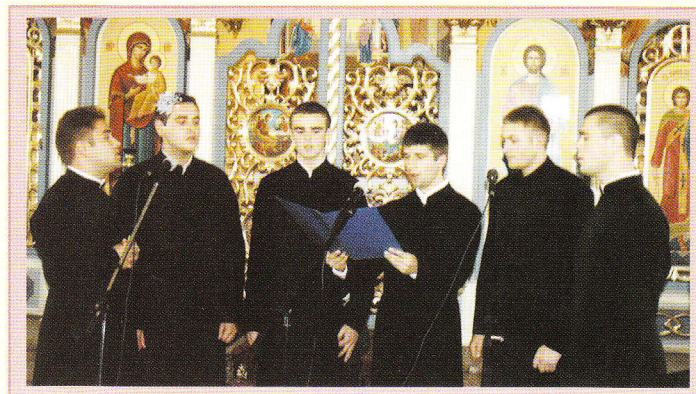
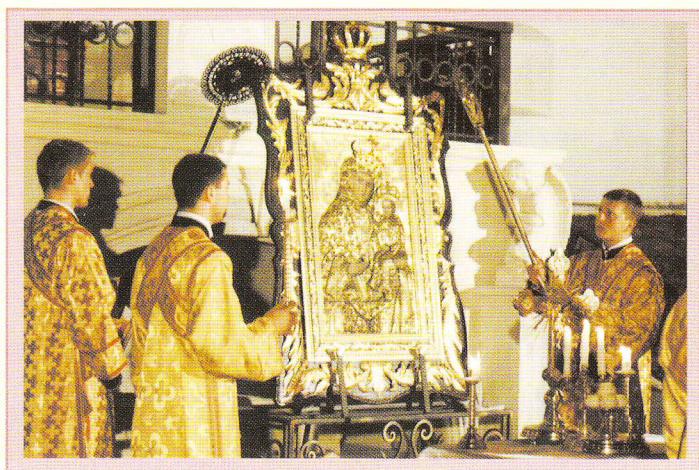


23 MERRION SQUARE, DUBLIN 2, IRELAND.

TELEPHONE: DUBLIN 676 2593 WINTER 2013

In the light of the present serious civil situation in Ukraine, you are requested to specially remember in your personal prayers, the Society's adopted students at Saint Josaphat's Seminary of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church at Ivano-Frankivsk.

A letter received from the seminary on 3 December 2013 has been edited to omit details of the names and work of the sixteen students on the Society's register. (see page 2)



Letters



Ivano-Frankivsk Spiritual Seminary of St Josaphat
Ivano-Frankivsk Eparchy, Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church
76018, Ivano-Frankivsk, 64 Vasylianok str., UKRAINE.

To: Brigid Kelly
St Joseph's Young Priests Society.

First of all, let me say that Ivano-Frankivsk Seminary administration thanks your Society very much for the help given to our students who needed it so sharply. We assure you that your help was used solely for their priest formation. We are also grateful for the letter written on September 12th and especially for your generous wish to help again.

Accordingly we return 'Opening List 610' approved by Rector's stamp and signature herewith. We also inform you about every student from the above mentioned list.

(Details are given of the present work of the 16 students adopted by the Society - Ed)

Because of these changes, we would ask you to include in the list the following students who are need: two third-year students of the Seminary, first-year students of Theology (personal data are enclosed).

We appreciate your kind work greatly and beg merciful God to bless all the members of your Society with His generous graces.

Respectfully yours,



Levytskyy
Olexandr Levytskyy
Rector of Ivano-Frankivsk
Spiritual Seminary

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TO ALL MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS OF

Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society

20th January 2014

Subject: Recent Executive Salaries and Top Ups Controversy

This is to confirm that all Office Holders of the above Society (e.g. President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary etc) give their services to the Society on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration whatsoever for their time.

The only employees of the Society are the office staff who handle the day-to-day administration of the Society and grant applications for the education of Students for the Priesthood, and their total remuneration have been outlined in the Annual Audited Accounts every year.

