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From the Rector

Dear Alumni and Friends,

A priest often will testify that the most formative time of his life was his years in seminary, and that the people who formed him most were those who accompanied him during that time. Knowing the truth of this, both from personal experience and my work in seminary formation, deepens my gratitude to the priests and professors of the Josephinum.

As we strive to form holy, generous, adaptable, and resilient priests, they themselves display those traits on a daily basis, rising to every occasion not just without complaint but even with joy and hope.

Our priests and professors, as well as our seminarians and staff, share the sentiment that this past year was the most “normal” one we have had at the Josephinum since 2019. No one at that time imagined what the following years would bring: a renewal of our formation program; a global pandemic; and a new governing document for seminaries in the United States. These years have been an enormous amount of work but also an exceptional example of shared governance. We have a revised and approved constitution, renewed mission statement, updated strategic plan, new operational plan, and revised by-laws for most committees. Every faculty and staff member was invited to offer input on these projects, reflecting our commitment to mission as a shared endeavor.

You are part of this “shared endeavor,” one that makes an impact both in this present world and the next. The seminarians you support will, as priests, minister into the 2080s, to people who will live well into the 22nd century. This newsletter illustrates what you make possible at the Josephinum and for the future of our Church, especially the ordinations of our seminarians and alumni – the realization of our mission made possible only by God’s grace and your prayerful support.

The summer months bring time to pause and reflect, so that we may return this fall refreshed and renewed, with insight and energy to continue in our vital work. As with every year, there will be both challenges and opportunities; I am confident we will respond to both of them and, in the end, form future priests to serve God and His Church with fidelity, love, and courage.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau, STD
Rector/President
The Newly-Ordained from the House of Joseph

With praise and thanks to Almighty God, we rejoice in the ordination of these seminarians and alumni to the Order of Deacon or Order of Presbyter in 2023. Please remember them in prayer as they experience the graces of their new ministries in their parish or summer assignments.

ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Diocese of Arlington
Father Jonathan (Tony) Bennett PT’19
Father Stanley (Luke) Poczatek C’18
June 3

Diocese of Birmingham
Father J. Daniel Sessions C’18
June 24

Diocese of Charlotte
Father Chukwunonso Nnebe-Agumadu PT’19
June 17

Diocese of Covington
Father Michael Elmlinger C’19
June 2

Diocese of Joliet
Father Jeremy Leganski PT’19
Father Frank Pusateri PT’19
May 20

Diocese of Nashville
Father Augustine Pau Mang PT’20
May 27

Diocese of Ogdensburg
Father Lukas H. Gruber T’23
May 27

Order of Preachers
Father Dominic Mary (Tyler) Koester, OP C’15
May 20

ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE

Diocese of Phoenix
Father Miguel Solis C’18
June 3

Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Father Cameron Degani T’23
May 27

Diocese of Youngstown
Father Frederick Schlueter C’16
June 17

Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Deacon Jeremy Stubbs ‘14
April 29

Diocese of Columbus
Deacon Tyler Carter T3
Deacon Michael Haemmerle T3
Deacon David Johnstone T3
May 5

Diocese of Jefferson City
Deacon Christopher Hoffmann T3
June 3

Diocese of Ogdensburg
Deacon Carter Pierce C’20
Deacon Douglas Schirmer C’20
May 27

ON THE COVER: L-r: Deacon Christopher Hoffmann (Jefferson City) was ordained to the diaconate by The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight T’94 (Bishop of Jefferson City and Josephinum Board member) on June 3. Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau, Rector/President, represented the Josephinum at the ordination. Photo by The Catholic Missourian.

Left: Three Josephinum seminarians were ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Columbus on May 5. Pictured are (l-r): Deacon Michael Haemmerle, Deacon Tyler Carter, Bishop Earl Fernandes (Bishop of Columbus and Josephinum Vice-Chancellor), Father Steven Beseau (Rector/President); and Deacon David Johnstone. Photo by Ken Snow.


Opposite, bottom: Father Michael Elmlinger C’12 receives the Laying on of Hands from The Most Reverend John Iffert, Bishop of Covington and Josephinum Board member. Photo by Laura Keener.

