
The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

JUNE 2010

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Last General Council Meeting of 2009-10: June 23 6 p.m., (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

Grand Knight Message

Supreme Knight challenges us

It is not very often that I am star struck but I was on May 26, 2010.

I had the privilege of attending the **Supreme Knight's** dinner. Throughout dinner I found myself looking up at the head table and seeing **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**. It was a little surreal to see, only metres away, the face that appears in print in each issue of the *Columbia* magazine.

His after-dinner address to the attendees was memorable. The challenge he issued to the councils of the Order is to be examples of Catholic values to the world and to be the right arm of the Church in spreading those values ringed true.

We Knights have a unique ability that was brought home to me in seeing the Supreme Knight. He heads an international organization of Catholic men numbering over 1.8 million. The Supreme Knight said there are over 13,000 councils worldwide. Brother Anthony Council is a part of all of this.

As a result we share both the privilege and responsibility. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Have a blessed summer!

This summer, please keep Jesus alive in your minds and hearts.

As the summer provides an opportunity for travel for many people, and a break from routines, the soul and spirit always need to be fed.

The Knights of Columbus publishes its annual Sunday Mass Times booklet so that Catholic travelers may keep the flame of faith alive wherever they may be in Alberta during the summer.

I also wish to thank **Brother Anthony Council** for all the service and example you provided to everyone in our Parish over the past ten months. I know **Fr. Mahesh** is also grateful for all your dedication and work!

As well, it is no surprise that members of Brother Anthony Council and a number of your projects were recognized at the recent annual **State Convention in Lethbridge**. Congratulations on receiving these special awards.

Indeed, a restful summer break is certainly well deserved.

I wish everyone a safe and blessed summer. à

May God Bless,

Fr. Mitchell Fidyka, Chaplain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

June

6 – Pancake Breakfast (Don Beer's team)

12 – Grand Knight's Dinner (Gilbert's team) *RSVP by June 6 to allow for meal planning*

23 – Council meeting (dinner by Don's team)

July

3 – Bro. Anthony Choir leads music 5 p.m. Mass

August

6-7 – Serving meals at St. Albert's **Rock'n August Show**

14 – Choir leads music 5 p.m. Mass

28 – Golf tournament (**Cardiff G&CC**), proceeds to flood victims in **Fr. Hebert's Parish, Nicaragua**

September

3 – *Bobby Curtola Rocks the Knights* (fundraiser at The **Arden Theatre**)

12 – Pancake Breakfast

GK News

I am pleased to announce that our Council was recognized multiple times at the **State Convention** held in **Lethbridge** from May 14 to 16. **Bro. Clem Chaisson** was honored as ***Knight of the Year*** and **Bro. Bob Clarke and Family** were honored as ***Family of the Year***.

Other awards included:

- First Place: Church Activity – ***Supporting Our Seminarians***
- First Runner up: **Council Website**
- First Runner up: Council Activity (***Ladies' Night***)

At our May meeting the **new executive committee** was (re)elected. **Bro. Walter McKenna** was elected as our new treasurer and **Bro. Charlie Roach** as third year trustee. All other members of the committee were re-elected for a second year. Our last council meeting of the year will be June 23.

On behalf of the other members of the executive committee, I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

Supreme Warden offers congratulations

I take this opportunity to congratulate **Brother Anthony Council** for an outstanding year of accomplishments and dedication to our parish, community and our Order. You have demonstrated **Columbianism** at its best.

Just recently, at the **State Convention in Lethbridge**, our council was honored with many awards that signify the diversity of programs and projects that meet the needs of many less fortunate.

The council has also been recognized and honored by the *State Family of the Year* award presented to the family of **Bob and Denise Clarke**. (Photo – page 4)

Clem Chiasson has also been honored as *State Knight of the Year*. (Photo – page 5) I know Therese has played an important part in this award.

Congratulations to both families.

All of our accomplishments would have not been possible without the strong leadership of our **Grand Knight, Bruno Binassi**. He was recognized by the convention delegates who elected him as one of the delegates to represent our jurisdiction at the **Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C.**, this coming August. Congratulations to our Grand Knight.