Signed: *Peter Cunningham*
Peter Cunningham, B.Comm FCA,
For and on behalf of
Cunningham & Co.
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Loughinisland, Co Down.
November 2013.

Dear Brigid,

The death of Pat Toman, the late Armagh Provincial President, has saddened us all.

Pat first joined St Macartan's Branch, Loughinisland Co Down on 4th August 1998. From then until his recent death he was a faithful, enthusiastic and effective member of the Society, first as president of the local branch, then as president of the Down and Connor diocesan committee, and then president of the Armagh Provincial Council.

During his period in office he organized the Annual Armagh Provincial Congresses and attended all Central Council meetings in Dublin where, we understand, he was noted for his thorough knowledge of the Society's constitution.

Pat is greatly missed by the members of his 'home' branch in Loughinisland. We offer our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Marie, son Seán and daughter Ann Marie and to his grandchildren.

Fr Keiran Whiteford PP has celebrated Mass for the happy repose of Pat's soul. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Smyth,

Secretary, St Macartan's Branch

Athlumney, Co Meath.
3 December 2013.

Dear Brigid,

Please find attached a cheque for 1,500 euro being subscriptions from our branch.

Over the weekend of 16-17 November marking the close of The Year of Faith, our parish in Navan celebrated the work of the many men and women of our parish who have given their lives in the service of God and His people as priests and religious; reflecting on how God is calling today.

Our exhibition which attracted great interest and remained on display for a week, showed photos and information not only of the priests natives of the parish ministering in the Diocese of Meath and elsewhere in the world, but also of the nuns and brothers from the parish, who served at home and overseas.

The 11.00am Mass on Sunday was celebrated by Fr Denis McNelis the Parish Priest of Laytown/Mornington, a native of Navan, who was ordained here in St Mary's 25 years ago.

Wishing you and the Society many blessings,

Yours sincerely,

Paddy O'Rourke,

St Mary's Jubilee Branch, Navan.

A SALIENT POINT

At the monthly Mass for vocations arranged at the convent of the Sisters of the Divine Master at Newtownpark Avenue Blackrock in Dublin, the celebrant in November Fr John Helu CSSp emphasized his message by sharing his vocation story with the Congregation.

This evening I would like to share with you briefly how I got my vocation, my formation and religious priestly life.

I was born in Ghana on 21 November 1960 in a Catholic family, and was baptized as an infant during Christmas Vigil Mass.

As a little boy, whenever our parish priest Father Adolph visited our church, wearing his 'white dress', (the cassock), he was like an angel to me.

Father Adolph, a diocesan priest, is such a decent and holy man in attitude, yet he never invited or advised me to join religious life. Yet in that silence there is something in that priest, his way of life, gentleness, sincerity and prayer life, that made me desire in those early years of my life to become a priest.

Eventually, I joined the Mass servers. After my elementary school, I told my parents about my burning desire to become a priest. I was so happy when they said "Well, if that is what you would like to become, you are free".

So I went to the Junior Seminary Secondary School of my Diocese of Ho. It was there that I got to know that there are also Religious Missionary Congregations in the Roman Catholic Church.

So after my Secondary School education, I wrote to a couple of religious congregations asking them to help me know who they are, their goals and work. In reply to my letter the vocation director of the Holy Ghost Fathers, invited me to come and stay with them for a couple of days. That invitation was a turning point in my life, which eventually launched me to a journey of no return into a religious missionary life.

So I did a year of pre-novitiate; one year novitiate; philosophy for three years in Nigeria; a one year pastoral experience programme in Sierra Leone; and four years of theology in Nigeria.

After my ordination, I was sent to Malawi where I worked for fourteen and half years in different capacities. Among those apostolates, I was a vocation promoter and director of pre-novitiate and also a parish priest for eight and half years.

A salient point I want to make here is that, sometimes vocation to priestly and religious life can be promoted not necessarily by words or preaching but by lifestyle. My parish priest Father Adolph who made great impact on me as a young boy, spoke nothing to me about priestly or religious life, but his lifestyle spoke more clearly to me about Christ than words could do.

