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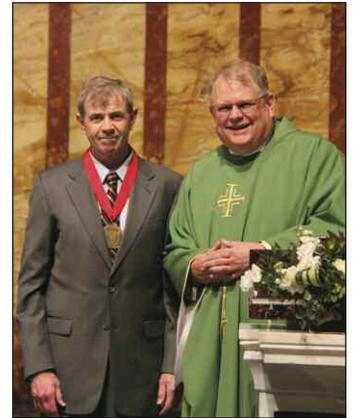
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2nd Annual Benefactors' Banquet

January 25, 2015, marked our second annual Benefactors' Banquet here at Saint John's Seminary. This event is a way to gather all of our generous leadership donors (those contributing \$1,000 or more annually) to thank them for their contributions throughout the year. It is also an opportunity to lift up some of our exemplary benefactors by granting the Saint John the Evangelist Medal, awarded for extraordinary contributions to the spiritual support of the Seminary, and the Archbishop John J. Williams Medal, designated for extraordinary contributions to SJS temporal life. This year's recipients of the Saint John the Evangelist Medal were Mr. and Mrs. James and Patricia Brett, and the Archbishop Williams Medal was awarded to our Secretary of State, the Honorable William F. Galvin. Next year's event will take place on Sunday, January 31, 2016 — please save the date now and stay tuned for more ways to get involved!



Cardinal Sean celebrates Mass at the Benefactors' Banquet on Sunday, January 25, 2015.



Secretary Galvin accepts his award from Monsignor Moroney.

King and Queen of Our Hearts

This year's Saint John the Evangelist medals were awarded to two of the seminary's dearest friends and greatest supporters, Jim and Pattie Brett. From Monsignor Moroney's first days as Rector, the Bretts have been steadfast supporter of Saint John's, the oldest and largest seminary in New England. From making countless introductions to helping plan and execute fundraisers and events, even chairing our Golf Tournament in 2013, this faithful couple has never said no to a single request made of them. The entire Boston community recognizes their essential goodness, their deep Catholic faith and their dedication to everyone in need, and we are so grateful to have a pair like this on our side.



Jim and Pattie Brett pose with Monsignor Moroney

A Heaven-Sent Matchmaker

At just about this same time, a century ago, Cardinal O'Connell was consecrating a new Church off Oak Square and an expanded Seminary which Archbishop Williams had established before him. Little did the Cardinal know that those two great holy houses would be woven into one in the first years of the twenty-first century.

That would have never happened without the Honorable Bill Galvin, who as chief matchmaker these past two years has skillfully woven together the communities of Our Lady of the Presentation and Saint John's Seminary. Secretary Galvin has helped us form the inextricable bonds which now exist between the Seminary and the good Catholic community of Brighton, not only leading us all closer together as brothers and sister, but bringing us closer to Christ, as well.

For this reason among many, we were proud to present Bill Galvin with the Archbishop John J. Williams medal for 2015.



Note from the Rector

We were thinking of you so many times recently, the best friends of Saint John's Seminary! We thought of you in Washington DC, as the only seminary in the nation which brought every single seminarian to March for Life. We thought of you as we began second semester classes, trying as hard as we could to be the priests your children and grandchildren will need. And we thought of you as we knelt in the Chapel, asking God to give us the strength to be what he wants us to be.

We think of you whenever we think of Jim and Pattie Brett and Secretary of State Bill Galvin, people just like you who want the Seminary to grow and thrive. Thanks to your prayers, we've already begun to interview new seminarians for next year's class. It's incredible and the next year promises to be one of even more growth!

It is just before 7:00 AM as I write these lines and I can hear the sounds of the footsteps of our seminarians heading to chapel for Morning Prayer and Mass. We will think of you and pray for your loved ones, as we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord will continue to work his wonders in the hearts of these good men.

