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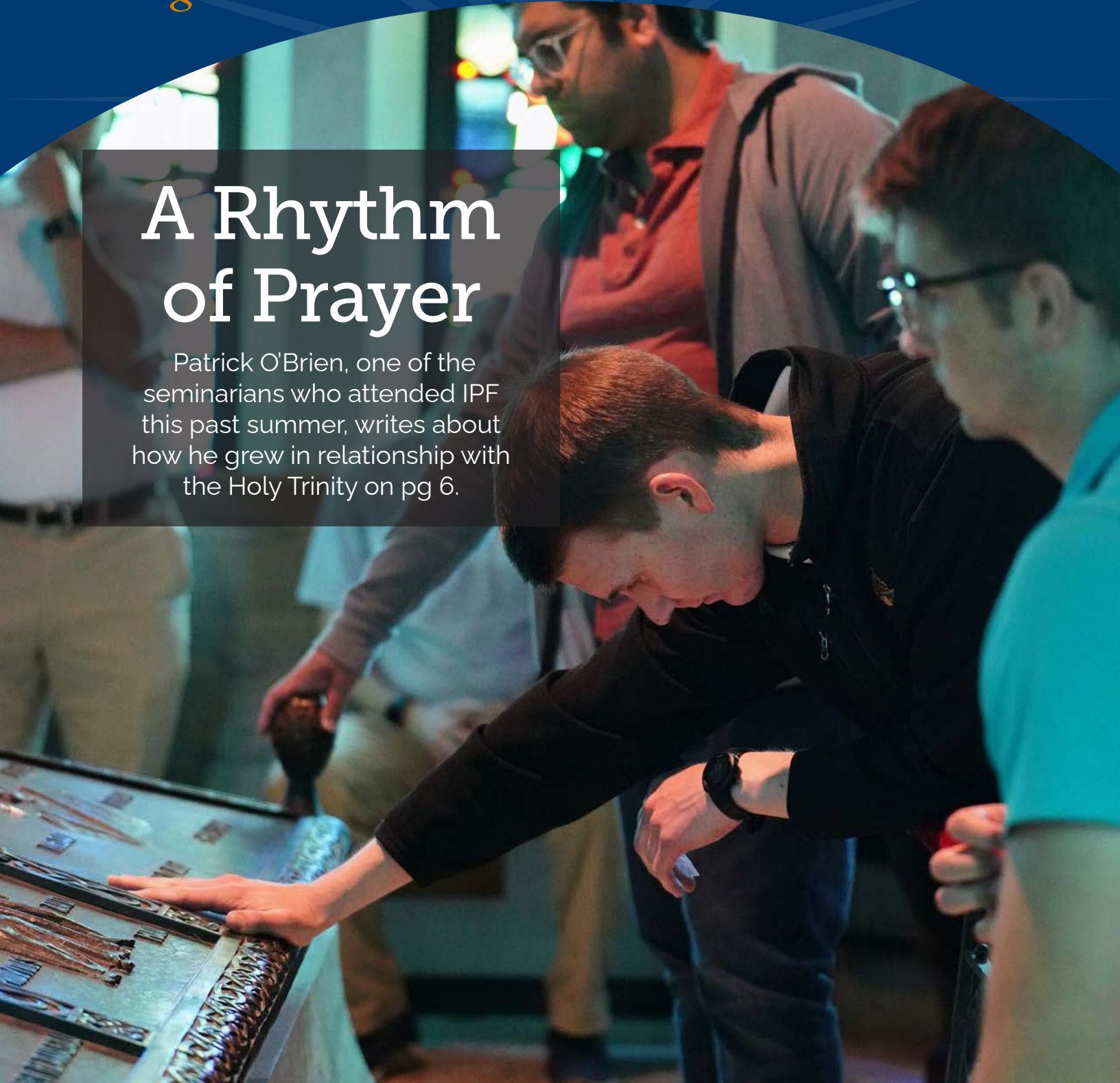
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A Rhythm of Prayer

Patrick O'Brien, one of the seminarians who attended IPF this past summer, writes about how he grew in relationship with the Holy Trinity on pg 6.





