



PIARIST NEWSLETTER

Father Orlando Rodriguez, Sch.P. Becomes a Priest

The Piarists of the the ordaining bishop. The dren and young people will Province of the United States celebration was attended by know you as a servant of and Puerto Rico gathered to Piarists from different com- others."

celebrate with great joy the munities of our Province. Father Orlando cele-

priestly ordination of one of There were also a good num- brated a Mass of Thanksgiv-

our members, Father Orlan- ber of other priests, reli- ing in his home parish, the

do Rodríguez, Sch.P. on Au- gious, relatives and friends. Church of Saint Raphael the

gust 29, 2020. Father Orlan- In his homily, Bishop Archangel, in Quebradillas,

do, who is a native of Puerto Lazaro invited Father Orlan- PR on August 30. Piarist

Rico, became the pastor of do to be a new Calasanz and brothers, relatives and

the Piarists' Church of the to imitate Mary, "who is a friends participated in the

Annunciation in Manhattan, model of dedication, fidelity Mass.

New York on September 1. and service." Furthermore, We ask our friends to

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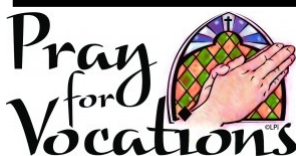
place in the Church of Our the apostles, you will no he begins his ministry as a

Divine Savior in San Juan, longer be called a servant, Piarist priest.

Puerto Rico. Bishop Emeri- but a friend... Therefore *Brother José Colón, Sch.P.*

tus Felix Lazaro, Sch.P. of make service the priority of

the Diocese of Ponce was your ministry so that chil-

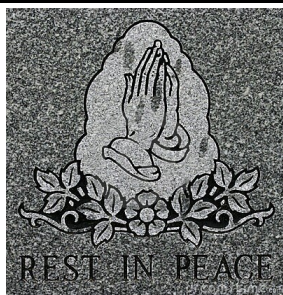


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If you think that the Lord may be calling you to serve as a Piarist, then please contact: Father Pedro Rivas, Sch.P. in Miami, FL.

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R.I.P. We ask you to remember in your prayers our deceased relatives and friends:

Alexander Blackburn
 Andre Capi
 Augusto Carbonell
 Rev. George Cardona
 Rick Case
 Dr. Marcelino Chavez
 Duna Combs
 Michael Cornnell
 Matilde Cruz Negrón
 Kathleen Danes
 Deacon Luis del Rio Ortiz
 Adam DePietro
 Martin Flores Gomez
 Sonia Gerena
 Pio Ieraci
 Leonard Konopka
 Antonio Lazaro Martinez
 Leonides Llorens
 Mario Lopez
 Thomas McDaniel
 Rev. William McGarry
 Ana Mendez-Falcon
 Ann Moran
 Geza Nagy
 Robert Nelson
 Rev. Kevin O'Reilly
 Rev. Stanislaw Rakieja
 Leonard Rizzo
 Rosalina Rodriguez
 Deacon Joseph Sexton
 Barbara Ann Slivan
 Pam Van Coevering
 Dr. Harry Voyages

Brothers Melchor and Jose Victorino Become Deacons

Bishop Julio Cesar Salcedo Aquino of the Diocese of Tlaxcala in Mexico ordained Brother Melchor Ortega, Sch.P. and Brother Jose Victorino Carreras, Sch.P. to the diaconate on December 5, 2020. The Mass took place in the Basilica of Mercy in Apizaco, Tlaxcala, Mexico.

In his homily, he reminded them about the task of deepening their knowledge of themselves, as well as the importance of feeling like missionary servants sent by the only King, who is Christ.

Deacons Melchor and Jose Vic-

torino have been guests of our Piarist Province in Mexico for the past few years, while they wait to receive legal permission to enter the United States. We are very grateful to our brother Piarists for helping with their formation.

Deacon Melchor is currently ministering in the Piarists' new mission in Guatemala. Deacon Jose Victorino is completing his last year of theology studies in Mexico City.

We congratulate our two new deacons and pray that our dear Lord will continue to send his blessings upon them.



(Left: Bishop Salcedo Aquino with the newly ordained deacons. Right: Four of our seminarians from the USA-PR with the newly ordained deacons.)

Piarists Begin a Mission in Guatemala

The Piarists of the United States and Puerto Rico, the Province of Mexico and the Vice-Province of the Californias began a collaborative effort in Guatemala on January 15.

We have now assumed co-responsibility for the care of St. James the Apostle Parish and three nearby

schools in the towns of Cabrican and Huitan in the Archdiocese of Quetzaltenango.

Deacon Melchor Ortega, Sch.P. from the USA-PR has joined priests from our other regions in the mission.

We ask our friends to pray for our new mission.



Continuing and Initial Formation

Father Pedro Rivas, Sch.P. and Father Manuel Sanchez, Sch.P. completed their theology studies last spring. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, their virtual graduation ceremony was not held until December.

While preparing for ordination as a priest, a Piarist seminarian will progress through four ministries (stages).

On November 8, Brother Jorge Ramirez received the ministry of Acolyte and Brother Abner Gonzalez received the ministry of Lector at Annunciation Church in Manhattan. On November 21, Brother Christian Santiago received the Piarist ministry of "service to the poor" in the chapel of our House of Formation in the Bronx. On November 22, Brothers Christian Santiago and

Juan Sebastian Manrique received the ministry of Lector at St. Helena's Church in the Bronx. Father Fernando Negro, Sch.P., who is our Provincial Superior, presided at all three ceremonies.