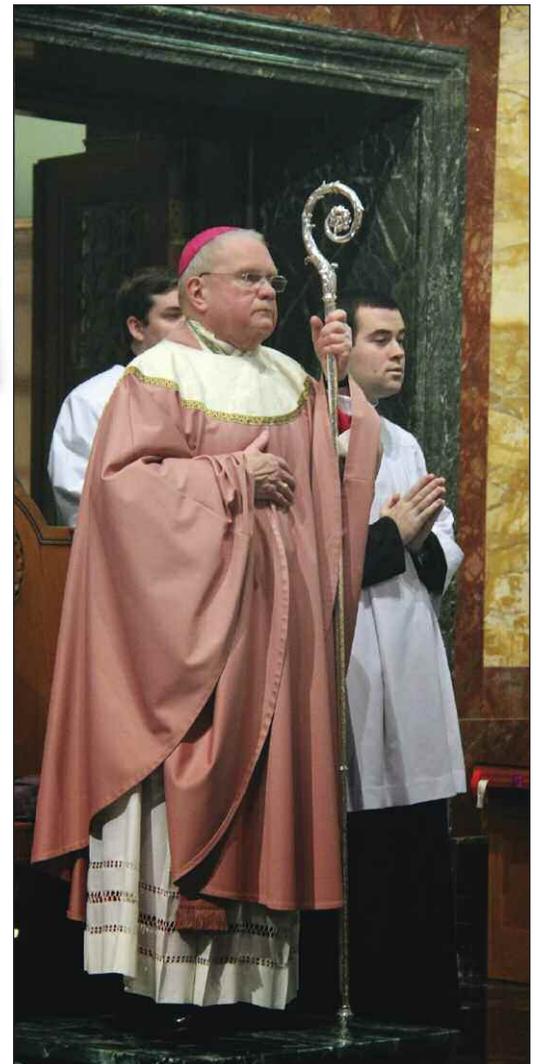
In the Lord,

Msgr. G. P. Murney



50 Years in the Priesthood

At a Solemn Mass at Saint John's Seminary on December 14, 2014, Bishop Walter Edyvean celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest on December 16, 1964. Bishop Edyvean served for nine years as a member of the Seminary Faculty, and we thank him for both the example he has set for our young seminarians and for his generous gifts to Saint John's over the years. Congratulations, your Excellency, on reaching this inspiring milestone, and God bless you!



Bishop Walter Edyvean at the celebratory Mass.

Monsignor's Wish List

Are you looking to direct your funds to a special need or project? In addition to the ever-present need to keep the lights on and the seminarians fed, I do have a little "wish list". Won't you consider making a gift today toward one of the following needs?

- The ongoing renovation of our Hook & Hastings chapel organ (Gifts of all amounts help towards the final renovation)
- Presbyteral benches for the altar in Saint John's chapel (Approximately \$250 per seat)

Gifts may be made by mailing checks to

Saint John's Seminary, attn: Msgr.'s Wish List;
127 Lake Street; Brighton, MA 02135,

or via our website at sjsboston.org/support-us/.

Questions? Email me at rector@sjs.edu or call 617-746-5413.

March for Life 2015



Photo: Seminarian Dominic Ngo (Boston)

Part of the group on March day!

On January 21st and 22nd, thanks to a generous gift from the Flatley Foundation, almost eighty members of the SJS community traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the 2015 March for Life. This year marked the 42nd anniversary of 1973 Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States. Over 10,000 people attended the Vigil Mass for Life, where Cardinal Seán O'Malley was principal celebrant and homilist. The next day, following an early morning Holy Hour for Life for our seminarians, hundreds of thousands walked through the streets of Washington, despite freezing temperatures. The March finished at the Supreme Court as the group prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Photo: Seminarian Will Sexton (Boston)

January 21 Vigil Mass procession.

SeminarianSPOTLIGHT

Did you know?

