



# PIARIST NEWSLETTER

## Father Melchor and Father Victor Become Piarist Priests

Father Melchor Ortega Rosales, Sch.P. and Father Jose Victorino Carreras Floreano, Sch.P. became priests during the summer.

Bishop Jose Alberto Gonzalez Juarez of the Diocese of Tuxtepec in Mexico ordained Father Melchor to the priesthood on July 31, 2021. The ordination took place in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel in San Miguel de

Soyaltepec, Mexico. Father Melchor will continue his Piarist ministry in Saint James the Apostle Parish in Cabrican-Huitan, Guatemala.

Bishop Ramon Castro Castro of the Diocese of Cuernavaca in Mexico ordained Father Victor to the priesthood on August 21, 2021. The ordination took place in Saint John the Baptist Parish in San Felipe, Mexico. He celebrat-

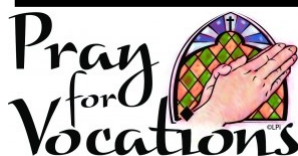
ed his First Mass the next day in the Chapel of the Community of Deseadilla in the same city.

Father Victor will begin his Piarist ministry as a priest in our mission in Guanabacoa, Cuba.

The Piarists of the Province of the USA-PR congratulate the two newest priests of our Province. We promise them our deepest prayers as they begin their lives as priests.



Top: Photos of Father Melchor Ortega, Sch.P. Bottom: Photos of Father Victor Carreras, Sch.P.



**VOCATIONS**  
Youth Is Our Concern

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

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

**Dr. Katie Bannerman**  
**Noe Bautista Barragan**  
**Rev. William Bowles**  
**Elizabeth G. Callan**  
**Harry "Ike" Crimi**  
**Terry O'Reilly**

**Three Piarist  
 Seminarians  
 Receive Church  
 Ministries**

## Brother Jorge L. Ramirez Quiles, Sch.P. Becomes a Deacon

Bishop Emeritus Felix Lazaro, Sch.P. of the Diocese of Ponce, PR ordained Brother Jorge L. Ramirez Quiles, Sch.P. to the diaconate on June 5, 2021. The ordination took place at the Church of the Annunciation in Manhattan, NY. Piarist and diocesan priests, as well as religious and faithful from throughout our Province of the United States and Puerto Rico, attended.

Deacon Jorge will continue his ministry in Annunciation Parish, serve as coordinator of the *Calasanz Movement* in our Province and complete his theology studies at Saint Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

We congratulate Deacon Jorge and promise him our continued prayers.

During his homily, Bishop Lazaro mentioned the duties of a deacon, the

*Brother Christian Santiago, Sch.P.*



*Deacon Jorge Ramirez*



Three Piarist seminarians re, Sch.P. received the ministry of these ministries are important from our Province of the United lector at Saint Helena Church in steps in the formation process of States and Puerto Rico received the Bronx, NY on April 18, 2021. a seminarian.

the ministries of lector and acolyte. Brother Abner Gonzalez, Sch.P., who is the Provincial Superior of our Province of the United States and Puerto Rico, officiated. Several Piarists and faithful from the parishes attended the celebrations. During his homily, Father Negro explained that

All three are studying theology at Saint Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

We congratulate Brothers Abner, Christian and Juan Pablo.

*By Bro. Christian Santiago, Sch.P.*



*Left: Brother Juan Pablo becomes a Lector*



*Right: Brother Christian becomes an Acolyte*



## Brother Brayan de Jesus, Sch.P. Professes His Simple Vows

Father Pedro Aguado, of other religious congregations, Sch.P., who is our Superior General, presided at the simple profession of Brother Brayan de Jesus, Sch.P. on July 10, 2021. The profession took place at the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI) in Miami, FL. The occasion marked the conclusion of Brother Brayan's novitiate. Father Pedro Rivas, Sch.P. served as Brother Brayan's Novice Master during the past year.

Piarists from all parts of our Province, as well as members

of other religious congregations, relatives and friends, participated in the Mass.

During his homily, