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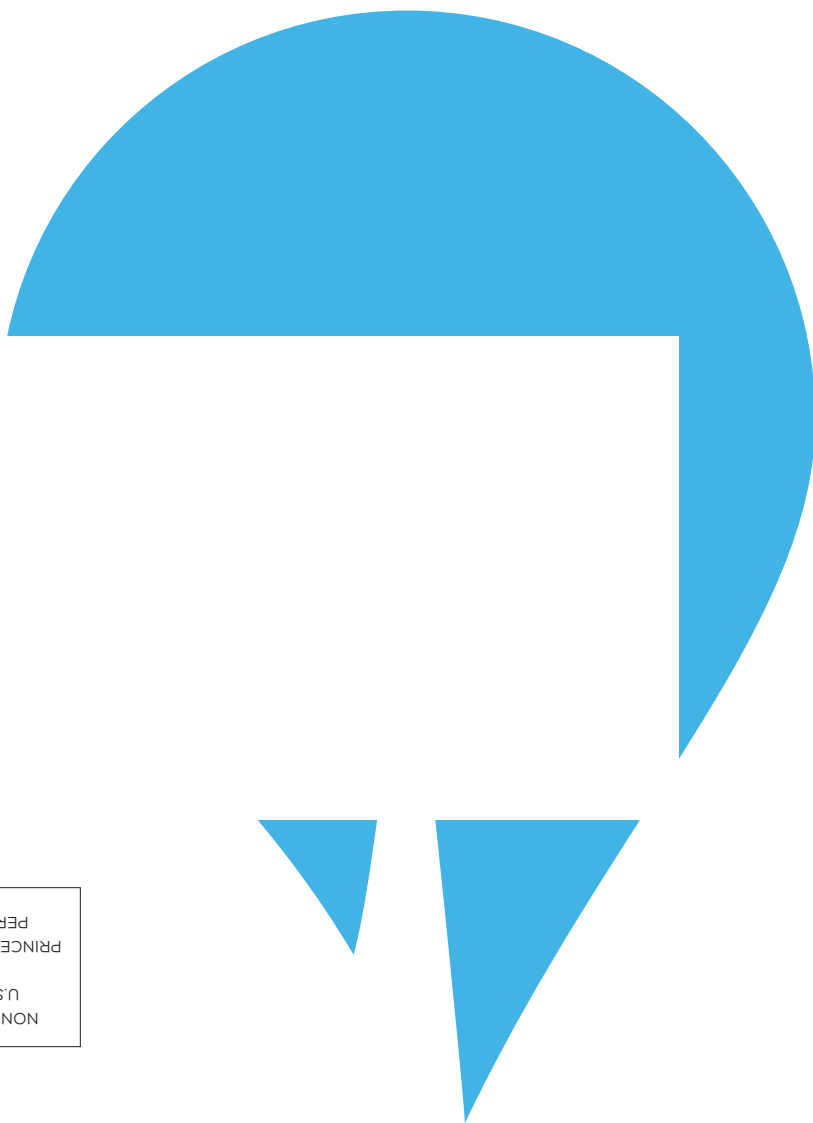
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preachers, who focused on bringing Catholicism to non-Catholics as well as visiting the most remote and isolated Catholic communities.

“A religion that does not enter into the actions of our daily life is a religion not worth having,” Hecker wrote, so Paulist publications emphasized a practical spirituality that would both comfort and challenge people in the midst of their daily struggles and aspirations.

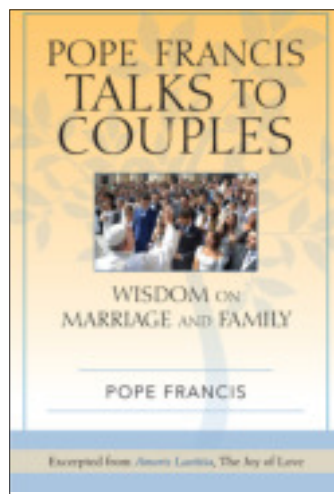
In the 20th century, the network of American parishes grew exponentially, each of them with a pamphlet and magazine rack in the back of the church – all filled with Paulist pamphlets and magazines which changed on a monthly basis, serving to expand the religious education and religious practice of Catholics in the American idiom and style.

