

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RENÉ

Dear Friends,

The Autumn months are always such a rich and busy time. In this issue of "The Voice," you will read about some of the grace-filled events and news this season for our Paulist community.

I want to again express my deep gratitude to all of you who have made a contribution to this year's **Annual Paulist Appeal**. So far in 2024, nearly 1,800 households have participated in the appeal, which provides essential funds for our vocations outreach, education of our seminarians, healthcare for senior Paulists, and fulfillment of our mission priorities.

This Autumn, we are launching a new initiative that will award "**Paulist Mission Impact Grants**" to parishes and centers served by the Paulists for projects related to our mission priorities. The mission priorities include: fostering vibrant ministries with people of color; increasing the role of women in leadership; engaging those who do not currently attend church; supporting the healing of polarized communities; promoting vocations; and ministering to young adults and those who identify as LGBTQ+.

In the coming months, we will share details about the innovative projects funded by the Paulist Mission Impact Grants.

Esta carta se puede leer en español en: paulist.org/espanol



Another notable happening this season has been the appointment of **Paul McMahon** as the new President and Publisher of Paulist Press. He is the first lay person to serve in this role in the 160-year history of our publishing arm.

Paul was previously Editorial Director of Paulist Press. His deep understanding of our Catholic faith and his keen eye for inspiring and thought-provoking books will serve us well. He succeeded Paulist Fr. Mark-David Janus, who ably led the company for 14 years and is now Publisher Emeritus.

While a Paulist priest will not be serving in this important role, our commitment to Paulist Press and our belief in the importance of Catholic publishing remain unchanged.

Please join me in praying for Paul and all of our collaborators, parishioners, and benefactors who partner with us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father René

Very Rev. René Constanza, C.S.P.
President, The Paulist Fathers

To make a contribution, please use the enclosed envelope or visit: paulist.org/apa



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NEW FROM PAULIST PRESS: "Comfort and Joy: Christmas for the Soul"

Readers will love this new book of reflections for Advent and the Twelve Days of Christmas from **Paulist Fr. Mark-David Janus**, who is now Publisher Emeritus of Paulist Press. Each reflection reminds us why humanity needed and still needs Christmas.

To learn more about this and other Paulist Press titles, please visit: paulistpress.com.

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Pictured: Paulist Deacon Chris Malano's family members and friends from his native Hawaii after their Diaconate Ordination Mass on September 7, 2024, at Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Los Angeles. Please look inside this issue of "The Voice" for details about this wonderful liturgy!

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News from The Paulist Fathers Office of Mission Advancement



Servant
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Servant Leader Mindset

On September 7, 2024, Paulist seminarians **Ben Chisholm** and **Chris Malano** were ordained transitional deacons by Bishop Matthew Elshoff, O.F.M. Cap., during a Mass at Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Los Angeles.

Family members, friends, parishioners, and Paulists came from near and far to take part in this special liturgy celebrated during an extreme heat wave for southern California.

In his homily at the Mass, Bishop Elshoff said:

"Servant leadership is what being a deacon is all about. It is a humble servant leader to those who are in greatest need. ..."

"I have come to believe, after 42 years of priesthood, that to the extent that you get this period of engagement right before your ordination to the priesthood will be the extent to which you lay the groundwork for getting your life as a priest in right order.

"Because during this 'engagement period of your diaconate,' you will be sewing seeds for a way in which you will serve the Church and the Paulist community as priests with that servant leader mindset."

Deacon Ben hails from northern California. He earned his undergraduate degree at Fordham University and his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School.

Before entering the Paulist novitiate, he worked at Fordham Law School and often attended daily Mass next door at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Deacon Chris is a native of Hawaii. He earned his undergraduate degree in history and religious studies at the University of New Mexico and an M.A. in global development and social justice from St. John's University.

A past secretary general of the International Movement of Catholic Students, he was administrator of the Newman Center at the University of Hawaii.

Deacon Ben and Deacon Chris made their final promises to our missionary society during a Mass on **August 31, 2024**, at the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Paulist Fr. René Constanza, our president, celebrated this special Mass at which Paulist seminarians **Zachary Turner** and **James Marquez** also renewed their promises, and Paulist novice **Andrew Ouma** made his first promises.

We are very grateful to everyone who had a hand in these two special liturgies, and to all those who joined us in-person or live online. 🙏



#GivingTuesday

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, will be the 12th annual **#GivingTuesday**. The day encourages charitable giving in contrast to the shopping frenzy of "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday."

To make a gift to the Paulists on #GivingTuesday, please visit: paulist.org/apa.

Busted Halo, a Paulist media ministry, also runs a #GivingTuesday appeal. To make a contribution, please visit: bustedhalo.com/donate. 🙏

Celebrating 100 Years

Paulist Fr. John "Jack" Lynch celebrated his 100th birthday on Monday, October 21, 2024. Here are glimpses from the celebration that day at the Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, MD.

He is only the second centenarian in this history of our missionary society.



For four decades, Fr. Lynch served at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he was a professor, department chair, and vice provost.

To learn more about his wonderful life, please visit: paulist.org/FrLynch. 🙏



Our New Novices

Praise be to God for the three new Paulist novices who arrived in August at Hecker House, our seminary in Washington, D.C.

They are **Gerardo "Gerry" Suarez**, **Marvin Ruano**, and **Joseph Solomon**.

Gerry, a native of Miami, FL, was a senior academic adviser at the University of Miami.

Marvin hails from Belize. He recently resided in Taipei, Taiwan, where he was a teacher and tutor for adults at the Time International Language Center.

Joseph is originally from the suburbs of Chicago. He was a FOCUS missionary at UCLA in Los Angeles, primarily serving at the University Catholic Center.

The trio are pictured above with **Paulist Fr. Ed Nowak**, our Director of Vocations, and **Paulist Fr. Mike Kallock**, our Director of Novices. 🙏

Congratulations, Catholic Information Center!

Congratulations to the Catholic Information Center, a ministry served by the Paulist Fathers in Grand Rapids, MI, on being awarded a \$1.25 million grant from the Lilly Endowment.

The grant will launch and support the center's new initiative "Formed as Disciples, Prepared for Mission."

To learn about this and other programs at the center, please visit: catholicinformationcenter.org. 🙏



Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage to Italy

The **"Paulist Fathers Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage"** to Italy will take place **November 13 to 20, 2025**. Paulist Fr. René Constanza, Paulist Fr. John Ardis, and Paulist Fr. Steve Bell will be chaplains for this inspiring journey.



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The pilgrims will experience the tranquility of Assisi where they will visit key Franciscan sites and celebrate Mass in historic churches.

In Rome, the pilgrims will attend a Papal Audience and explore the Eternal City's spiritual treasures, including St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

For details, and to register, please visit: paulist.org/Italy2025. 🙏