We congratulate our two priests and four seminarians on the occasion of these important accomplishments in their formation.



(Left to Right: Father Pedro and Father Manuel graduate virtually. Institution of ministries in Manhattan and the Bronx.)

The Piarists Celebrate 70 Years in the United States (July 13, 1951)

Father Joseph Batori, Sch.P., who was an exile from our Province of Hungary, moved to the Diocese of Buffalo in June 1949. During the next two years, other Piarist exiles from Hungary, Poland and Slovakia also moved to Buffalo. Instead of living together in a Piarist community, they initially lived in various parishes and only occasionally got

together for special functions.

With the assistance of Bishop John O'Hara, the Piarists purchased a residence in Derby, NY. The Piarists opened our first canonical house in the United States on July 13, 1951.

During the next 48 years, the house served our Province as a novitiate, a residence for student exiles from Hungary and

from Cuba, a summer camp for children, a pre-school and a residence for our retired priests.

The house was originally designed by the famous American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. In 1999, the Piarists sold the property to an organization which seeks to restore and to make public Wright's original property designs.



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- ♦ You may modify your bequest if your circumstances change.

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- ♦ If you let the Piarist Fathers know about your plans, we will be able to thank you now and recognize you for your generosity. We are also willing to help or field any questions, which you may have concerning this process.

Other Planned Giving options like charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts can be reviewed and discussed on an individual basis.

The Piarist Fathers welcome the opportunity to work with you and your financial and legal advisors to execute your philanthropic vision.

Please contact our Director of Development, Kevin J. Owens, to set up a convenient time to discuss your questions or plans. You can reach him by email owens9316@bellsouth.net



RIP: Miss Kathleen M. Danes (1940-2021)

Kathy Danes, who was a parishioner of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Lighthouse Point, FL, a *consecrated virgin* in the Archdiocese of Miami, and a very good friend of the late Father Oscar Alonso, Sch.P., passed away on February 23, 2021.

She knew that Father Oscar had a passion for three ministries: his teaching ministry at Cardinal Gibbons H.S. in Fort Lauderdale, his summer ministry in the Piarist Fathers' Latin Mis-

sion in Tabasco, Mexico, and the formation of our future priests in the Province of the USA-PR.

In her will, Kathy left her home to the Piarist Fathers, with the express desire to financially help the formation of our seminarians.

Thank you, Kathy, for your generosity. We ask our friends to keep Kathy in your prayers.

(Right: Miss Kathleen M. Danes)



Around Our Province of the United States and Puerto Rico



(Top Left to Bottom Right: Confirmation at St. Helena in Bronx, NY; Calasanz Movement at Annunciation in Manhattan, NY; Immaculate Conception Mass and science class at Devon Prep in Devon, PA; New STEAM Building and Confirmation at Cardinal Gibbons H.S. in Fort Lauderdale, FL; Development Office Annual Appeal, Christmas Dinner and Soccer game with Communities of Fort Lauderdale and Miami; Calasanz Movement and Vocation Retreat at SEPI in Miami, FL; Ring Mass and First Communion in San Juan, PR; Ash Wednesday Mass at Colegio Ponceno in Coto Laurel, PR; Logo of Calasanz Movement.)

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Piarist Fathers—Padres Escolapios—Compassion Challenge

Welcome and Thank You, Father Francisco (Paco) Anaya, Sch.P.

Father Paco Anaya, Sch.P. is our Assistant General for the Americas. When the Piarists returned to SEPI, he volunteered to serve not only as our Assistant General but also as a member of our new community in Miami. He arrived on September 10, 2020. We are very grateful to Father Paco for his generosity to our Province.



PROVINCIAL'S CORNER (FR. FERNANDO NEGRO)

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I can communicate with you as we celebrate the gift of life despite so many threats, which surround us. I would like to begin with an expression, which always fills my heart with joy: "Thank you." Yes, I thank God, life, family, friends, every hour and every space ... I thank all of you, who are taking the time to read this newsletter!

We, the Piarists of the Province of the USA-PR, appreciate your generosity. Your kindness allows us to continue our ministry of service. By educating and evangelizing children and youth, we hope to help create a better world and a renewed Church.

Of course, this goal will never be possible without families. For this reason, we thank God for Pope Francis. He recently established two initiatives. First, he dedicated the period from Decem-

ber 8, 2020 until December 2021 to be a Year of Saint Joseph. He was the husband of the Blessed Virgin and the educator of the Master, Jesus of Nazareth. Second, he decreed that the period from March 19, 2021 until June 2022 be dedicated to the family. This second initiative occurs on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

Let's live this time by strengthening our families in faith. Acts of love can help to accomplish this goal. In addition, such acts will help to create a sense of hope for the future.

Speaking of hope, the Piarists of the Province of the USA-PR, together with those from the Province of Mexico and the Vice-Province of the Californias, have begun a new mission in the Archdiocese of Quetzaltenango in Guatemala. We ask the Lord to help us renew our spirit

through our ministry in this new foundation. We hope to lovingly share the bread of culture and of the Gospel with those most in need.

Speaking of hope, we ask you to place our young Piarist brothers in your prayers. Some of them will soon be ordained as priests or deacons. Others will soon profess their solemn vows. In addition, Brayan de Jesús is nearing the completion of his novitiate in Miami.

I entreat you to become committed to something very important: *"ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest so that all the children of the world may soon praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

Thank you for your cooperation. You can always count on us. May the year 2021 fill you with grace and consolation. May Saint Joseph Calasanz unite us!



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