Bottom right: Father Cameron Degani T’23 (back row, center) was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on May 27. Also pictured in the back row: Father Michael Niemczak C’12, Director of Vocations (far left); Father Dale Meade T’15 (far right); Father David Schalk C’04 of the Columbus diocese (second from right); and Father Marek Kasperczuk, Josephinum Coordinator of Sacred Liturgy (third from right).
I was born and raised in Uganda, in a Catholic family. We lived near a small mission church, so we could not have a priest every Sunday, only occasionally. Whenever the priest came, the church could get packed. Children gave their seats to the elders and sat on mats in the sanctuary near the priest. Being so close to the priest and the altar, little did I know, would radically impact my life.

One Sunday morning during Mass, it came time for the consecration and everyone knelt—everyone apart from the priest. This was amazing to me; I did not know why only one man stood when everyone else knelt. Later, I asked my mom, who explained the reason. I could not comprehend it at that time, but I told her I wanted to be like the priest.

In the days that followed, my family started calling me “Father Muto” (Young Priest). I liked it whenever someone called me that, so I always acted as the priest in the games we played as children. I remember making a chalice from clay; it is still at home as my mom has kept it since.

Throughout elementary school, I continued to tell my mom that I wanted to be a priest. When I finished my elementary studies, I joined a high school seminary. I will always remember February 4, 2011. As the sun rose, ready to greet a new day, so did I; sleep was not part of God’s plan for me that night as I kept thinking about the seminary. I felt happiness but also trepidation.

I spent six years in high school seminary; the formation there helped me understand who a priest is and what is required of him. I then had to make a more mature decision to continue with higher ecclesiastical studies. I spent my vacation asking the Lord about it and kept hearing a voice deep in my heart telling me to enter college seminary.

After college seminary, in 2020, I was sent to do a pastoral year in a parish, where the pastor and other priests continued to help me in my discernment. This year was one of the most pivotal times in my journey of pursuing the priesthood. After my pastoral year, I was asked by my bishop to continue my studies at the Josephinum, where I began in fall 2022. My time here has been invaluable in shedding light on the meaning of the priestly vocation. The entire Josephinum community has made me feel the presence of God in my life, and I am blessed to be here.
It is an honor and blessing to be in front of all of you today. It is a special day here at the Pontifical College Josephinum! We are officially entering a new chapter in our lives.

In my four years here at the Josephinum, it has been an honor to see good, holy priests and model after them. It has been an honor to have so many philosophical discussions at the refectory tables, sometimes coming out even more lost than in Doc. D's class! But truly, I am constantly reminded that I am surrounded by people I can call brothers.

I also want to express my gratitude to the formation team at the Josephinum. We have seen the fiery love that they have for the Lord. I pray that we, too, may continue to be deeply in love with our Lord, to always surrender our will to the Lord to be obedient to Him.

To my graduating brothers: Although I would like to say we have "made it," in reality this is only the beginning. Those graduating from the College of Liberal Arts, Pre-Theology Program, or Undergraduate Pre-Theology Program will be moving on to major seminary. There is still much work and prayer ahead of us. But, if we remain faithful to God and keep finding that inner existence in Him, we should be on the road to sanctity.

Remember, we can do nothing without the Lord. No matter where we go, may the people we meet, whether in our parish assignments or with family and friends, see a man who is truly walking with the Lord. Thank you all, and may God give us this grace. Viva Cristo Rey!

The newest alumni of the House of Joseph:
Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Jake Belanger (Gaylord)
Cameron Degani (Santa Fe)
Lukas Gruber (Ogdensburg)
Adam Hayden (Fathers of Mercy)
Venes Laine (Ogdensburg)
Hunter Limbaugh (Birmingham)
Dennis Ombongi (Ogdensburg)
Frank Perrotta (Joliet)
Carlos Pichardo (Harrisburg)
Eric Ruiz (Oakland)
Adam Sellers (Birmingham)
Joshua Solarz (Joliet)
Snapshots of Seminary Life

Clockwise from top left:

The Ohio Knights of Columbus State Convention was held in downtown Columbus in late May. Many of the Knights and their guests signed up for a short bus ride north to enjoy tours of the Josephinum led by staff and faculty members and our hospitality ambassadors.