Astrid and I wish every one of you a good summer and continued success in the many activities for the coming year. à
Bro. Mickey Casavant
Supreme Warden

Executive elected to lead us in 2010-11

Council executive elections were held at the May 19 general meeting.

All current executive members were elected to serve a second term in the 2010-11 Columbian Year. For their names, please see the list at the beginning of this issue of The Anvil.

In addition, **Bro. Walter McKenna** was voted as Treasurer and **Bro. Charlie Roach** will serve as Third Year Trustee. Also, the Financial Secretary position, held by **Bro. Bob Clarke**, is an appointment by Supreme Council.

Congratulations to all executive members. Your leadership is so important to our success. à

Congratulations to new Sir Knights

Brother Anthony Council hosted a **Fourth Degree Exemplification** at **Holy Family Church** on Saturday, May 8.

Twenty Knights who held their Major Degrees were received into the Fourth Degree at **Holy Family church** on Saturday, May 8. The brothers came from across Northern Alberta for the special ceremony that places emphasis on the Order's principle of **Patriotism**.

We congratulate in particular three active brother knights from our council who received their Fourth Degree: they are **Sirs Sebastian Frattin, Herb Lemke, and John Melo**.

After the ceremony, brother knights and their spouses attended the 5 p.m. Mass; the music was led by our Brother Anthony Choir. A number of the choir members looked sharp in their Fourth Degree tuxedos; they included **Bros. Sebastian Frattin, Clyde Flynn, Clem Chiasson, Jim Larock and Cor de Boon**.

A dinner followed in the Parish Hall, prepared under Chef **Bro. George Amyotte** and his wife **Simonne**.

The honoree for this Fourth Degree Fourth was council member **Bro. Clem**, who is heavily involved with Fourth Degree. As honoree, Bro. Clem's name appears on the certificate given to each new Fourth Degree member. à

August 6 and 7

Council to cook for Rock'n August

Mark your calendars gentlemen; we need your help with the **Rock'n August** car show being held in St. Albert.

For the past few years we have participated in the show by cooking up a storm. In doing so, we have raised funds for projects. We have also increased our profile in the community.

This year, brother knights will be cooking on **Friday night, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 7**. We've added the Friday night so we will need more brother Knights to help.

This project is a lot of fun, plus we can raise funds for **Diabetes research** as well as our many other worthwhile projects. To help, please contact **Bro. Cor de Boon** at tel. 780-458-8259 or email cor@deboon.ca.

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Help & silent auction prizes appreciated!

Council golf tournament at Cardiff on Aug. 28

Council's annual golf tournament will be held at **Cardiff Golf and Country Club**, located 10 minutes north of St. Albert, on August 28. Players of all skill levels are invited to attend this best ball fundraiser tournament.

Proceeds will go toward aiding flood victims in **Fr. Hebert's Parish** in **Nicaragua**.

Golf tournament coordinator Bro. Bob Mackenzie is looking for volunteers to help. He would also appreciate prizes for the silent auction. If you can help, or donate prize items, please contact **Bro. Bob** at 780-459-2679, or **Bro Cor de Boon** at 780-458-8259.

Meanwhile, sharpen up those clubs for a fun round of golf with good company, and all for a very worthwhile cause! à

The Anvil takes a break

This is the last issue of **The Anvil** prior to the summer break. It will resume in September. Thanks to everyone who submitted articles over the past 10 months. Special thanks also go to:

- **Bro. Fred Holtslag** for posting the newsletter on our council website (and improving its appearance at the same time);
- **Bro. Gerald Lemke** for advising members by email about new issues of our newsletter; and to
- **Vera Fischer** in the Parish office for printing hardcopies

Have a great summer everyone! à

State Convention

Clarke's are Family of the Year!

Council member **Bro. Bob Clarke** and his family are dedicated not only in their family life, but also to church and in the other vital areas of our Order: Council, Community and Youth. Their example was recognized with the **State Family of the Year** award at the State Convention in May.



Bro. Bob and wife **Denise** have four adult children who are responsible, faithful and active members of their parishes and community.

