



THE INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

10th Anniversary Celebration Continues

The Institute for Priestly Formation participants, staff and guests toasted to the first decade of IPF on Monday, June 28th. We gave thanks for past blessings, enjoyed present graces and looked forward in hope to the future.

The anniversary celebration will continue November 14-23 with a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Visits to historic sites, daily Mass and a Papal audience are planned. You're invited to join us! Please call 1-800-637-4279 for more information.



(From left) Asst. Director Kathy Kanavy, author Christopher West, Creighton Vice President Dr. Christine Wiseman and Asst. Director Fr. John Horn, S.J. at the anniversary banquet.

From Our Director ...

Dear Friends,

God has continued to grace the mission of the Institute for Priestly Formation! Our record number of seminarians, 107 in total, enjoyed a fruitful time of prayer and growing in God's love during this summer's program on the campus of Creighton University. We invite you to read on to learn the wonderful things the Lord has been about in the last few months.

Gratefully in the Lord,
Fr. Richard J. Gabuzda
Director

Bishops' Retreat

IPF co-founder Fr. George Aschenbrenner, S.J., led a retreat for 29 bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin in August. In September, he was the featured speaker for the convocation of priests for the Diocese of Bismarck, North Dakota. Father George's new book on the Spiritual Exercises, "*Stretched for Greater Glory: What to Expect from the Spiritual Exercises*" will be available in November from Loyola Press.

Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors

Fr. Joseph Kelly and Fr. Vinnie Fortunato, O.F.M. Cap, once again presented their professional seminar for full-time and part-time seminary spiritual directors who came this summer from the United States, Vietnam, Uganda and the Philippines. The practicum format provides the opportunity for experience in giving and receiving spiritual direction and is a forum for discussion of concerns in seminary spiritual direction.



Fr. Vinnie Fortunato, O.F.M. Cap, and Fr. Joseph Kelly, Directors of the Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors

Seminarian Program

Serra members from Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, invited IPF seminarians to Mass, dinner and a tour of Girls and Boys Town on July 17. Several IPF seminarians spent six hours per week for six weeks at Girls and Boys Town in apostolic outreach this summer. This experience provided the opportunity for the men to integrate their courses' academic discipline with personal growth in prayer and service.

Seminarians and faculty visited St. Patrick's Church in Fremont, Nebraska. They were in awe of the combined spiritual and functional creation of the beautiful church and parish center. Architects David Berringer and David Ciaccio of BCDM Architectural Firm shared their experience of the design for St. Patrick's as well as the Chapel of the Holy Family and other local churches.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola for Diocesan Priests

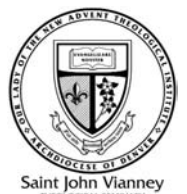
Twenty-four participants, including seminarians, priests and one bishop, joined IPF this summer for 35 days with the Lord in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Seminarians, staff and the Creighton campus were blessed to have them present at Mass and on campus during this life transforming time.

Symposium March 2005

The Fourth Symposium on the Spirituality and Identity of the Diocesan Priest "Interiority for Mission: Spiritual Formation for Priests of the New Evangelization" will be held at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary and the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Denver, Colorado, on March 3-6, 2005.

The symposium will explore the question: "How can spiritual formation be more at the heart of priestly formation?"

Please save the dates so you may join us! For more information, or to register, contact Fr. Richard Gabuzda at 402-546-6384 or ipf@creighton.edu.



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IPF Grants Highest Award to Curtiss, Ramsey & Shrier

The Institute for Priestly Formation recently granted its highest award, the medallion of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Archbishop Elden Francis Curtiss, William E. Ramsey and Betty Dineen Shrier.

Father Richard Gabuzda, director of IPF, said, "The awards were made in profound gratitude for their generous response to Mary's call to live Jesus' own life through acts of charity and lives that give witness to Christian hope."

"For 10 years, Archbishop Curtiss has offered IPF prayerful support and opened many doors so the mission of IPF could flourish. Through the Archdiocese of Omaha's Propagation of the Faith, he has made it possible to co-sponsor, along with the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus, our Ugandan brothers' participation in the Institute's programs of spiritual formation for priests and seminarians," Father Gabuzda said.

"Bill Ramsey and Betty Shrier have provided invaluable support to the Institute by encouraging Omaha and Council Bluffs Serra Clubs to help advance our ongoing mission. They have provided



Fr. John Horn, SJ, Fr. Richard Gabuzda, Betty Dineen Shrier, Archbishop Elden Francis Curtiss, William Ramsey and Kathleen Kanavy.

assistance with publicity, photography and the organization of special events."

The awards, given in the name of Our Lady of Guadalupe, honor her as the patroness of the Institute.