Seminarians come to Saint John's from thirteen different dioceses and six Religious Institutes and Ecclesial Movements. In each issue of *Currents* and the *Saint John's Seminary Magazine* from now on, we will shine a spotlight on one student to give you an "insider's perspective" on the life and calling of a future priest.

David Fiorito

Class: Theology (that means I'm in my 3rd out of 6 years!)

Home Parish and Town: Our Lady of Victory, Rochester, NY

HS/College Attended: McQuaid Jesuit High School; St. John Fisher College

If I could spend ten minutes with His Holiness Pope Francis, I would:

- a) Snap a photo and post it on Facebook
- b) Engage him in deep theological discussion**
- c) Hand him my resume



When did you first sense a call to the ministry?

In third grade, Sr. Carolyn Rosica would occasionally give me prayer cards/medals with the caveat: think about the priesthood. It was at that point that I first felt an irresistible urge to serve God at His altar.

Who or what have been the most formative influences on your faith identity and development?

The beautiful, reverent witness of Rochester's Carmelite nuns has been undoubtedly the single most important influence on my discernment.

Do you have a particular focus or perspective that you hope to bring to your ministry?

I feel that beautiful, reverent worship, having turned me, can likewise turn and edify those whom I am privileged to serve.

What is the most surprising thing you've learned about yourself or your faith at SJS?

Studying alongside brothers from so many different dioceses makes me realize, tangibly, the true Catholicity of our Faith.

People might be surprised to learn:

I grew up in my parents' bakery, and have gained a plethora of stories and experiences through it. Prior to my studying at Saint John's, I had been there every day of my life since I was nine days old.

Please visit sjsboston.org for more!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OLP Lecture Series: The Passion & Cross in Christian Art and Music

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION LECTURE HALL

Master of Arts in Ministry 15th Year Gala

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, AT 5:00 PM

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For more information, please visit theologicalinstitute.org

OLP Lecture Series: Whispers in the Blogosphere

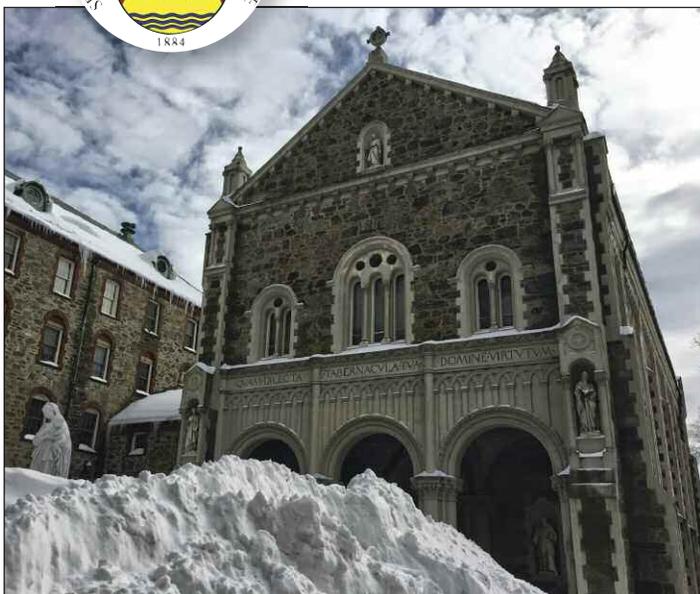
MONDAY, MARCH 23, AT 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION LECTURE HALL

A lecture by internationally renowned Church blogger Rocco Palmo of whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com.

March 30-April 3: HOLY WEEK

Check back to sjsboston.org soon for info on joining us for the Sacred Triduum in the SJS chapel.



Our Marian courtyard under just one blizzard's worth of snow!

The Our Lady of the Presentation Lecture Hall is located at 680 Washington St, Oak Square, Brighton. Parking is available in a large lot further up the hill. **For more information on exact locations, please contact sandy.barry@sjs.edu.** All other events take place on the main campus at 127 Lake St, Brighton.