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Cover Photo:

Seminarians make a pilgrimage and visit the tomb of Servant of God Fr. Flanagan at the Boys Town Dowd Memorial Chapel of the Immaculate Conception during their summer at IPF.

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Our Mission

In collaboration with Catholic seminaries and dioceses, we form seminarians, priests, and bishops in holiness and accompany them in their ongoing spiritual growth, so they can more effectively lead others to Christ.

Our Vision

We envision a joyful and powerful renewal of holiness across the U.S. Catholic Church as more diocesan seminarians, priests, and bishops seek and commit to a personal, deep, and sustained spiritual communion with the Trinity.

Our Objectives

1. Live out our beliefs and convictions in everything we do with humility and magnanimity, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, knowing we are nothing without God.
2. Stay focused on why we exist: to serve the spiritual formation needs of diocesan seminarians, priests, bishops, and those involved in priestly formation.
3. Ensure the ongoing excellence of our programs, retreats, publications, and activities by proactively seeking input and information from others.
4. Sustain and grow funding to ensure that IPF continues its mission for generations to come.

From the IPF Executive Director:

Dear Friends,

One of our seminarians this summer mentioned to an IPF staff member that he was grateful IPF puts the summer program together “for them” (meaning solely for the benefit of the seminarians). It was quite a compliment to hear, and I am pleased to pass it along to all our IPF friends who read this magazine. Every aspect of our mission is directly related to serving the spiritual lives of seminarians (as well as the priests and bishops in our other programs). For those who have had the chance to visit Omaha during the summer and meet the seminarians, you get a chance to see how they deepen their spiritual lives and the new joy that comes from their growing encounter with Christ.

Our summer program for seminarians has been hosted on Creighton University's campus since 1995. All the details—the additional chapels we set up, the spiritual courses that are offered to seminarians, the liturgies and times of adoration, the adjunct IPF faculty and spiritual directors who travel to Omaha to assist the seminarians, the daily schedule—all things are geared toward serving the growth of the seminarian's spiritual life.

We have a simple, yet profound, mission — to accompany seminarians, priests, and bishops in their spiritual lives so they may grow in holiness. Relationships come first in all of our work at IPF. A relationship with God, relationships with our in-town staff and faculty, our adjunct staff and faculty, relationships with our participants, and with you, our friends.

Each year we have a new group of seminarians who arrive in Omaha. And each year, we have dozens of priests, deacons, and lay people on our adjunct staff who come back to Omaha (some for the past 29 years). New relationships that blend with established relationships. It reminds me of the beginning of the Church, in St. Luke's own words:

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common. (Acts 2:42-44)

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please read through IPF's Fall magazine for a look at this past summer and what lies ahead.

Gratefully,



Fr. Brian Welter,
Executive Director of IPF



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From the IPF Foundation President:



As we complete this wonderful and faith-filled summer at IPF, we look forward to numerous exciting fall activities at IPF and the IPF Foundation. We welcome Dawn Sledge, the new Events and Volunteer Coordinator, to the Foundation. Dawn comes to us from Gross High School with extensive experience in event planning

and development.

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, we held IPF's First Annual Golf Tournament, "Golf Fore IPF," at Miracle Hills Golf Course. After eighteen holes of golf, we retired to the 19th Hole – IPF's offices at 11626 Nicholas Street. Lunch was served, and several awards and prizes were distributed. A special thank you to the Gartlan Family, owners of Godfather's Pizza, for their corporate sponsorship of the first annual "Golf Fore IPF" tournament.

We look forward to numerous exciting fall activities at the IPF Foundation.

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, the IPF Chapel will be dedicated by Most Rev. George Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha. Members of the IPF Corporate Board, IPF Foundation Board, and IPF Finance & Investment Committee will also be present for the celebration.

On Sunday, October 22, 2023, IPF will host an Open House of the beautiful new office facility in Omaha from 2 to 4 p.m. Those not able to visit in person can view a virtual tour on the IPF website. Please join us in celebrating our lovely IPF headquarters. We are incredibly grateful for your generous donations that made this possible.

