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As we prepare to mail this issue of *The Guardian*, we are anxiously looking forward to spending a couple of weeks with our families. Somehow, vacation periods seem to come around when mind and body most need a break. We will return in early January, rested and ready to resume our studies.

There were several events of note during December. On the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, at the conclusion of the morning of recollection, two of our seminarians made the "Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary." Early December also marked the commencement of the anxiously awaited basketball season. In addition, the past few weeks were marked by extra time spent practicing for the parish Christmas program, which was performed last Sunday. For the program we sang five carols, each in two parts: *On Christmas Night, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Gloucestershire Wassail, The Star that Led to Bethlehem* and *Personet Hodie*. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program as much as we enjoyed singing.

What else did we do during December? Why, go sledding, of course! For all of November we had to make do with the few inches of snow that fell in the early part of the month. Then, beginning with the second week of December, the real snow began to fall, and we put it to good use. Two Sundays ago, a couple of seminarians took sleds and hiked all the way up to the old monastery foundation, sledding all the way down. Others made a ramp to add a bit of excitement to our sledding runs.

Now we are all anticipating a skiing outing next month.

## Holy Slavery

by Kevin Cox, gr. 11

On December 8th, in honor of the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, the seminarians had no classes. Because of this, we were able to attend the day of recollection. A day of recollection is like a mini-retreat which lasts throughout the morning and concludes with the "Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" written by St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

This consecration, for those who may have not heard of it yet, is the giving up of worldly things and everything that belongs to you, in order to dedicate yourself more completely to Jesus through Mary. Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, or "Holy Slavery" as it is sometimes called, is not something to be taken lightly. Two of us had prepared during the previous month to make this act of consecration, by which we became "Slaves of Mary."

The preparation consists of daily prayers covering four topics: renouncement of the world, during the first 12 days; knowledge of self, the next seven days; knowledge of Mary for seven days; and knowledge of Jesus for the final week. The

## January calendar

- 6 — Seminarians return
- 8 — Classes resume; basketball
- 12 — Basketball
- 17 — Basketball
- 19 — Basketball Tournament
- 25 — Priests' visit to St. Joseph's Seminary
- 26 — End of First Semester; skiing outing
- 29 — Bob's birthday; basketball

prayers and readings for each day of the preparation required about 15 minutes of extra time in chapel after night prayers each night during the 33 days of preparation.

The day of recollection was a good experience for all the seminarians, and, hopefully, next year there will be more to make the consecration.



Two seminarians join a couple of other parishioners in making the Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

## Mr. Glenn

by Mark West, gr. 10

**A**s you know, half the classes here at the seminary (history, Italian, Latin I, and English Literature) are taught by Mr. Mark Glenn. I would like to tell you a few things about this fine teacher.

Mr. Glenn came to us from Cincinnati, Ohio. He attended the University of Cincinnati, studying foreign languages and history. He moved to Idaho in the late summer with his wife Vicki and their five children. After looking for property for some time, he finally bought a parcel of land about 25 miles from here. Currently, however, he is living just down the road with another Catholic family until his house is completed.

On Saturday, the seminarians sometimes accompany Mr. Glenn to his property to assist in the building of his house, which is what he does on his days off — unless, of course, he is out hunting. You have no idea how much he loves that sport. For instance, while discussing irregular verbs in Italian class, he might say, "Did you see that beautiful bull moose yesterday?" or "You know, I think that the best way to hunt in the snow is to . . ." Maybe this gives you some indication.

Mr. Glenn is intelligent and is also a very good teacher. We have many interesting discussions in his classes (as well as a good laugh or two), and we all hope he will be with us for many years to come.

## Fearless Caesar

by Matt Dunphy, gr. 9

**F**or about three weeks now, we have seen moose around the seminary. There are two bulls and two cows.

One day, they were right outside the classroom window, and so we all went out to have a good look at them. We decided to see what Caesar thought of these large animals, so we called him out. At first, Caesar didn't even notice the moose which were eating from the branches of the pine trees. Then someone threw a snowball towards the moose and, of course, Caesar had to run after it. So, dog met moose.

