



Two New Faculty Members Join St. Augustine's Seminary

St. Augustine's is pleased to welcome two new members of the faculty. Joining us are Fr. Eric Rodrigues from the Archdiocese of Toronto and Fr. Ante Market from the Diocese of Peterborough.

Both are from Toronto and bring unique backgrounds to their new positions.

Fr. Rodrigues was ordained in 2009, having left a career as an Epidemiologist to become a priest. He served at Toronto's Blessed Trinity Parish from 2009-2011 before assuming duties as Pontifical Master of Ceremonies from 2011-2014. He spent the last five years working on a Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D.) (area of specialization — dogmatic theology) at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He has a Research Fellowship at Duke University, Center for Jewish Studies and a Scholarship for the Study of Modern Greek — Apostoliki Diakonia of the Orthodox Church of Greece. He also holds a Brennkmeijer-Werhahn Fellowship — Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Fr. Market was ordained in 2011. He served the parish of St. Thomas More in Millbrook, ON; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Assumption, ON and the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. He studied at the Pontifical



Gregorian University in Rome and has a License in Canon Law with a Doctorate in Canon Law pending.

We are pleased and fortunate to have both of them join our dedicated faculty at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Our newest faculty members: Fr. Ante Market (left) and Fr. Eric Rodrigues (right).



Quiet Summer Gives Way To Busy Fall

After a relatively quiet summer due to ongoing construction at the Seminary, it is shaping up to be a very busy academic and formation year, culminating with both priestly and permanent diaconate ordinations in the Spring.

We are excited to report that we have eight new seminarians this year. Once

again, our new seminarians reflect the international scope of St. Augustine's. Three of the new seminarians are for the Archdiocese of Toronto, while there is one each for the Diocese of Peterborough and Archdiocese of Ottawa. Two others are from

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The fourth-year Theology Class: (front row, left-right) Michael Coyne, Pawel Stankiewicz, Michael Corpus, Jonathan Kelly, John Sutka; (middle row, l-r) Martin Lugo Tapia, Hayden Starczala, Jakub Mackowicz; (back row, l-r) Martin Dicuango, Neil Pereira, Joshua Lobo.

Busy Fall at St. Augustine's

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the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon and one is for the Archdiocese of Utrecht in the Netherlands.

Overall, there are over 60 men in formation residing at St. Augustine's this year. Among the total, 11 are in their fourth year

Orientation Day

With such a diverse group, St. Augustine's always likes to start the year with a social event and this year was no different with our annual BBQ on the grounds of the

The famous, or rather infamous, St. Augustine's Opening Games are always a lot of fun on orientation day.



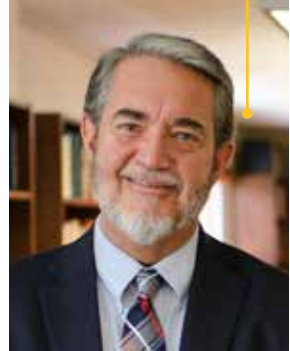
and another 11 in their Spiritual Year of formation. Over half, 35, of our seminarians are for the Archdiocese of Toronto, while others are from dioceses across the country as well as various dioceses in the U.S., in addition to the seminarian from the Netherlands.

Seminary. Lots of burgers and hot dogs were consumed and fun was had by all at the various orientation day activities and ice-breaker games.



News Briefs

Renowned Catholic Theologian and Author Dr. Scott Hahn will be among the featured presenters at St. Augustine's Seminary's preaching conference next June. Author of numerous books, including 'The Lamb's Supper,' 'Reasons to Believe' and 'Rome Sweet Home,' Dr. Hahn will be joined at the Preaching Stewardship conference June 28-30, 2020 by His Eminence Cardinal Collins, Fr. Peter Cameron O.P, and Sr. Mary Brigid. Early bird registrations are available up until the end of October. Contact the Seminary for details.



Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick has been reappointed as President of St. Augustine's Seminary. Fr. Edwin Gonsalves has also been reappointed as Rector.



Some exciting news for Fr. Favin Alemão, a St. Augustine's alumnus who was ordained in 2017. He is off to Rome for further studies. We wish him well and look forward to his return.

Peter Daly has retired from his position as Director of Music at the Seminary. His immense contributions and dedication over the years will be greatly missed. Thank you Peter.

A Message From the Rector



Fr. Edwin Gonsalves

St. Augustine's Seminary begins its 107th year of formation of men for the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Various formation programs are also available for laymen and women who seek a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

This year, we place specific focus on the Holy Spirit, who is

the principal agent of formation. He is the Counselor, Advocate, Paraclete and the one who leads and guides us.

The Spirit of truth leads us in forming minds and hearts to learn the beauty of our Catholic faith and share it with the people

we serve. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding provides the necessary arguments to engage with the modern world.

St. Augustine's Seminary is authorized by the Holy See's Congregation of Catholic Education to confer the Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology. We are among the founding members of the Toronto School of Theology at the University of Toronto and are proud to continue our commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence in theological studies within a context of ecumenical dialogue.