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Parish Center in Omaha, the IPF Foundation will present two national speakers who will talk about the life of Blessed Stanley Rother, a

priest from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Most Rev. Paul Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City, and Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, author of a biography on Fr. Stanley Rother titled "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run," will discuss the life of Blessed Stanley Rother and the shrine built in his honor. Tickets will be available online for \$35 starting in October. Wine, cheese, and assorted desserts will be served. The event will also be live-streamed.

IPF will finish the year with an Advent Morning of Reflection on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Christ the King parish. Fr. Rich Gabuzda and several other IPF staff members will provide reflections at the event. For those outside the Omaha area, a virtual Advent reflection will be available on the IPF website, provided by Fr. Josh Brown, a member of the IPF Priests of St. Joseph and a priest of the Diocese of Grand Island, Nebraska.

It has been a very exciting and spiritually revitalizing year at IPF. I am so blessed to be at IPF, working with all of you and gaining a deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Mary Buttell,
President of the IPF Foundation



Fr. Jim Rafferty helps to carry in the new chairs for the IPF Chapel when they arrive in late August.



Dawn Sledge

We Welcome Dawn to the IPF Staff

We are happy to announce the IPF Foundation is once again fully staffed, now that Dawn Sledge has joined the team as the new Events and Volunteer Coordinator. She brings her experience and joyful spirit to IPF, and we are thrilled to incorporate her ideas and talents into IPF's busy schedule of events. Learn more about her from her brief biography below.

Dawn Sledge joins the IPF Foundation after working as the Director of Special Events at Gross Catholic High School for almost ten years. She grew up in Millard, Nebraska, while it was a small town, before the boom in the early 80's. She graduated from Millard South High School and Kearney State College (now the University of Nebraska at Kearney). She met her husband, Bob, after college, and this year they celebrated thirty years of marriage. They are active members at St. Thomas More parish, where they raised their three children. A busy fall is in store for the Sledge household. Their daughter Shelby is getting married in October; Carly is in nursing school and will be graduating, and their son, Sam, a freshman at UNL, plays football for the Huskers. Dawn enjoys cooking, traveling, and entertaining family and friends.



Fr. Richard Gabuzda joyfully opens up boxes that contain kneelers for the new IPF Chapel.

Join us in October at IPF's Open House

Gracias, grazie, merci, thank you. No matter the language, we want to thank you for your prayers and financial support of the Living Stones Building Campaign. By successfully raising approximately \$3,000,000 needed to purchase and renovate the building at 11626 Nicholas Street in Omaha, Nebraska, we have finally achieved the dream of having a place for IPF's national headquarters. After 29 years of working on the mission of IPF, it is a joy to have a place to call home.

Throughout the past year and a half, we have shared updates on the progress of the building. Whether it was walls being built, a new phone system being installed, or signage erected to identify IPF as the new owner of the building, there have been many tasks completed to properly set up IPF's headquarters. We will conclude by adding finishing touches to the IPF chapel in the next few weeks. We are most grateful to an anonymous donor for the funds to build the chapel. On October 19th, when the IPF Corporate Board and IPF Foundation Board have their joint meeting, Archbishop Lucas will formally dedicate the IPF chapel.

We are pleased to invite you to an Open House celebrating IPF's building and all of those who helped make this dream possible. Join us on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the IPF offices on 11626 Nicholas Street to come and see our new space. If you are not based in the Omaha area, we will be offering a virtual tour on the IPF website, www.priestlyformation.org, with Fr. Brian Welter serving as the host and tour guide.

Come visit and rejoice with us at the many blessings given to IPF. May these graces continue to enrich the spiritual house of IPF, helping us, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, to accompany and offer formation for a more holy priesthood.

A Rhythm of Prayer During the Summer at IPF

Hearing the Father's Voice During the Silent Retreat

Written by: Patrick O'Brien, Seminarian of the Diocese of Rockville Centre



Fr. Matthew Alexander stands at the head of his classroom, teaching on "Prayer and Priestly Identity" during the second course of the summer at IPF.

One of the greatest blessings of my summer spent with the Institute for Priestly Formation was the eight-day directed silent retreat. I was initially intimidated about eight days of silence, hours of prayer each day with Scripture, and daily spiritual direction, but the voice of the Lord was so clear and gentle over the course of the retreat.

One of my biggest desires for the summer was to grow in relationship and intimacy with the Father. Over the course of the retreat, I began to grow in fellowship with the Father through moments of intimacy in prayer with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Father also revealed His Love for me through the good and holy priests whom I was surrounded by. In Romans 8, Saint Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit as the One who allows

us to call out to the Father. The thirty hours of silent prayer with Scripture over the course of the retreat allowed me to hear the Father's voice through what Jesus was speaking to me in the Gospel passages and allowed me to encounter Him and receive His affirmations in prayer that He desires for me to be a priest.

This rhythm of prayer set me up for success for the remaining seven weeks of the program as well as returning to seminary and parish life. The prayer experiences and moments of intimacy with the Holy Trinity have continued to bear fruit since our retreat, and the Lord has continued to speak to me in those Scripture verses as I look back, as He continues to call me deeper into His Heart.

During the seminarian program, IPF hosts a weekly photo contest. We've selected a few of our favorites from this summer to share here.

From the top left:

- 1) Seminarians enjoying delicious-looking ice cream treats in Omaha.
- 2) Taking a twilight walk on the Gene Leahy Mall in downtown Omaha.
- 3) An impromptu picture before the elevator doors close in the Swanson Hall dorms.
- 4) Three intrepid seminarians out exploring the cornfields in Gretna, Nebraska.
- 5) A quick selfie while lining up for the IPF seminarian group photo.
- 6) Visiting the College World Series after the silent retreat.
- 7) Praying after a soccer game on campus.
- 8) Seminarians pose with priestly vestments at Boys Town.



Blessed Stanley Rother Event on November 8th

The IPF Foundation Presents Two Speakers On November 8th, 2023 Who Will Tell the Story of Blessed Stanley Rother and Feature a Presentation on the Newly Built, Oklahoma-Based, Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine

**IPF Foundation
Purpose-Restricted Funds**

From the top left to the bottom right: 1) Blessed Stanley Rother Pre-Ordination Retreat Fund; 2) St. Joseph and Mary Seminarian Fund; 3) St. Ignatius of Loyola Spiritual Direction Training Fund; 4) St. Paul Communications and Publication Fund; 5) St. John Paul II Fund for Priests; 6) Nazareth House Fund; 7) Sacred Heart Legacy Society; 8) St. Charles Borromeo Spiritual Program for Bishops Fund

In the last publication of *Hearts on Fire Magazine*, we began the series "Why Is a Foundation Important to a Non-Profit Corporation." It is the intention of this series to introduce to you, the reader, how the IPF Foundation supports the numerous IPF programs. In the summer edition of the magazine, we introduced the Blessed Stanley Rother Pre-Ordination Retreat Fund established by the Rev. James Schwertley Estate. As a follow-up to that article, we have planned a special event to better acquaint you with Blessed Stanley Rother and, at the same time, raise money for the Pre-Ordination Retreat program.

This Blessed Stanley Rother event will take place on Wednesday evening, November 8th at 7:00 PM CST in Omaha, Nebraska at the St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Parish Center. The IPF Foundation will present two national speakers, Most Rev. Paul Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City, and Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, author of a biography on Fr. Stanley Rother titled "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run." In addition to giving witness to this heroic priest's life, the evening will feature a presentation on the fifty-million dollar shrine recently opened in the Archdiocese of

Oklahoma City, which is both a pilgrimage site and the place of Blessed Stanley's burial. Wine, cheese, and assorted desserts will be served. For those unable to attend in person, a live stream of the event will be offered. By the beginning of October, people will be able to purchase \$35 tickets for the event online. All funds raised will go to the Blessed Stanley Rother Pre-Ordination Retreat Fund to provide purpose-restricted funds for the Pre-Ordination Retreat program.