Members of The Jessing Society – individuals who have included the Josephinum as a beneficiary in their estate plans – joined our seminarians and priests on May 2 for Morning Prayer and Mass in Saint Turibius Chapel, enjoyed breakfast with them in the Refectory, then listened to a keynote presentation by Father Brett Brannen, a nationally-recognized spiritual director, author, and retreat master.

Deacon Lukas Gruber (Ogdensburg) reads the Gospel during Mass on Saint Joseph Day.

It wouldn’t be spring at the Josephinum without the annual softball tournament! At the diamond are (l-r): Eric Ruiz (Oakland); Michael Rhatican (Columbus); Ben Van Buren (Columbus); Br. Zachery Feldker, CPM (Fathers of Mercy); and Gabe Kube (Cincinnati).

Alumni Liaison Mr. Michael Fry T’85 is congratulated by Father Beseau for 25 years of service to the Josephinum. Also recognized for milestone anniversaries of service on Saint Joseph Day were: Mr. Sam Dean, Registrar (10 years); Miss Tracy Becker, Receptionist (15 years); Mr. Doug Nicholson, Plant Operations (20 years); and Mrs. Arminda Crawford, Administrative Assistant/Admissions Coordinator (25 years). The Saint Joseph Award was presented to Mr. John Erwin; Miss Becker was named Employee of the Year.
The recently published 6th edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Program of Priestly Formation (2022), the guiding document for Roman Catholic seminaries in the United States, calls seminaries to move away from the exclusive use of academic terms to mark the progress of seminarians and move toward terms more inclusive of all dimensions of formation. The new terminology refers to stages of formation, namely: Propaedeutic Stage, Discipleship Stage, Configuration to Christ Stage, and Vocational Synthesis Stage. As these new terms will begin to make their way into many of the Josephinum’s communications, a brief explanation is offered here.

What has been described previously as the formation program for seminarians in the College of Liberal Arts and the Pre-Theology Program is coterminous with the Propaedeutic and Discipleship Stages. A diocesan-sponsored seminarian who is a student in the College of Liberal Arts is considered to be first in the Propaedeutic Stage and then in the Discipleship Stage until he receives his bachelor’s degree. The Configuration to Christ Stage comprises men in the first three years of the School of Theology. Men in their final year of study before priestly ordination are said to be in the Vocational Synthesis Stage and dedicate much of their time to pastoral ministry in a parish setting.

The reformulation of terms is not the establishment of a new program, nor does it call for a substantive change to formation and education. Academics remain essential, but they are to be seen as one aspect of the intellectual dimension of formation, which is held in concert with the human, spiritual, and pastoral dimensions. While this has been the understanding of seminaries for decades, the new terminology is used to bring greater clarity to avoid compartmentalization and better integrate all four dimensions.
It has been an exciting year for the Josephinum Diaconate Institute! From its humble beginnings of providing ongoing formation for deacons in the late 2000s, the JDI has grown to become a recognized leader in its mission to form deacon candidates and deacons for service to the Church.

This year has seen the addition of seven cohorts of men from dioceses around the United States who are in formation to become deacons. Some of these dioceses are taking advantage of the JDI’s Spanish language programming, allowing non-English speaking candidates to receive their formation in their native language.

Along with the growth in participation, the JDI has embarked on a journey to modernize the technology used to deliver our online programming. Coming this fall, students will see improved usability and a new student information system. In addition, we will be implementing a collaboration platform to allow deacons from around the world to communicate, find others with similar ministry interests, and have access to ongoing formation programming to support them in their specific ministries.

Each summer, the JDI holds a seminar on a topic related to diaconal and pastoral ministry. These seminars are open to everyone; we especially encourage participation from deacons, priests, and lay pastoral leaders from throughout the Church. This year’s Summer Pro Seminar was held June 9-11, 2023. Our featured speaker was Father Matthew Schneider, LC, author of God Loves the Autistic Mind: Prayer Guide for Those on the Spectrum and Those Who Love Us.
From the Advancement Office

A very special “thank you” to all Josephinum alumni, parents, friends, and ambassadors who gave so generously throughout 2022-2023 with constant prayers, gifts, and active service. For the first time in many years, we raised nearly $1 million in unrestricted gifts for annual operations and reached an all-time record high at our signature fundraising event. It cannot be overstated: Your support makes a difference! As the fiscal year closes, please join us in reflecting on the many ways we connected and worked together to support the House of Joseph this year. We cannot thank you enough.

