

# REDEMPTORIS MATER

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SEMINARY - DALLAS, TX - USA

## WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019

At the beginning of this year, 2019, the seminarians participated in the World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Panama. They attended this important, international event, with groups from different parishes of the Diocese. Thousands of young men and women were there showing the world the youthfulness of the Catholic Church. It is thanks to the generosity of many people, making it possible, for our seminarians to go and experience such a memorable pilgrimage. Special thanks to the great effort of the Knights of Columbus, who always are attentive to the importance of these events for the formation of the seminarians. We want to thank everyone who had a hand in providing for the seminarians in order to join Pope Francis and thousands of youth at World Youth Day.



“ It is always possible to “sprout shoots and grow” when there is a community, a warm home that enables us to take root, that provides the confidence we need and prepares our hearts to discover a new horizon: the horizon of a beloved son or daughter who is sought, found and entrusted with a mission. ”



*Pope Francis  
Panama 2019*





# St. John Paul II MONSTRANCE

This year, the seminary received a huge blessing; we had the opportunity to pray Solemn Morning Prayers with one of the monstrance's blessed by Saint Pope John Paul II on November 24, 2004, the Year of the Eucharist. These monstrance's were distributed to the different major continents in the world, North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Our own Bishop Burns was instrumental in bringing this Monstrance to the USA

during his time working at the USCCB. These monstrance's are intended to encourage people to pray to the Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament, for plentiful vocations in their dioceses. These monstrance's are taken from diocese to diocese, in the continents they have been given to. It was a blessing for our seminary to be able to participate in Eucharistic Adoration with this monstrance, as it was Saint Pope John Paul II who had the inspiration to open the Diocesan Missionary Redemptoris Mater Seminaries around the world.

# HOCKEY GAME

Our friendship with Knights of Columbus continues to grow and as well as helping the seminarians go to the World Youth Day in Panama, we shared an evening of prayer and communion. The Knights put on a wonderful tasty BBQ dinner which added to the gift of them being present with us and blessing us with their company. If that was not enough a few weeks later many seminarians thoroughly enjoyed an evening at an Ice Hockey game courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you!





# DIACONAL ORDINATION

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, at St. Jude Catholic Church, the Most Reverend Bishop Edward J. Burns ordained eight seminarians of the Diocese of Dallas as transitional deacons, among them, Branimir Pavelin, a seminarian formed at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Dallas. Branimir is originally from one of the biggest cities in Croatia called Zada and has been in the process of priestly formation for the last 12 years. He has had very enriching experiences on mission, beginning in Galilee and Jerusalem (Israel), and then continuing in Wisconsin (United States), where God confirmed him in his vocation, to serve the people of God. Branimir now looks forward to being ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Dallas next year. We keep him in our prayers!

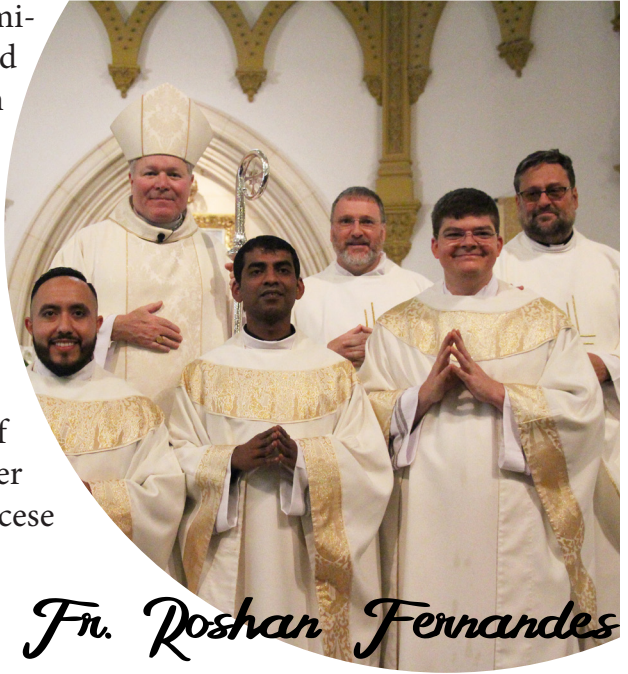


This year's annual Family Festival was very special for us thanks to the presence and support of all those who came to visit us on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Burns gave us a marvelous surprise in joining us in the joy of the festival. We were very happy for him being with us and he was very happy having photos taken and talking to people. The festival had an International feel about it this year, as we had visitors from India and Poland, not forgetting all the local Texans coming from as far as Houston, San Antonio, Frisco, and of course from Dallas. The Family Festival is a major fundraising activity for the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Dallas. It is made possible thanks to the help of many volunteers and members of the Neocatechumenal Way. Every year the Lord blesses the works of our hands whether we are visited by rain or the sun makes its presence felt, the event is always full of fun, laughter and communion which demonstrates the support of the people of the Diocese of Dallas and beyond. We give a big thanks to everyone who made the Family Festival possible and for their contribution to the formation of priests for this Diocese.



# PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

On the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the life of Redemptoris Mater Seminary, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, two transitional deacons formed in this house, Fr. Tymoteusz Ksiazkiewicz and Fr. Roshan Fernandes, were ordained priests for the Diocese of Dallas together with Fr. Jesus Chavez. In the celebration of this sacrament, the newly ordained priests enjoyed the support of all those who accompanied them in their formation: formators, fellow seminarians, close friends, fellow members of their Neocatechumenal communities, and their family members from Poland and India respectively. Fr. Tymoteusz and Fr. Roshan now become the 7<sup>th</sup> generation of priests that have been ordained from the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, making 10 priests working in mission for the Diocese of Dallas.



*Fr. Tymoteusz Ksiazkiewicz & Fr. Roshan Fernandes*



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