Plan to attend and learn more about Fr. Stanley Rother. Born in Okarche, Oklahoma, in 1935, Father Rother was ordained for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City but beginning in 1968, he began serving in the Archdiocese's mission in Guatemala. In the midst of a civil war in that country, he was martyred for the faith on July 28, 1981. Fr. Stanley Rother was officially recognized as a martyr by Pope Francis in 2016 – the first U.S. born priest to receive this declaration. In 2017, Fr. Rother became the first U.S. priest who was beatified by the Catholic Church. We are excited to share more about this diocesan priest, whose heart was set on fire for Christ in his service to the Church.

Applications Now Being Accepted for the Pre-Ordination Retreat

The application process for the winter Pre-Ordination Retreat is currently open. Please contact the IPF office at ipf@priestlyformation.org to obtain the password for the application if you are interested in attending the program.

Where?

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center in Faulkner, Maryland

When?

December 28, 2023 thru January 6, 2024

Registration?

The deadline for registration is November 1, 2023

Cost?

\$800 for the 8-day retreat

Applications for the 2024-2027 Spiritual Direction Training Program are now being accepted.

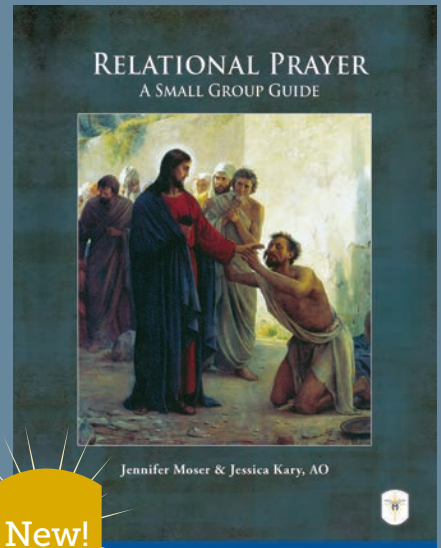
Contact the IPF Office at ipf@priestlyformation.org, and submit your application today!



"What if my priesthood was a radiation of the Father's love? What if my every day was grounded in His constant love: dependent on His generosity, His energy, His will, rather than my own? IPF doesn't make those dreams a reality,

but God does, and the IPF Spiritual Direction Training Program renews that dream in my heart, reminds me of Who can accomplish it, and restores me in the relationship with God and my brother priests, that allows me to be the priest He calls me to be."

- Fr. Dominic Rankin, current SDTP participant
Diocese of Springfield, Illinois



Relational Prayer

A Small Group Guide

By Jennifer Moser and Jessica Kary, A.O.

Relational Prayer: A Small Group Guide is a book that offers a way to start or move forward in having a closer, more personal encounter with God in prayer. The book offers both key teaching points and a plan to put into practice what we learn by praying. It is divided into six sessions, each offering clear and simple teaching, a guided prayer experience, suggestions for prayer in the coming week, and thoughtful questions for discussion.

Order online at www.ipfpublications.org

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Cost: \$14.95

Highlighting St. John Paul II Medallion Recipients

The Virtual Event Will Premiere on October 12, 2023

Getting to heaven is the ultimate desire for God's people, and it's a good thing God has given all of us help along the way!

Diocesan priests play such an important role in the salvation of our souls and our lives as Catholics. They help us grow in faith and discipleship through celebrating the sacraments and breaking open the Word in the Mass.

And while they do not desire thanks, saying "Thank You!" is one of the ways we respond to the gifts we receive from their priestly vocations.

IPF's St. John Paul II Fund for Priests and medallion program is a unique way to show gratitude for a priest's vocation and life's work. When the account for a priest reaches the \$5,000 mark, the priest receives a St. John Paul II medallion as a physical reminder of the gratitude he has inspired. These donations are also a means of support to IPF as it works to fulfill its mission of spiritual formation for bishops, priests, and seminarians.

This past year, six priests received the St. John Paul II medallion. They were Fr. Angelo Arrando, Fr. Richard Reiser, Fr. James Sampson, s.P., Fr. Robert (Rob) Scheibelhofer, Fr. Joseph L. Waters, and Fr. Charles Zach.