Bro. Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in 1992. He continues to be involved with **pancake breakfasts** and volunteers at the **council-hosted blood donor clinics**.

He has participated regularly with various Council functions such as **Ladies Night**. He helped lead the **Stations of the Cross** during **Lent** for the Council, and volunteered when Council hosted the **State Hockey Tournament**.

Bro. Bob was appointed **Financial Secretary** in July 2007. While holding this demanding position, Bro. Bob continues to volunteer his time and effort in areas such as blood donor clinics and at the monthly pancake breakfasts.

He has been involved with youth in the **Teen Life program** at **Holy Family Parish**, and headed ushers at the Parish and mentored teens in becoming ushers. He served as counselor for the **Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk Squire Circle 4745**.

Bro. Bob has held several executive positions with various swim clubs, recently, treasurer and president of the local **St. Albert Summer Club**, and treasurer and VP for the **Alberta Summer Swimming Association**. He has volunteered for **Heart & Stroke Foundation**, the **Lung Association**, and the **Canadian Cancer Society**.

He was a volunteer with **Habitat for Humanity**. As an alumnus of the **Edmonton Eskimos Football club**, he helped to develop a support program for players retiring from their professional careers and struggling to make the transition to new careers.

Bro. Bob's wife Denise, while raising their four children, also shared her gifts and talents with the Church and community. Among other things, she enjoyed working with youth and guiding them.

She is a member of **CWL**, and recently spearheaded a petition to the federal government to curtail the trafficking of women during the **Vancouver Winter Olympics**. She is an executive member of the **CWL** responsible for **Family Christian Life**.

Denise served on the **Parish Refugee Committee**. She is a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Family Parish. She takes Communion to shut-in seniors at the **Y'ouville Extended Care Home** as part of the Parish's **Pastoral Care team**. Denise regularly donates to the **Blood Donor Clinic**.

The eldest son serves in the **Canadian Armed Forces** and recently took a tour of duty in **Afghanistan**.

Their daughter works full time and is an active community volunteer in Calgary.

Two youngest sons **Ian** and **Michael** were Squires and now are university students and leaders, and proud members of the **Knights of Columbus**. They have been involved in church activities, as altar servers, and leaders of the **Squire Circle**.

Both joined the Knights of Columbus when they turned 18 and now serve as counselors to the Squire Circle. They are also active in their university fraternity, doing charitable work that has earned them recognition and gratitude.

The family gives generously of their time and talents to council, church, community, youth and family. Furthermore, the eldest child is committing his life to preserving the freedoms we cherish through his tours of duty with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Congratulations to Bro. Bob and family on receiving this well-deserved major award! à

State Convention

Bro. Chiasson chosen State Knight of Year

Bro. Clem Chiasson was honored at the May State Convention as the ***Knight of the Year*** for 2009-10. He is a Charter member of **Brother Anthony Council**, and been with the Knights for more than 20 years. He has served as Grand Knight with our council and in many other capacities with our Order.



Here are a few of his achievements.

Bro. Clem initiated the popular monthly **pancake breakfasts** in 1992. The breakfasts are still going strong some 17 years later.

He joined the **Fourth Degree**, the **Archbishop Emile Legal Assembly No. 2217**, in 1992. As a Fourth Degree member, Bro. Clem served as **Commander** of the Assembly for eight years.

Bro. Clem was appointed and served as **District Deputy of District No. 11** from 1997 to 1999. In this role he helped form the new council at **Riviere Qui Barre**. Bro. Clem won **District Deputy of the Year** in 1997.

From 1999 to 2001, Bro. Clem served as **State Council Director**, responsible for State annual golf, curling and hockey.

In 2003, Bro. Clem was appointed **Captain** of the **Northern Alberta Major Degree Team**. By then, he was First Degree Captain for a number of years. He became involved with the **Second and Third Degree teams** in 2002. He has led about six to eight Major Degrees each year in Northern Alberta and in Southern Alberta as needed.

Bro. Clem served as **Faithful Navigator** of Archbishop Emile Legal Assembly from 2007 to 2009.

Bro. Clem is involved in activities in the community and Parish. He is a regular usher at **Holy Family Parish**, often serving with his wife **Therese**. For many years he served as a lector. He is on the **Parish maintenance committee**.