The years just prior to the Second Vatican Council were ablaze in new works of theology and scripture study, primarily originating in Europe. The Paulist Press again adapted to the needs of the age and began to emphasize the publication of translations, enabling American scholars to study these new developments.

The Second Vatican Council provided a new opportunity for Paulist Press to fulfill its mission to interpret the Church to the modern world and the modern world to the Church. Under the leadership of Paulist Fr. Kevin Lynch, and in cooperation with various European publishers, the Press purchased the 50-volume series **Concilium: Theology in the**

Age of Renewal. This series made available to readers of all faiths the theological basis for the developments in the Church during and after the Council. It was during this time that the Press made explicit commitments to publishing works of ecumenical importance as well as dedicating itself to becoming a prime publisher of works to enhance Jewish-Christian understanding.

“A very important part of publishing is to build bridges and heal wounds,” said Fr. Lynch, president of Paulist Press from 1969 to 1998.



Paulist Press just released “Pope Francis Talks to Couples,” a slim volume with two chapters of the Holy Father’s apostolic exhortation “The Joy of Love.” It is the perfect resource for marriage preparation.

The Paulist Press played a significant role in the post-Conciliar church, helping American Catholics understand the reforms of the Second Vatican Council and, by

1966, it was the largest Catholic distributor and publisher in North America, employing 235 lay employees and distributing nearly 20 million books, pamphlets, and magazines each year.

Today, Paulist Press remains one of the preeminent Catholic publishers, producing books for the spiritual, pastoral, and educational needs in the United States, Canada and 43 other countries worldwide. These include the well-regarded series **The Classics of Western Spirituality**, now in its twentieth year, with more than one hundred volumes of the original writings of universally acknowledged teachers within the Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish, Islamic, and Native American traditions. Other offerings include **The Stimulus Books Series** exploring issues in the contemporary dialogue between Christians and Jews (including two books by the late Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel), **The Ancient Christian Writers**, which makes available in English translation the works of the Patristic Fathers, and the 18-volume **Collected Works of Cardinal Walter Kasper**. Most recently, the Press became the exclusive English-language distributor for select works from the Vatican Museum.

After 150 years, the Press continues its mission to bring the riches of the Catholic heritage to Catholics and persons of other religious traditions, publishing the best of Catholic thought at the intersection of faith

NEWS

Church Rising at GVSU

The new church building for St. Luke University Parish is rising quickly! It will be a new home for the Catholic campus ministry at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Paulist Fr. Brad Schoeberle and Paulist Fr. Chuck Cunniff provide pastoral care for the parish and are GVSU’s Catholic campus ministers.



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Newman Center Receives Lily Grant

Congratulations to St. Thomas More Newman Center, the Catholic campus ministry we serve at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH! The Newman Center has been awarded a three-year, \$99,000 grant from the Lily Endowment to support the center’s new peer ministry program.



Staff at Thomas More Newman Center at Ohio State

Professions and Diaconate Ordination



Several Paulist Fathers, our formation team and our seminarians gathered at a special Mass Saturday, Aug. 13, in the chapel at St. Mary’s of the Lake, our summer retreat at Lake George, NY. At the Mass, Richard Whitney (center row, far right) made his first profession as a member of our community, marking the culmination of his novice year. Five other seminarians renewed their promises.

Our seminarians are pictured here with Paulist Fr. Dat Tran (front row, second from left) who in July became our new vocation director.

Paulist seminarians Matthew Berrios, Steven Petroff and Stuart Wilson-Smith made their final promises at a Mass on Sept. 2 in Washington, D.C. The three men were ordained transitional deacons in a Mass on Sept. 3 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Our website now has a planned giving section! Visit paulistlegacy.org for more details.

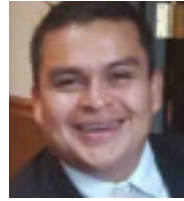


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