These recipients are from several states and have used their talents in various ways — as parish priests, judicial vicars, classroom teachers, vocation directors, organization chaplains, and more — all in an effort to live their vocation fully by sharing Christ with others.

Individuals, parish communities, organizations, and groups are responsible for the recognition of these priests. Either working together or independently, they chose to express appreciation for one or more of the recipients' vocations by donating to this special IPF fund in that priest's name.

These people made a decision to offer a truly meaningful "Thank You!" and a choice to invest in the Church of tomorrow. The beautiful, bronze St. John Paul II medallion serves as a visible reminder of heartfelt thanks, and the donation to IPF in the priest's name supports the Institute's many programs that aid the spiritual formation of clergy.

Is there a parish priest, a former pastor, a priest spiritual director, or a teacher you would like to thank? Consider showing your gratitude through the St. John Paul II Fund for Priests and medallion program. Contact Beth Wells, bwells@priestlyformation.org, for information on how this can be done.

Join us on the IPF website
for the St. John Paul II
Virtual Event on October
12th, 2023.



Fr. Robert Scheibelhofer and the IPF Schola Choir pose for a photo after Fr. Scheibelhofer receives his JP II medallion at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish.



From the top left: Fr. Charles Zach thanks all those who gave to his St. John Paul II Fund as a way of celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

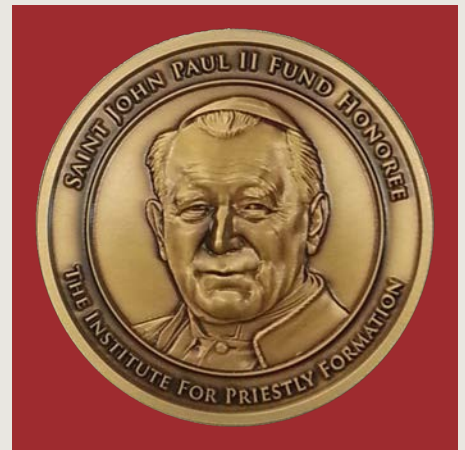
Fr. Joseph Waters receives his medallion from Bishop Gregory Parkes.

The St. John Paul II medallion.

Fr. Angelo Arrando poses for his official photo, courtesy of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Sally Sampson holds a St. John Paul II medallion given in memory of her brother, Fr. James Sampson, s.P.

Jim Wingender and Mary Buttell present Fr. Richard Reiser with his JP II medallion.





Reflection Options for Advent from IPF

As we approach the end of the year and the liturgical season of Advent, IPF is preparing two reflection opportunities for those who wish to spend some time in prayer and contemplation.

At the beginning of Advent, on December 3rd, IPF will release a meditation from one of the IPF Priests of St. Joseph, Fr. Josh Brown. His talk will be available throughout the season of Advent on the IPF website. It can be used by individuals or played for small groups who wish to receive spiritual encouragement and nourishment during the holy season of Advent.

For those in the Omaha area, we will be having the IPF Advent Morning of Reflection on Saturday, December 9th. We will be at Christ the King parish, starting with Mass in the Church at 8:15 a.m. After Mass, a light breakfast will be served in the parish center. Fr. Richard Gabuzda will offer the main presentation, and there will also be opportunities for prayer and reflection.

We hope these possibilities provide everyone a chance to deepen their encounter with Christ in the liturgical season of Advent!

Praying on Pilgrimage with IPF

Have you ever desired to visit the holy sites in Rome as well as Assisi? And have you hoped for a faith-filled group of fellow travelers that would truly make the visit a pilgrimage and not merely a tour?

Join IPF in November 2024 as we celebrate our thirtieth anniversary. Daily Mass and visits to many of the most important pilgrimage sites will be offered in a schedule that allows time for prayerful reflection with hotels conveniently located in the center of Rome and Assisi (our accommodations in Rome will be about a five-minute walk to St. Peter's Square!).

We will be limited to thirty participants. We already have sixteen committed pilgrims who will be joining us. If interested, please contact our office and we'll send/email you the application form. And don't forget to check the date on your passport. Renewing your passport currently requires a timeline of several months.