Bro. Clem is an original member of the **Brother Anthony Choir**, formed 13 years ago. Also, as choir member, he has sung Christmas carols to seniors at **seniors' residences** in St. Albert during the Advent season the past ten years.

Bro. Clem has given more than 100 donations of blood to the **blood donor clinics** hosted by council at Holy Family Parish Hall. For the past three years, Bro. Clem has helped provide fresh hot meals to the homeless and needy in Edmonton. He supervised at a **Homes for Humanity** project in St. Albert in May 2009.

Through all this, Bro. Clem has been supported and encouraged by his wonderful wife **Therese**.

Bro. Clem feels the Order is a perfect way to share his gifts and talents with his Brother Knights and the less fortunate. He believes all Catholic men should experience the fraternity of the Knights.

Once again, congratulations Bro. Clem on receiving the major award for your exemplary dedication and service to the Knights! And thanks to Therese for her wonderful support of your work with the Knights. à

"A great way to begin summer"

Attend the 2010 Family Life Conference

Catholic Family Ministries (CFM) dedicates its upcoming 2010 family life conference to the 'Men in Black' as the Church winds up its *Year for Priests*.

Join us and celebrate 15 years of faith, family and fun. Experience the joy of being Catholic.

Speakers will include: **Fr. Scott McCaig, CC**, (Moderator of **Companions of the Cross**), **Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR** (the **Rapp'n Priest** from the **Bronx, New York**), and **Reverends Paul Nicholson, Paul Moret, and Patrick Baska**, among others. **Archbishop Richard Smith** will join us for **Mass**.

Come early and set up camp on Wed. evening, June 30. Then prepare for a weekend of faith, family and fun.

Festivities begin Thursday afternoon and will include, among other activities: a **Men in Black Soccer Challenge**, **ultimate frisbee**, a visit by **Moses the Cat, kids' games and activities, music, bon fire & fireworks** (subject of course to weather or fire ban).

Journey with families who want to live and know their Catholic faith! Invite family or friends to attend with you, for a life-changing experience.

A registration brochure for the weekend conference is attached. To register in the soccer challenge, or enter a team, please contact : mattpleblanc@hotmail.com

Need more info.? Contact CFM at: **Tel: 780-418-4280 Email: blessings@catholicfamilyministries.com Visit our Web site: www.catholicfamilyministries.com**

Please keep 'the family' and this conference in your prayers. May God bless you and yours! à

Bro. Maurice Beier

Squire News

We extend a big welcome to new **Squire Circle counsellor, Bro. Sebastian Frattin**. He will join other counsellors in guiding the Squires in their activities in the months ahead. Thanks so much Bro. Sebastian!

The Squires raised over \$2,700 in their bike-a-thon during the May 1 weekend. Every penny collected will go toward *Hands across Africa* and expanding an orphanage school in Sierra Leone. This initiative is headed by healthcare professionals in St. Albert and Edmonton. We're also hoping to help them purchase solar panels and computers.



Our circle was featured in the **Western Catholic Report** May 17 edition. You can access the WCR via the Internet.

Brother Knights: your continued support of our Squires is always appreciated. à

Bro. John Kirk
Youth Director

Knights' Honour Guard involved in March for Life

The annual **March for Life** was held in downtown Edmonton on May 13, 2010.

People gathered for speeches at the **Alberta Legislature** and then marched to **City Square**. Dignitaries included, among others, Alberta bishops, priests, and a Knights honour guard.

Speakers included a practising physician who said that physicians today should be ashamed of themselves for willingly performing abortions, the killing of unborn babies. One lady who had an abortion explained how awful the experience

was, and that she was misled by the abortion clinic about the safety of the procedure. Women who have an abortion feel deep guilt.

Each year 10,000 babies are aborted in Alberta alone. About one million babies were killed in Canada in the last ten years.