Anyway, Caesar decided to protect his turf, so he began to chase one of the moose, nipping at its ankles. Caesar still wanted more revenge and kept on chasing one of the bulls. Luckily, the dog backed off in time before the moose became too aggravated. We then decided to restrain Caesar, because the moose looked like he was getting more and more irritated by this pesky little dog. Finally, the four of them trotted off into the hills, leaving us cheering for our valiant dog.

## More extra decades

by Isaac Martin, gr. 10

**W**ow, only three extra decades today! You see, Father has devised a way of keeping the seminary clean — a "Lost and Found" box. It works like this: If you leave

anything lying about, Father will find it — no matter where you try to hide it — and throw it into the lost and found box. In order to retrieve the article, you must first go into chapel and pray one decade of the Rosary for the Poor Souls in purgatory.

I decided to write about the lost and found box for this issue of *The Guardian*, because I find myself looking through it often to find articles that I have misplaced. Given the number of items I have had to reclaim, Father must think I am the messiest seminarian. But I have improved considerably since last year, and maybe by the time I leave Saint Joseph's, I will be the tidyest person ever to come here. Well, until then, I will keep on saying my decades for the Poor Souls, and maybe that is why God made me like I am — to get those Poor Souls out of purgatory.

## Sentinel hoops report

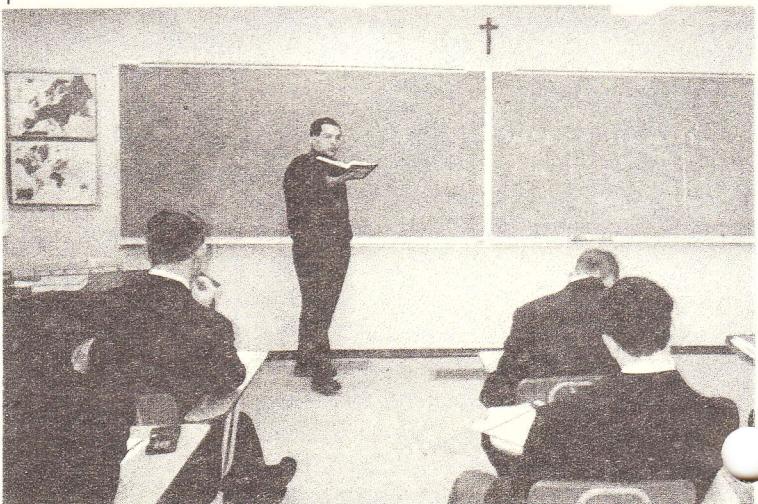
by Phil Dunphy, gr. 10

**W**e are now well into our basketball season, and though our record doesn't show it, we are a pretty good team.

The score in our first contest was close the entire game. Everything came down to the last shot as we fell just short, 58-55. We all played well and just practiced harder for the next game.

In the second game we were missing one player due to injury, while another player was questionable. Nevertheless, our varsity was in the lead for most of the second half. In the fourth quarter, however, with one second to go and the score tied, one of our players fouled. The result — a player on the other team was given two foul shots. He missed the first and made the second, resulting in a tough one-point loss, 58-57. We found some consolation, however, in the fact that we had greatly improved since our first game. We will meet that team again in January and expect to prevail.

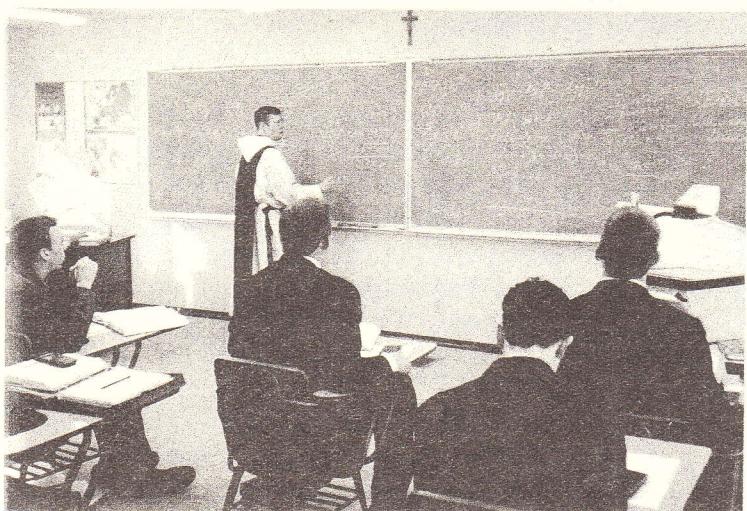
As of this writing, our junior varsity is 1-1. We are looking forward to more basketball in January, especially the tournament coming up on January 19 and 20.