Friends Night 2023



For the first time in its history, Friends Night was **not** held at St. John's Church on Creighton's campus due to extensive construction this summer. Instead, Fr. Pietramale graciously hosted our IPF event at Christ the King parish, where he serves as pastor. We were able to have the Holy Hour of Adoration in the Church, while the mingling between Spiritual Moms and sons took place in the parish center.

As always, Friends Night was a beautiful night of worship, prayer, socializing, and laughter! The joy of the evening was palpable as Spiritual Moms and seminarian sons met in person for the first time. The seminarian testimonials given by Jake Donnay, of the Diocese of Orlando, and Jack Morris, from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, truly moved our hearts. At the end of the evening's program, the seminarians sang the "Salve Regina" with deep reverence and gentleness.

This event could not happen without the help of many people. A heartfelt thank you is offered to Lisa Goldsmith, coordinator of the Spiritual Moms prayer apostolate. We also express our gratitude to the many volunteers who helped behind the scenes to make Friends Night a warm and welcoming event.

The next Spiritual Moms registration period will open up in April of 2024.

Hearing From New Spiritual Moms

"My first summer as a spiritual mom for the IPF summer program proved to be such a gift! At the start of summer, I placed a sticker with the name of my seminarian 'son' Patrick on my car window as a reminder to pray for him daily. Meeting him in person at the conclusion of the program, I had the privilege of hearing about significant graces that he received, especially during the 8-day retreat portion of the summer. He was convinced the spiritual moms ministry had a lot to do with the 'dome of grace' that was experienced under the protection of these prayers."

- Mollie

"As a spiritual mom to seminarian Moses Castro, my daily prayer for him was clear discernment of God's will for his life. That peace and God's love would envelop him in his daily spiritual walk. As I prayed a daily Hail Mary for him, I prayed for guidance in his journey - that he felt the presence of the angels and the saints. When I met him during Friends Night, I sensed his joyous acceptance of God's calling. He felt renewed by the time spent in Omaha. What a gift!"

- Kelly





How Can You Share Your Talents with IPF?

Join us on an exciting journey as an IPF volunteer by facilitating events that inspire, empower, and leave a mark on our IPF community. With your help, we can make a difference and highlight God's power as we come together for a common cause. IPF's mission, working in collaboration with Catholic seminaries and dioceses to form seminarians, priests, and bishops in holiness and accompany them in their ongoing spiritual growth, so they can more effectively lead others to Christ, requires the time and dedication of individuals who desire to support the work of IPF and the priests, seminarians, and bishops who are impacted by IPF's programs.

Your time, prayers, and talents are needed in numerous ways. Consider helping with data entry, mailings, invitations, or helping to prepare packets for IPF programs. We also need many hands and strong backs to help with a variety of setups throughout

the year, whether it's for an event like our *Hearts on Fire* dinner, the IPF golf tournament, the IPF Lenten and Advent Mornings of Reflection, or preparing the resident halls at Creighton University for the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians. Those who can offer the gift of their prayer can become a spiritual mom, praying for one or many of the seminarians who come to IPF each summer. Maybe you'd like to help by hosting a coffee get-together to let more people learn about IPF or are even considering applying to become a board member.

Your time and dedication can truly transform lives. Get ready to be a part of something extraordinary - join us as a volunteer today! Contact Dawn Sledge, the Events and Volunteer Coordinator, at 531-272-8498 or by email at dsledge@priestlyformation.org for a more comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities and become part of the IPF mission.



Dedication of the IPF Chapel

Our office chapel will be dedicated by Archbishop George Lucas, of the Archdiocese of Omaha, after our board meetings on October 19th. The out-of-town members of both of our boards (the IPF Corporate Board, and the IPF Foundation Board) as well as some benefactors will be present as we give thanks to God for our chapel and our office.

