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Northeast Ohio Celebrations for Our Jubilarian Priests

Three of our well-known priests celebrated their anniversaries of being ordained priests this past week. On May 17, Father Norman Pelletier SSS, celebrated 55 years of ordination. On May 23, Fathers Paul Bernier SSS and William (Bill) Young SSS celebrated 60 years of ordination. For our “60-year-olds,” we had a special celebration first at Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Church (SPB), Highland Heights, Ohio, amid the parish’s annual festival in honor of the patron saint, Paschal Baylon. Principal celebrant Father Paul also preached the homily for the Mass and, being solemnity of Pentecost, highlighted how the Holy Spirit had worked in his life in three significant ways. Father Bill had the pleasure of his sister, Kathleen, joining him for a week of sightseeing in northeast Ohio. After the Mass, all were invited outside under the big tent to enjoy the festival and the special cake that the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Ladies Guild provided with drinks.



(left to right) Father William Young SSS,
Father Paul Bernier SSS and Father Norman
Pelletier SSS

On Thursday, May 23, Fathers Paul and Bill’s actual day, the SSS communities of northeast Ohio gathered at Regina Health Center, Richfield, Ohio, and the center’s Holy Family Chapel to celebrate a Mass with all the religious and laity who live there. Following this Mass, the SSS gathered down the street at a local winery and pizzeria to honor our men for their service to the church and our Congregation, have community time together, and share beautiful memories of their time and service.



Father Provincial blessing the Jubilarians

Briefly, we recall that Father Norman, originally from Lewiston, Maine, has taught in our seminaries, was principal of one of our parish high schools (*Menasha, Wisconsin*), pastor (*Chicago, San Antonio, and New York*), served on the SSS's General Administration (*Vicar and General Superior for a total of 12 years*), our province's administration (*Provincial Superior for 12 years*) and editor of *Emmanuel*. Currently, Father Norman assists in the Center for

Eucharistic Evangelizing and SPB parish.

Father Bill, originally from Cleveland, has also served as a teacher in our seminaries and at the Cleveland Diocesan Seminary, Catholic Theological Union, and John Carroll University. Father Bill was an editor for *Emmanuel*. He served in our parishes (SPB and New York) and, for 12 years, was a chaplain at Cleveland Clinic's main campus. Father Bill serves in internal ministry in our community, including praying ministry.



Saint Paschal Baylon Social Action Committee shared special gifts and gave a tribute to Father Paul during the Mass

Father Paul, originally from Rhode Island, served as a teacher and administrator in our seminaries, at the exact locations of Fathers Norman and Bill, but also in our Philippine province. He also served the Philippine Bishops' Conference before returning as editor of *Emmanuel* and served in parishes in New York, Chicago, Maine, and SPB. Father Paul works from Regina, writing and giving talks, usually from Zoom.

We are grateful for their combined 175 years of Eymardian Service and continue to pray for their good health. We thank God for their witness and Eucharistic charism.



Celebrating our Jubilarians

Vicar for Clergy Makes Pastoral Visit to Our Community



Father Joe Mamich visits us, *left to right* are Father Juancho Ramos, Father Joseph Kiet Nguyen, Father Mamich, Brother Joseph Kiet Vu and Father Norman Pelletier

This week, our Highland Heights Community received a pastoral visit from the diocesan priest Father Joseph Mamich, the Vicar for Clergy and Religious. He is new to this ministry for the Diocese of Cleveland and came for an afternoon and evening social/dinner time to

learn about the ministry of the community, especially our current ministries with Saint Ann Shrine (*Father Roger Bourgeois, chaplain*), SPB parish (*with Fathers Lane and Choy the lead clergy*) Hillcrest Hospital (*where Father Joseph Kiet Nguyen is chaplain*), and our outreach parishes in Wickliffe and Willoughby (*where Father Rosario Pushparaj serves as Parochial Vicar*). He also met the other community members during social time and dinner and learned of their ministries.

The Congregation has served in the Diocese of Cleveland since 1931, called to the diocese to begin our seminary, teach other religious and diocesan clergy, supply sacramental assistance as well as collaborate in planning the national Eucharistic Congress (USA) in Cleveland, 1935. We were offered to start Saint Paschal Baylon in 1953 and have served here since. The seminary moved “from Euclid Avenue” to Highland Heights in 1964. The USA headquarters moved from New York City to Ohio in 1978. The seminary chapel, the Oratory of the Blessed Sacrament, became the “second home” of Saint Ann Shrine in 1987. We are blessed to have an excellent working relationship with the local ordinary, Bishop Edward Malesic, clergy and religious of the diocese, and excellent laity/collaborators.

Upcoming Meetings

This week, the Sacramentino Americas Conference Vocation Meeting will occur on Zoom – Wednesday at 9 am EDT. Saint Ann Provincial Council Meeting Thursday at 1 pm EDT/12 Noon CDT, and a planning meeting for the International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, will occur Thursday at 3:00 pm EDT. Pray for our work across the globe!