Let our lifestyles as Christians be prophetic and so help to invite some youths to Christ through consecrated or priestly life. Our church is going through turbulent, difficult times. Therefore, even in the storm, let us take courage, accept the challenge and be like a light shining in our world for others to see a right way that leads to God.



Theresa O'Donovan, president of Clonakilty branch, has sent this picture of the members of the branch who visited Saint Patrick's College Maynooth. They met the clerical students for their diocese of Cork & Ross and were shown around the seminary by Fr Seán Crowley, Bantry. Mass was celebrated in St Mary's Chapel, where there is a memorial tablet to Mrs Olivia Taaffe, the Society's foundress.



At the inaugural meeting of the new executive committee in office from 1 November 2013 were Fr John Gilligan with the president of the Society George Dee on his left, and (l to r) Michael Carty, Marie Dempsey, Pat Denning, Marian Fennelly, Pádraig O'Brien, Pat Hayes, John Murphy, Rita Russell, Josie O'Hare, Mai O'Connor, Breda Rudden and Peter Tierney. Not shown are Gráinne Conroy who was away and Dominic Dowling who took the photo.

Please remember St. Joseph's Young Priests

Society in your Will

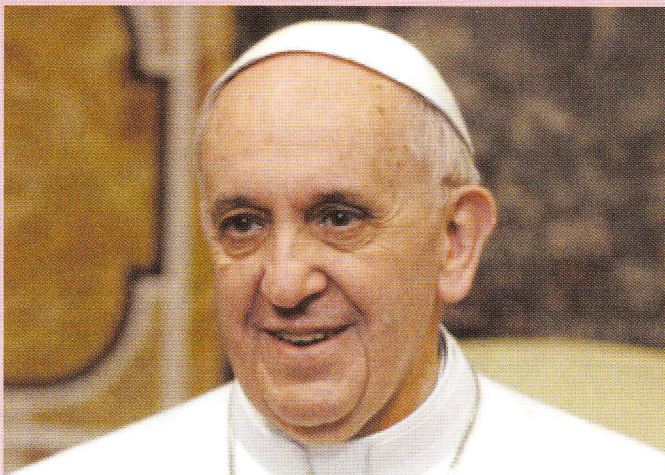
FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to St. Joseph's Young Priests Society,

23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 the sum of

€..... for the charitable purposes of the Society and

I declare that the receipt of the General Secretary of the Society shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor



LET US PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
to you, Holy Family of Nazareth,
today we turn our gaze
with admiration and confidence;
in you we contemplate
the beauty of communion in true love;
to you we commend our families,
so that in them, marvels of grace be renewed.

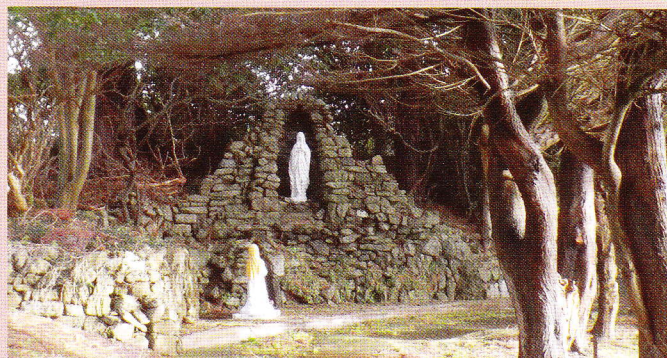
Pope Francis

Prayer for the Pilgrimage of Families of the World

Francesco



The Holy Family as pictured in the Chapel of Ease of St Anthony of Padua at Kilcoole in the parish of Kilquade, Co Wicklow.



For some members of the Society, 2013 ended and The New Year commenced with a silent retreat at St Benedict's Priory Cobh Co Cork. Like the six Cistercian monasteries in Ireland that all have guesthouses where all are welcome to stay for a few days, the Benedictines (Tyburn Nuns) at Cobh welcome members of the Society who would wish to stay a while.