Alumni Relations
- Alumni Days
- Jessing Alumnus of the Year Awards to Father Robert Gonzalez T’78 and Mr. Jason Shanks T’07
- Alumni Class Notes
- Necrology of Ordained Alumni
- Recognition of Father Jeffrey Rimelspach C’79, Good Shepherd Award Recipient

Community Presence & Recognition
- An Evening with the Seminarians at Plank’s Cafe
- Rector’s Circle Reception
- Catholic Men’s Conference Representation
- Catholic Women’s Conference Representation
- Recognition of Ms. Ginger West, COG, Pope Leo XIII Award Recipient
- Spring Tour Day
- The Jessing Society Lauds, Mass, and Breakfast
- Knights of Columbus Tours

Fundraising Appeals
- House of Joseph Fall Appeal
- Advent Appeal
- Christmas Appeal
- Saint Joseph Day Spring Appeal
- Saint Joseph Day Phonathon
- Good Shepherd Dinner
- Monsignor Paul J. Langfeld Boardroom Renovation
- Saint Joseph Chapel HVAC Project

Also this past year, the estate giving section of our website (pcj.mylegacygift.org) was enhanced with gift-planning toolkits, calculators, and the latest in tax code changes. The Jessing Letter bulletin and The Jessing Society’s annual gathering both returned after a lengthy hiatus. Members of our reinvigorated Rector’s Circle donor recognition society attended the fall Rector’s Circle Reception, Advent Lessons & Carols, and a special dinner in conjunction with the Laghi Chair Lecture. Two issues of the Josephinum Times were mailed, and a new publication - In Between the Times - was very well-received. The Josephinum Post e-newsletter was sent regularly, and the Necrology of Ordained Alumni and Class Notes were mailed to alumni in December.

Lastly, if you do not already do so, please follow our daily posts to Facebook and Instagram and periodic posts to LinkedIn. These outlets are a great way to stay connected to the House of Joseph.

Thank you, one and all, for making 2022-2023 a tremendous year for the Josephinum!
Signature Fundraiser Exceeds Goal
2023 Good Shepherd Dinner

Thanks be to God and to our sponsors, advertisers, contributors, and faithful friends, our 2023 Good Shepherd Dinner signature fundraising event was a phenomenal success. Raising more than $300,000, it exceeded our goal by 72% and was the most successful fundraiser in Josephinum history.

It was a night to remember, with special toasts, inspiring choir performances, an exceptional keynote address, and the presentation of the two highest honors bestowed by the Josephinum. The Good Shepherd Award was given to Reverend Jeffrey Rimelspach, a 1979 Josephinum alumnus, former Board member, and current pastor of Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish in the Columbus diocese. Columbus Saint Patrick parishioner Ms. Ginger West, a longtime member of the Serra Club of North Columbus and the Friends of the Josephinum, received the Pope Leo XIII Award.

Thank you once again to all who had a hand in the success of this amazing event. Please save the date for next year’s Good Shepherd Dinner on April 15, 2024. Together we can continue to further the Josephinum’s mission to form holy, generous, adaptable, and resilient priests for the 21st century.
Clockwise from top left:
Dinner emcees and Good Shepherd Dinner Host Couple, Dr. Rama and Mrs. Anne Mallampalli.

Seated at the head table are (l-r): Deacon Cameron Degani (Santa Fe); Reverend Timothy Hayes; Reverend Jeffrey Rimelspach; Most Reverend Richard Henning, Bishop of Providence and Josephinum Board member; Very Reverend Steven Beseau, Rector/President; Most Reverend Earl Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus and Josephinum Vice-Chancellor; Ms. Ginger West and her son, Mr. Frank Pollina; and Deacon Lukas Gruber (Ogdensburg).

L-r: Mr. John Sauer ’79, Guy Gallo ’79 and his wife, Mrs. Laurie Gallo, and Father Jeffrey Rimelspach ’79. John, Guy, and Father Rimelspach entered the College of Liberal Arts together in fall 1975.

Guests were invited to join The Josephinum Choir in singing “Come Christians, Join to Sing,” “Regina Caeli,” and “Sancte Joseph.” The choir is directed by Dr. Jason Keefer, Director of Sacred Music.

