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Monthly Newsletter of St. Joseph Seminary

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From the Rector

Dear Friends of Saint Joseph Seminary,

This year's Camp Saint Joseph was the largest ever, with more than 50 boys in attendance, along with several priests, seminarians and laymen. Each day began with morning prayers and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Of course there was the daily Rosary and other prayers. Additional spiritual activities included singing at Mass, including a High Mass, regular spiritual talks, and the outdoor Stations of the Cross, culminating in the erection of a large cross.

Otherwise, the days were packed with numerous recreational activities, as you can see by the photos in this issue. Some of the more popular activities were archery, paintball, canoeing, tubing, swimming, volleyball, football, riding down the zip line, capture-the-flag, singing around the evening campfire, and many, many more. You can be sure that no one was idle at the camp! We are especially grateful to Brother Sebastian for providing transportation, to Joe Geckle for pulling boys on the tube behind his speed boat, and to all the cooks for their dedication in providing delicious meals. If you would like to see more photos of the Camp,



Concluding the Stations of the Cross with the beautiful mountain scenery in the background.

please go to our web site: www.minorseminary.org.

The Boys Camp was followed by our annual summer priests' meeting, held at the major seminary in Omaha. It is always refreshing for us priests to visit with our fellow priests and to discuss the important issues facing us in our parochial work. Now we are back at the seminary, and preparations for the coming year are in full swing. In addition to the academic concerns of class preparation, there is a major remodel of our kitchen underway. In short, there is plenty going on at the seminary this month.

At the end of August we will

welcome another class of seminarians, as we begin our 18th year, with classes commencing on the 29th. There will be a few new faces to join those returning from last year. As always, we ask your prayers for the success of our seminary and for many vocations to enter the service of God. Let us also remember the importance of praying for priests. (Please use the prayer printed on the back of this newsletter!) Let us remember that we all benefit from the daily spiritual lives of our priests and religious—as they grow spiritually, we all benefit. Finally, be assured of a remembrance in our prayers.

—Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI



Fr. Geckle offers holy Mass in St. Joseph Seminary chapel.



All enjoyed the paint ball "wars".



This year's Boys Camp had nearly 70 campers including three priests and several counselors.



The zipline provided fun for young and old.



The counselors sang at two Masses, once in the SJS Chapel and once in Mary Immaculate Queen Church.



A full day of swimming, canoeing, and tubing was enjoyed.



The woods provided good cover for the paint ball warriors.



Fr. Anthony and campers pray before beginning the day's activities.



Fr. Anthony gives the campers basic safety instructions in using the paint ball guns.



Frater Alphonsus leads the morning Rosary with the campers past the Sacred Heart shrine.



Bean Bag Toss was a popular competition.



Many hands were needed to carry the cross up the hill.



The camp food was outstanding again this year.



Fun times on Lake Pend Oreille.



Ready to roll to the local park for fun and games.

A Prayer for Parish Priests

Almighty and merciful God, who didst bestow upon the blessed Cure of Ars wonderful pastoral zeal and great fervor for prayer and penance, grant, we beseech Thee, that by his example and intercession, our parish priests may be able to gain the souls of their brethren for Christ, and with them attain to everlasting glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seminary Support Club

If you are not yet a member of the Seminary Support Club and would like to become a member, you may write to the seminary at the address below. Members pledge to pray for the success of the seminary and, if able, to send a regular financial contribution for its support.



Several ladies including Mary Antonia and her sister Christy provided three delicious meals each day to the hungry campers.

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 Latin, theology, 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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