“If in our logic and if in our debates, we feel that somehow it’s acceptable to impose a wedge between that most fundamental relationship – mother and unborn child – then it’s a very small step to say that we can introduce wedges into other relationships,” said Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith. à

Credits: *Edmonton Sun, Edmonton Journal, Western Catholic Reporter*

June, 2010

From the desk of your Fraternal Benefits Advisor

The Order’s portfolio of top-rated products includes a variety of term and permanent plans that can be custom-tailored to meet the needs, goals and budget of every Catholic family.

Among these is our **Annual Renewable Term (ART) plan**, which provides the maximum amount of insurance protection per premium dollar. ART provides life insurance protection for a specific, temporary period of time. Many have likened it to “renting” life insurance protection.

It is appropriate coverage when the life insurance need is temporary in nature, such as to provide mortgage protection or to cover a business loan.

Among its advantages, in addition to the economical premium, is the fact that ART can be converted to a permanent plan of protection – with no additional underwriting required – at any time prior to age 65.

In a sense, ART can be used to guarantee your insurability.

If you need protection for your entire life, but the premiums for permanent insurance just aren’t in the budget right now, purchasing an ART plan with the intent to convert might just be the way to go.

Who needs ART?

- Those who want to supplement permanent insurance protection
- Small business owners who want to cover the life of a key employee until retirement
- Those who need guaranteed coverage for life, but need time to budget additional premium dollars and want guaranteed conversion to a permanent plan of insurance.
- Anyone who needs life insurance for only a certain period.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss how Knights of Columbus ART life insurance, or any other of our top-rated portfolio of products, can help you meet your needs and goals.

If you would like to sit down with me and discuss life insurance or any other financial product our order has to offer give me a call at (780) 458-3936.

Have a great summer! à

Fraternally,

Kevin Paish, F.I.C. C.F.P.

Enjoy music?

Your choir needs you!

Come share your singing talent, no matter how great or small, with your brothers in the **Brother Anthony Council Choir**. *More voices* make for better and bigger sound in praise and honour of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us! à

More info: Bro. George at 780-459-1193 or Bro. Clem at 780-459-7287

General Meeting Highlights

Meeting of Apr 28, 2010

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi Thank you cards were received from: the **Seminarians** at St. Joseph Seminary for the big screen TV; **Edmonton Pro-life** for our last budgeted donation. An article about **Seminarian Night** was submitted to **Columbian Magazine** and will be posted at kofc.org for May. The St. Albert 100th anniversary committee is meeting soon and a full report will be presented about how our Council will help. **Council approved a motion to host a family skate on Family Day**, Feb. 21, 2011, from 1-3 pm at **Servus Place**; rental cost is \$220.

Acting Treasurer's Report – Bro. Bob Clarke The Simple Accounting detail report was distributed for review. The bank balance for March 31 is \$49,612

Financial Secretary's Report – Bro. Bob Clarke We have 10 new members. We need another eight new members to reach quota.

Program and Activities – Bro. Cor de Boon **Ukrainian Night** will be on November 20, so mark your calendars. Upcoming Events: June 6 **pancake breakfast (Honour our Fathers)**; June 12 **Grand Knight Dinner** (register by June 5). Six members agreed to help **Squire Circle** with their **Rainmaker Rodeo** cleanup duties.

Golf Tournament – Bro. Bob Mackenzie Is looking for help with the council golf tournament on Aug. 28; also, if anyone has donations for the auction they would be greatly appreciated.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Bernie Arnold Exemplification held May 8 at Holy Family Parish. Please see **Bro. Bernie Arnold** if you wish to join the Fourth Degree. Meetings are at **Holy Family Parish** on the first Thursday of the month at 8 pm.

District Deputy Report – Bro. Morris Chaban The fraternal year is coming to a close and our Council has done a great job achieving many successes. The next **Major Degree** is on June 5 and as usual a car pool will be leaving the Parish at 9 a.m. Reminder that elections should be held in May and the next Semi annual audit is due in July. State Convention is May 14-16.

Grand Knight Bro. Bruno Binassi led the Council with the **Good of the Order** and in closing prayer.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor – Bro Kevin Paish Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Kevin Paish** for their insurance and investment needs. His Email is kevin.paish@kofc.org or call him at (780) 458-3936. à *With thanks to Bro. Gerald Lemke, Recording Secretary*

Our Squire Circle receives WCR coverage

The May 17 issue of **The Western Catholic Reporter** featured a story in the Knights of Columbus section on our **Squire Circle 4749**. The Squire Circle is guided by counselor and council member **Bro. John Kirk**.