Most Reverend Earl Fernandes, Vice Chancellor; Reverend Jeffrey Rimelspach, Good Shepherd Award recipient; Ms. Ginger West, Pope Leo XIII Award recipient; and Very Reverend Steven Beseau, Rector/President.

Bishop Earl Fernandes presents the 2023 Good Shepherd Dinner keynote address.
Architect’s Work Conserved Through Library Grant

Two sketchbooks containing drawings and illustrations by Josephinum architect Francis A. Ludewig, gifted to us by his family in years past, have undergone a professional conservation process. The project was funded by a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, awarded by the State Library of Ohio.

“These one-of-a-kind works are significant for their beauty and include drawings from throughout Ludewig’s architectural career,” said Mrs. Beverly Lane, Director of Library Services. Documentation indicates that the drawings were created during Ludewig’s time as an architecture student in Holland as well as in his retirement years.

In partnership with the Ohio Preservation Council, the State Library of Ohio awarded over $41,000 in Library Services and Technology Act Preservation and Conservation Grants to nine Ohio libraries to fund conservation of historical objects in the libraries’ collections. The goal of the grant initiative is to enable libraries to conserve a single item or preserve a small discrete group of items within their collections.

The hope of having the conserved sketchbooks displayed in the library on the Josephinum's spring Tour Day was realized; the books were a great tie-in for visitors interested in the architectural significance of the Josephinum. The display also featured Ludewig’s rendering of the Josephinum’s main building, construction photographs, and his viewbook of the building prior to the installation of any fixtures or furnishings. “The display was a great reminder to us that this beautiful structure was once only a vision,” said Mrs. Lane. “Through the dedication and hard work of many, the 1931 Josephinum building became a reality.”
Alumni Spotlight

Father Andrew Umberg C’86

With early aspirations of a profession in the restaurant industry, Father Andrew Umberg completed high school in Cincinnati, Ohio, and immediately began culinary school. Persistent thoughts of the priesthood, however, soon led him to change course. “I knew that I would be untrue to my faith if I did not do what I thought the Lord was calling me to do,” he reflected, in a 2019 interview with the National Catholic Register.

After completing formation at the Josephinum and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati, he was ordained on June 1, 1991. For the next 32 years, he would weave both culinary and artistic talent into his priestly ministry.

Well-known in the archdiocese for his kitchen skills, “Dinner by Father Umberg” is often an item up for auction at parish fundraisers and festivals. He also has appeared many times on The Chef You and I, a streamed television program featuring chefs and ordinary cooks, both local and around the world. The recorded shows continue to attract viewers on YouTube.

Father Umberg has utilized his artistic creativity at the parishes he has pastored, to draw others closer to Christ and the liturgy. Inspired by the antependia (decorations covering altar fronts) he saw while studying in Rome in the late 1990s, he and a parishioner at Saint William Church (Cincinnati) made a collection of antependia representing the major Church feasts and liturgical seasons. “They tell the liturgical theology, they’re not just decorations,” he told The Cincinnati Enquirer in 2014. “I think they help bring people into the mysteries we’re celebrating and help them connect more with the liturgy.”

The Year of Saint Joseph in 2021 motivated Father Umberg and parishioners at Saint Joseph Church (North Bend) to create “The Life of Saint Joseph” for the church gathering space. Five 4’ x 8’ panels – made entirely of wood, cardboard, fabric, glue, staples, and nails – depict scenes from the life of Saint Joseph. “We were happy with the final result,” he said. “Regular church-goers and visitors still stop to look at the artwork and meditate on the life of Saint Joseph.”

Currently, Father Umberg is pastor of six churches, including Church of the Assumption in Cincinnati. “I am a Catholic boy from a big family who tried to avoid a call to the priesthood by being a chef, but then gave in,” he said, introducing himself there in 2022. “This August it will be 40 years since I entered the seminary at age 19. On June 1, I celebrated my 31st anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. It is great to be here at this time in my life!”

An image from “The Life of Saint Joseph,” artwork created by Father Andrew Umberg C’86 and parishioners of Saint Joseph Church in North Bend, OH. Read more about the collection at stjosephnorthbend.com/year-of-st-joseph.