Our professors are faithful to the teaching Magisterium of the Church and are committed to the students' positive learning experience. Through education and discernment and with God's grace, we are forming disciples for Christ's Church. We join the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in prayer asking "the Holy Spirit - that is in us, that accompanies us, that transforms us, be triumphant within us."

St. Augustine's Alumnus, Most Reverend Matthew Ustrzycki, Offers Words of Wisdom to Today's Seminarians



As St. Augustine's honoured its alumni, one of its guests of honour, 87-year-old Most Reverend Matthew F. Ustrzycki, offered some simple yet poignant advice to guide young seminarians in their lives—"make room to spend time with your Lord."

Bishop Ustrzycki, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton Diocese and St. Augustine's alumnus (Class of 1959), preached at the Alumni Day Mass on September 18, 2019. In conversation before the day, he reminisced about his days at the Seminary and the lessons he learned.

"You have to make room to spend time with your Lord," he said. "You can't give what you haven't got. That principle is as true today as it was then."

That relationship with Christ only comes through prayer and spending time in his presence—something that was instilled in

him at St. Augustine's.

"To me, as a seminarian, one of the beautiful things was that every Thursday we had a Holy Hour," he remembered. "It was voluntary, but yet the Chapel was always about 80 per cent full."

Invigorated by that relationship with the Lord, he says, we must all take that light out into the world.

"We talk a lot about evangelization, which is great, but what attracts people to Christ is when they see an individual who is doing his best to live out the life of Christ in his own life," he said. "Evangelization for each of us boils down to the nitty-gritty things of every day—your gentle smile, that pat on the back to encourage someone, listening to someone. It really is the little things that attract people to Christ."

Moving Forward on the New General Plan for Priestly Formation



By Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto

Attendees of the formation symposium
hosted by St. Augustine's Seminary.

Carrying out its universal responsibility for seminaries, the Congregation for the Clergy produced a new, general plan for priestly formation in 2016 entitled, *The Gift of the Priestly Formation*.

To assist the rectors and formation teams

in Canada to appreciate this new document and assist us in producing a renewed Canadian programme for priestly formation, St. Augustine's Seminary on April 4–7, 2019 hosted a symposium.

The Archbishop Secretary for Seminaries

of the Congregation for the Clergy, Jorge Carlos Patrón Wong, came from Rome to facilitate the gathering of about 40 seminary formators from English-speaking Canada. He spoke with enthusiasm, experience and encouragement about the new programme points: priestly formation begins in Baptism and must continue after ordination; a spiritual year is now an essential element of every Seminary; the first years when philosophy is studied is to be regarded as "discipleship stage" and during theology the formation focus is a "configuration stage."

There were also presentations updating what the seminaries are developing in both the spiritual year and pastoral year (internship) as well as an overview of the need for aboriginal issues to be part of training of Canadian priests.

Now the bishops of Canada, aided by the seven Rectors of the English-speaking seminaries, must produce a new Canadian programme for priestly formation reflecting the approach of the Roman plan.

Upcoming Events

October 5, 2019

Second Annual Day Of Reflection For Men: Being a Man of Honour
His Eminence, Cardinal Collins

November 9, 2019

Light In The Darkness: Debunking Black Legends of the Catholic Church in History
Father Séamus Hogan

December 14, 2019

Advent Retreat: Reflections on the Blessed Trinity
Father Charles Anang

January 25, 2020

A History Of Sacred Music: The History of the Sacred Liturgy as Told by Its Music
Father John-Mark Missio

March 21, 2020

Lenten Retreat: Lay Mission
Father Charles Anang

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Construction Update

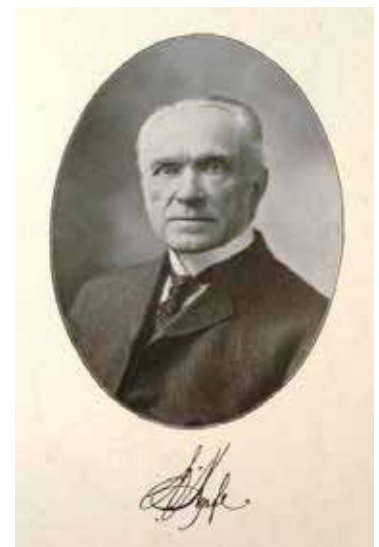
The Chapel is the latest site of renovations at the Seminary. It has been retrofitted with air conditioning, following earlier air conditioning installations in the dining room and meeting rooms. The upgrades will allow us to com-

fortably host events during the summer months. The Seminary has been undergoing renovations for the past three summers, thanks to the generosity of all our benefactors in the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond.

Remembering a Key Benefactor

Every October, St. Augustine's Seminary celebrates a mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, who made his name and fortune as founder of O'Keefe Brewery and whose generosity to the Church is still evident today. It was Mr. O'Keefe's generosity over 100 years ago that made the Seminary possible, as he donated the entire amount needed to construct the building. His daughter, Helena Charlotte French, donated the pipe organ in St. Augustine's Chapel. The organ is still being used to this day, but is in need of some costly repairs.

We are grateful for all our benefactors. If you would like to support the Seminary, contact Samantha Koon at skoon@archtoronto.org or 416-261-7207 ext. 358.



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