IN MEMORY OF CARMEN HERNANDEZ BARRERA

Carmen Hernandez Barrera was one of the initiators of the Neocatechumenal Way with Kiko Argüello. They started the Neocatechumenal Way in the shanty towns of Madrid, Spain. (1930-2016)

“...Behold! I tell you a mystery. We are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed.” 1 Co 15:51
Because of the support of all of our benefactors, we had the privilege to go to see the Pope at the WYD in Krakow Poland. Many of us went with different parishes from the United States. We would all like to express our gratitude to every one of our benefactors; a particular mention should go to the Knights of Columbus, who worked exhaustively in order to help us attend the WYD with Pope Francis. In Krakow, we joined over three million people from all around the world at a vigil held Saturday night. The vigil concluded with a mass with the Pope on Sunday morning. We also attended a vocational meeting with Kiko Argüello, one of the Initiators of the Neocatechumenal Way and Father Mario Pezzi. Additionally, as a part of our pilgrimage, we had the opportunity to visit several different countries in Europe: Italy, Czech Republic, Germany and many others where we were able to visit numerous historical places.
This year at the annual convivence, which takes place in Porto San Giorgio, Italy, we were allotted two new seminarians: Esteban Alaman Gilabert from Spain and Ismael Arbizo from California. This means that there are thirty of us, from all over the world, now being prepared to be priests for the mission here in the Diocese of Dallas.

It has been a busy year for the former Bishop of Dallas Kevin Farrell, as on November 19, he was also made a Cardinal and now forms part of the College of Cardinals of the Catholic Church. Our Vice-rector, Fr. Alan, and the responsible team of The Neocatechumenal Way in Texas experienced great joy to be present with him at the Consistory ceremony in St Peter’s, Rome. We congratulate Cardinal Kevin Farrell and continue to pray for him in his new mission.

On August 17, Pope Francis announced Bishop Kevin J. Farrell as the new prefect of the newly created Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.
On December thirteenth, the papal nuncio to the United States announced Pope Francis’ appointment of The Most Reverend Edward J. Burns as the new Bishop for the Diocese of Dallas. Bishop Burns will be installed as the Bishop of Dallas on February 9, 2017 at the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Redemptoris Mater Seminary congratulates Bishop Edward J. Burns, and we are happy to welcome him as our new bishop.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2016

This was the fifth year we held our Christmas Concerts in various parishes throughout the Diocese of Dallas. It has been a time of great joy for all of us this Christmas, celebrating together the Nativity of our Lord with those whom we have been called to serve as priests. It always gives us great pleasure to share these special events with all those who collaborate with us in the mission of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary here in Dallas. The concerts, this year, took place at Good Shepherd, Saint Augustine, the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Pilar, Saint Patrick, and at Saint Michael the Archangel in Garland.