Celebrating Mass together in the office is a high point of our workday. The work of IPF continues because it is the Lord's work, and being able to celebrate the Eucharist keeps our focus on Christ and how He desires IPF to continue to serve the needs of the Church. It is a small moment each day (unless the priests on staff are traveling on mission, which is often) for IPF to present our needs and discernments before the Lord and to commend to Him everything we have been given.

Getting on the Green with the "Golf Fore IPF" Tournament

On Thursday, September 14th, 2023, IPF celebrated its first golf tournament, "Golf Fore IPF," which was sponsored by Godfather's Pizza. Golfers arrived between 8 and 8:45 a.m. to sign-in, before teeing off at 9 a.m. Eighteen holes of golf ensued, with a handful of games throughout the course to test the skills of each golfer. Fr. Brian Welter, Fr. Richard Gabuzda, and Fr. Jim Rafferty were on hand to provide blessings, and Mary Buttell enjoyed chatting with each foursome as she drove around the course on a golf cart.

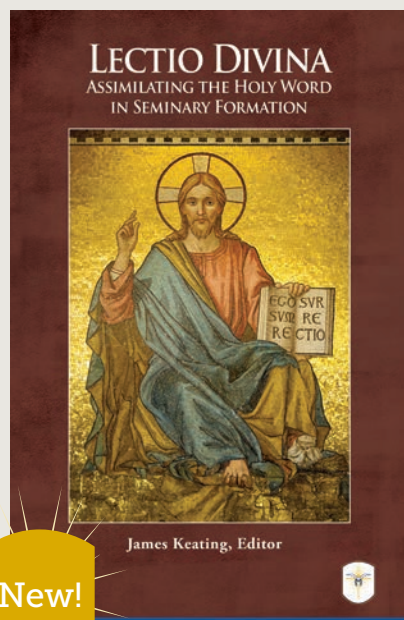
After the golfing concluded, everyone adjourned to the 19th hole — located at the IPF offices. Lunch was served, and pin prizes were presented to those who had performed exceptionally well on the golf course. It was wonderful to see everyone come together in support of IPF, and offer their "best shot", by providing donations to boost the strength of IPF's mission.

Along with other IPF events, the goal of "Golf Fore IPF" is to provide opportunities for everyone to offer their assistance and bolster IPF's annual fund. By drawing people into a closer relationship with IPF, we hope to encourage a growing number of people to learn about and share the work of IPF with others. We're thrilled with the success of this event and look forward to discovering how we can continue to serve priests, seminarians, and bishops as they are drawn ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Golf Fore IPF



Event Title Sponsor:



Lectio Divina: Assimilating the Holy Word in Seminary Formation

Edited By Deacon James Keating

This book examines how the ancient practice of *lectio divina* can and should be a vital part of seminary formation. Those who are studying to be priests will form a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God through a commitment to such prayer. This way of prayerfully reading the Bible has been endorsed by the US Bishops in their documents on priestly formation and by papal writings.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ▶ October 8-13 (17*), 2023
Spiritual Direction Training Program, Sec. B
Mundelein Seminary, IL
- ▶ October 12, 2023
St. John Paul II Event
Virtual Event on the IPF website
- ▶ October 19, 2023 (Morning)
IPF Corporate Board Meeting
- ▶ October 19, 2023 (Afternoon)
Joint Meeting with IPF Corporate and IPF Foundation Board
- ▶ October 19, 2023
IPF Chapel Dedication and Mass
IPF Offices, Omaha, NE
- ▶ October 20, 2023 (Morning)
IPF Foundation Board Meeting
- ▶ October 22, 2023
IPF Open House: 2 to 4 p.m.
IPF Offices, Omaha, NE
- ▶ November 6-13, 2023
Alumni Retreat
Cenacle of Divine Providence, Clearwater, FL
- ▶ November 8, 2023
Blessed Stanley Rother Speaker Event
St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha, NE
- ▶ November 11, 2023
Bishops Advisory Council Meeting
- ▶ December 9, 2023
Advent Morning of Reflection
Christ the King Parish, Omaha, NE
- ▶ December 28, 2023 - January 6, 2024
Pre-Ordination Retreat
Loyola on the Potomac Retreat Center, Faulkner, Maryland