Bro. John was certainly pleased to see the recognition for all the work and good that the Squires do. The article mentioned the various activities, including charitable work, of the Squires. It praised the Brother Anthony Squire Circle for its achievements ever since it was formed only a few years ago.

You can access the WCR article via Internet. à

Encourage young men to join the Squires

We encourage young men aged 12 – 17 to join the Columbian squires. **If you have any sons, nephews, grandsons or great grandsons** who you think would benefit from this outstanding program, please pass their names along to one of the following Squire counselors: **Bros. John Kirk, John Caputo, Dean Pasternak** or **Michael Clarke**.

Or visit our Squires website www.estodignus.org à

Esto Dignus!

Bro. John Kirk

Cell 780-913-1484

Register on our new website

www.brotheranthony.org/new

Brother Knights: **be sure to register on our new Brother Anthony Council website. The steps are easy:**

1. Go the website (address under the heading of this article)
2. Click on "Create new account" found on the home page (bottom left).
3. Follow the prompts.
4. You will be notified once your account is activated.

After you are registered, you may then log in using a password, and check out the new members-only sections. Be sure to note your password in a secure place in case you forget it. Register to access member only parts of the site, including "Notice Board."

Any questions? Contact our Webmaster: clicking on the Webmaster email link on the website home page. Or phone **Bro. Fred** at 780-460-2917. à

Help wanted

Regular help appreciated for blood donor clinics

Help is needed for our ever important **council-hosted blood donor clinics**, held once every two months at **Holy Family Parish Hall**. Three volunteers needed to work from 3 to 6 p.m. and three more volunteers to work from 6 to 9 p.m.

Contacts: **Bro. Clem**, tel. 780-459-7287; or **Bro. Cor** at Tel. 780-458-8259, Cell 780-918-6715 or Email cor@deboon.ca

Feed the hungry

Each month our council prepares & serves two hot meals to seniors in need at the **Operation Friendship Senior Centre** in **Edmonton**. MMeals usually prepared on a Wed. evening and delivered for noon meal the following day.

Contact: **Bro. Cor de Boon** at 780-458-8259, cell 780-918-6715 or e-mail cor@deboon.ca à

Help Squires to usher, and at activity night

Help our young leaders with ushering, only once a month at a Saturday, 5 p.m. Mass. Help is also appreciated for one activity night, about two hours, on the third Thursday of the month at a local school. Contact: **Bro. John Kirk**, (780) 913-1484. à

Be a Squire Counselor

Knights are called to work alongside young Catholic men as counselors. Help them develop their leadership skills in the parish and community. Call **Bro. John Kirk**, (780) 913-1484. à

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Knights of Columbus surprise seminarians

Does it matter that the seminary now finds itself close to downtown Edmonton and not in St. Albert anymore? Not to the Knights of Brother Anthony Council (# 10014).

Based in St. Albert, the Knights invited the seminarians back for a *seminarian appreciation banquet* this past March. Despite the increased physical distance, they haven't forgotten the seminarians.

Apart from the great reception, the wonderful food and the pleasant company, each seminarian was presented with a gift certificate, sponsored



by individual knights. After some speeches, however, the Knights presented the entire seminary community with a beautiful 55" television set by way of a housewarming gift for the new seminary building.

Grand Knight Bruno Bi-

nassi gave the seminarians perhaps the best gift of all: he thanked them for giving up everything to follow the Lord, despite all the difficulties that come across their path, and he emphasized that the Knights are there to support them in the path they have chosen!

Brother Anthony Council is featured in a story (see above) that appeared in a recent edition of the ***St. Joseph Seminary Newsletter***. The newsletter is sent to all the **Bishops/Archbishops** of Western Canada, the **Vocation Directors** for the **Western Canada dioceses** and many alumni.



State Award

First Place: Church Activity – *Supporting Our Seminarians*