Father Andrew Umberg
Photo: Saint Clare Parish, Cincinnati.
Seminarians Supported by the Legacy of “Father Joe”

Affectionately known as “Father Joe,” Monsignor Joseph Schumacher ’57 had a special place in his heart for his alma mater and the bonds he had with her were many. He sustained lifelong friendships with his classmates, staying in touch and attending every reunion he was able. Throughout the 1980s, he contributed to the governance of the Josephinum as a valued and respected member of the Board of Trustees. He also joined The Jessing Society, helping to ensure the formation of future generations of “Joss men” by including the seminary in his estate plan.

Born in Independence, KS, on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19, 1932, Joseph Schumacher lived a majority of his youth in Fort Worth, TX, with his parents and siblings. After two years of college preparatory studies in Amarillo, he arrived at the Josephinum in 1947, where he finished high school and then remained for college and graduate study.

Following his ordination for the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth on May 25, 1957, Father Schumacher served for 60 years as assistant pastor, pastor, chancellor, vicar general, secretary to the bishop, and college campus minister. His administrative work in the diocese was supported by his doctoral degree in sacred theology, completed at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 1967.

After a full life dedicated to the priesthood, Father Joe retired in 2006 and went home to the Lord 12 years later, on the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1. The considerable gift he left to the Josephinum is a blessing for which we – and the seminarians who are the beneficiaries of his generosity – are truly thankful.

Oval of Honor recipients Arminda and George Crawford with their eldest son, LTC Matt Crawford, Army National Guard. Mrs. Crawford joined the staff of the Josephinum in 1998 and currently serves as Admissions Coordinator and the Administrative Assistant in the College of Liberal Arts.

Mr. & Mrs. Crawford Receive Oval of Honor Award

Congratulations to staff member Mrs. Arminda Crawford and her husband, George, who were selected as recipients of the 2023 Ford Oval of Honor in Columbus. The award is bestowed annually upon local veterans by the Central Ohio Ford Dealers in recognition of their service to our country.

Arminda was a member of the Women’s Army Corps from 1966-68, serving as a platoon sergeant and Communications Center specialist. She and George, a Vietnam veteran, became actively involved in the Catholic War Veterans in 2000; Arminda has served in many capacities on local and state levels. In 2015, she was elected to a two-year term as National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States, the first woman ever to be elected to the position.

Arminda and George learned of their 2023 Oval of Honor induction from John Clairmonte, Senior Account Manager iHeartMedia US. “The Central Ohio Ford Dealers would like to thank you for your brave service to America,” he said. “We are proud to honor you for your service to your country, defending the freedom of all that reside in it and ‘going above and beyond’ the call of duty.”

The Oval of Honor ceremony was held in conjunction with the Independence Day celebration in Columbus on July 3. Arminda, George and eight other veterans were presented with their awards, then served as Official Grand Marshals in the Red, White and Boom Ford Oval of Honor Parade in downtown.

Alumni Directory
Access to the new Alumni Directory was made available in May through an email to all alumni for whom we have a valid email address. Didn’t get an email? Reach out to Michael Fry T’85 at mfry@pcj.edu.

Directories such as these are always works in progress. We welcome updates, corrections and additions! Please keep in touch using any of these methods:

- Online: apps.pcj.edu/alumni-update-form
- Email: alumni@pcj.edu or mfry@pcj.edu
- U.S. Mail: Office of Advancement, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43235
Monsignor John A. Regoli
Diocese of Greensburg
Ordained May 21, 1961
Died April 28, 2023

John Regoli of New Kensington, PA, born to Bruno and Louise (Rivi) Regoli on October 22, 1935, first arrived at the Josephinum as a youth in 1949. The seminary was his home for the next 12 years, during which he completed high school, college, and major seminary. After his 1961 ordination in Saint Turibius Chapel, Father Regoli continued his graduate studies in religious education at Catholic and Georgetown universities.

Father Regoli’s lifetime of ministry in the Diocese of Greensburg included service at Saint John the Baptist, Scottdale; Seton Hill College, Greensburg; Holy Family, Latrobe; Saint Matthew, Saltsburg; Saint Mary, Yatesboro and its mission Saint Gabriel, Nu Mine; Saint Barbara, Harrison City; Saint Therese, Uniontown; Holy Family, West Newton; and Saint Charles Borromeo, Sutersville. Over the years, he had several diocesan appointments including chairman of the Commission of Ecumenism, Dean of the Fayette Deanery, College of Consultants, and Priests’ Council.