Mr. Glenn goes over an Italian lesson.



*The seminarians chant Vespers of Our Lady.*



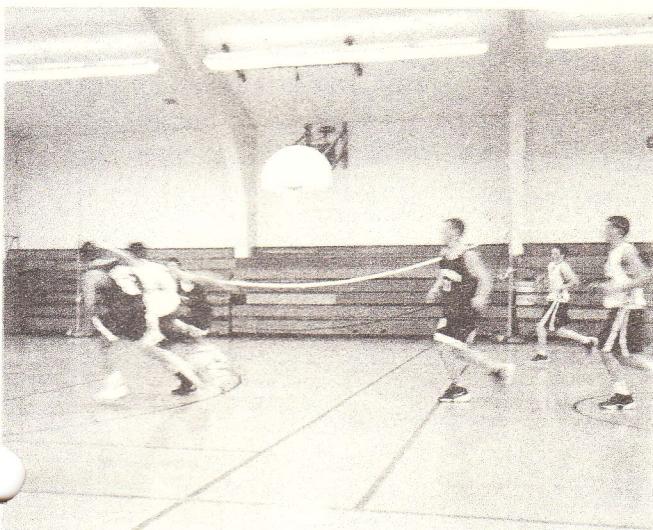
*Fr. Benedict teaches three levels of math in one period.*



*Caesar loves to jump for snowballs.*



*Charlie flies off the jump.*



*Our first basketball game was against HLCA.*



*The seminarians took a break from class to watch the moose.*

## A thank you note

by Louis Picard, gr. 9

During this past Thanksgiving vacation five of the ten seminarians went to Seattle for a little break. Bob and Charlie went home to their families and the rest of us — Kevin, Isaac and I — were invited to one of the two homes. I must say that our stay there was very relaxing, and we all thank these families for their hospitality.

What really made our trip special was the offer of Mr. Boggensberger to take us to a football game of the Seahawks against the Broncos. Of course, we were more than willing to go. So, on Sunday morning we woke up a little earlier than normal to go to the early Mass. We then went out to breakfast and finally arrived at the stadium for the 1:00 p.m. start. The game had its ups and downs but was thrilling to the end.

After the game, Mr. Boggensberger drove us home, and that was not an easy task. Due to the terrible road conditions, it took us five hours to get over Snoqualmie Pass and another three hours to get home. We finally arrived at the seminary at 2:30 a.m. We were tired the next day and had a tough time staying awake during some of the classes, but we all agreed that it was well worth it.

We would like to thank both of these families for their kindness in driving us to and from Seattle, and for all their hospitality.

## The passing of time

Cold weather and snow have returned to northern Idaho. In addition, we have seen more big game (moose, elk and deer) this year than in the past. Last Saturday on our way home from a basketball game, an enormous elk ran right in front of our van, just down the road from the seminary. These animals are beautiful to behold, but we are sure to keep our distance.

This period of the year also reminds us of the value of time and how quickly it passes. Already we find ourselves near the conclusion of the First Semester of our second year here. How much more time will God give us to do His work here at St. Joseph Seminary? I don't know the answer to that question, but what I do recall are the words of Pope Leo XIII to one of his favorite missionaries, Mother Cabrini: "Let us work, Cabrini, let us work."

## Do you have a vocation?

If you are a young man of high school age who has a vocation, then St. Joseph Seminary may be the place for you. Our four-year course of studies offers the regular high school curriculum, with an emphasis on Theology, Latin, choir and foreign language. A well-rounded program of daily Mass, prayer and sports complements our academic schedule. For more information, write to the rector of St. Joseph Seminary at the address below.

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Snow returns to the City of Mary.

Yes, let us work for God's honor and glory while we have time. And like Mother Cabrini, that great American heroine, let us forever call to mind the words of Saint Paul: "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." May this great saint inspire us all to strive to do much for God's glory with whatever time He deigns to give us.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

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