V Rev Monsignor Dan O'Connor PP Dun Laoghaire was the celebrant of the 'Mass in thanksgiving for Priesthood', which was organized by the Dublin Diocesan Committee and Fr John Gilligan at St Andrew's Church Westland Row. The liturgy was enhanced by these clerical students from St Patrick's College Maynooth.

PROVINCIAL CONGRESSES 2014

The broad general theme of this year's congresses is:

'The family as the foundation of human society and as the 'domestic church''

Saturday 29 March Kilkenny, St John's Church & Centre and Langton's Hotel.

Saturday 12 April Ennis Co Clare, The Old Ground Hotel.

Saturday 3 May Knock Co Mayo, St John's Rest & Day Care Centre.

Saturday 10 May Monaghan, St Macartan's Cathedral and Hillgrove Hotel.

Recently Deceased

VOCATIONAL BRANCHES

Civil Service Maureen O'Leary

Insurance Industry Pat Campbell, Jack Leake, Manus (PEM) Durcan, Jim Gallagher, Jack Deegan.

LOCAL BRANCHES

Abbeyfeale Fr Tom Ingoldsby, Eily Harnett, Mossie Harnett, James Harnett

Ardfield/Rathbarry Fr Seán O'Driscoll, Hannie Whelton, Michael Deasy, Mary McSeaney, Bridget O'Regan, Dan Calnan, Michael Calnan, John y Hurley, John O'Regan

Ardmore Pat Mullen

Bagenalstown Sr Agnes O'Sullivan pbvm

Bishopstown Tim O'Donoghue

Blarney Kitty O'Connor, Brigid McCarthy, Patrick Doyle, Donal O'Callaghan, Annie Bradley, Dr Dan O'Donoghue, Hilary Horgan, Barry O'Donovan, Marie Mulcahy

Carrigaline Rev Fr Ted Foster

Castlewelling Isobel Boden, Malachy Burns

Christ the King, Turner's Cross Mary White, Nan

O'Flynn, Mary Cauty, Larry O'Brien, Eileen Lynch

Cleenish Vera McGovern, Bridie Johnson, Seamus Dolan,

Marian Doherty, Etha Daly, Vincent McGovern

Clonakilty Eugene Brennan, Mai Hallissey, Sheila Eady

Cooley Nellie McDonald

Dundalk Séamus Toal, Terry & Amy Kelly, Eugene Conroy, Peadar Flanagan

Dundrum Jim Hegarty, Marie Higginbotham

Edenderry Mary Dillion

Faughanvale, St Mary's James Quigg

Foxrock Joanne Smyth, David Spain, Kay McGarry

Graiguenamanagh Maggie Dowling

Hacketstown Des Kelly

Irvinestown Séamus Barrett, Doreen Boomer, John Spratt,

John McPike, Aidan Cassidy, John Noblet, Eamonn Patrick

Brown, Mary O'Kane, Mary Kelly, Lawrence Spratt, Patsy

Teague, Maria Corrigan, Mary Reihill, Brendan Maguir,

John Murphy, Gerald Kelly, June Spratt, Johnny Doonan,

Owen Muldoon, Lila Harran, Denis McFadden

Killarney Helen Walsh

Killorglin Sheila McKenna, Joan Keane

Kilmessan Lila Lynch

Knockninny Pat Fay, Dolores McBrien, Michael Power,

Margaret Brady, Napoleons Lukasevics, Séamus Dolan,

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Melmount Maybid Doherty

Rathmines Annie Geraghty, Rose Farrelly

Mullinahone Anna Barrett

Portadown Jenny Walker

St Ignatius, Galway Maisie Collins

St Kevin's, Harrington Street Margaret Healy, Babs Brien,

Marie Moore, Susan Halton, Claire Burke

St Mary's, Limerick Brigid Quinlivan

St Patrick's, Pennyburn Una McElhome, Ester Armstrong

Templemore Tom Collum

Templeogue Mary Gaffey, Maureen Walsh

Terenure Domhnall McCullough

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Tubberclare/Glasson Peg Torney

General Rev Jerome (Jim) Murphy O'Connor OP, Patrick

Mullen, Tom O'Gorman

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