In 2005, Father Regoli was named Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, with the title of Monsignor. He retired the following year, but continued to visit parishes around the diocese during his retirement, celebrating Mass wherever he was needed.

The Funeral Mass for Monsignor Regoli was celebrated May 2 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center by Bishop Larry Kulick. Interment followed in the priest section at Greensburg Catholic Cemetery.

Reverend George Dalton
Diocese of Pittsburgh
Ordained May 12, 1984
Died May 22, 2023

George Dalton was the beloved son of the late Robert Edward and Mary Barbara (Sorg) Dalton; brother of Michael (Susan) Dalton, and David (Elizabeth) Dalton; Uncle of Kelly Lyn (Gregory) Hough, Matthew (Nicole) Dalton, Gregory (Morgan Reilly) Dalton, James (Marta) Dalton, and Paul Dalton. He is survived also by the family’s longtime friend, Father Andrew Fischer.

A tremendously learned man, Father George was a devoted scholar having earned many academic degrees. The knowledge he acquired spanned the world over: His studies included German literature in Munich; Russian language and soviet cultures in the USSR; international relations and social sciences in Vienna; and moral theology in Rome. Fluently speaking nine languages, he offered the most profound and insightful homilies to parishioners.

One of Father George’s truest joys was the fellowship in ministry he had with the parishioners and fellow faithful he served at Saint Maurice in Forest Hills; Saint Anselm in Swissvale; Newman Center at Slippery Rock University; Accademia Alfonsiana in Rome, John Paul II Institute in Washington, DC; Saint Louise de Marillac in Upper Saint Clair; Saint Bernard in Mt. Lebanon; Saint Ferdinand in Cranberry Township, Saint Irenaeus in Oakmont, and Holy Family. He also was Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Father Dalton was celebrated May 26 at Saint Irenaeus Church of Holy Family Parish by Bishop Larry Kulick. Interment followed at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Monroeville.

Father Arthur “Art” J. Espelage, OFM
August 13, 1944 – December 9, 2022
Honorary Alumnus & Josephinum Faculty 1989-1997

Father Arthur J. Espelage, OFM entered the Franciscan novitiate in 1962. He professed first vows in 1963, made his solemn vows in 1966, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 1971. A gifted scholar, Father Art earned licentiate and doctoral degrees from The Catholic University of America. He had a passion for canon law, which he shared with seminarians at Saint Leonard Seminary and the Josephinum, and in his judicial and administrative work in ecclesiastical tribunals in New Mexico, Ohio, and Florida. For three terms, Father Art was Executive Coordinator of the Canon Law Society of America at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. In his later years, he served the Order as general visitor for the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and canonist and judicial vicar for the Diocese of Tucson.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

2022
Mary Jo Myers, wife of Marty Myers ’67, January 18.

2023
Linda J. Wymer, mother of Seth Wymer C’03, January 5.
Regina M. Hope, mother of Father Donald Hope ’76, January 20.
Theodore “Ted” Dudzinski, father of Fathers Andrew Dudzinski T’95 and Brian Dudzinski T’97, February 2.
James “Mike” Boltz ’70, brother of John Boltz ’67, February 13.
Edward V. Batt, brother of Father Anthony Batt T’04, February 17.
Michael J. Sobjak ’72, April 6.
Matthew Hambleton, brother of William Hambleton C’96, April 12.
Luis Miguel Garcia T’19, May 6.
Gerard Umberg, father of Father Andrew Umberg C’86, May 29.
Jennifer Carr, Member of the Friends of the Josephinum, June 8.

IN MEMORIAM

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Events for Fall 2023

More information on these events forthcoming at www.pcj.edu and on social media.

**Rector’s Circle Reception**
Sunday, September 17

**Parents & Family Welcome**
Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1

**Mud Bowl**
Saturday, September 30

**Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk**
Saturday, September 30

**Alumni Days**
Wednesday, October 11 – Thursday, October 12

**Friends of the Josephinum Annual Mass, Meeting & Brunch**
Sunday, November 5

**Fall “Come and See” Live In**
Thursday, November 9 – Sunday, November 12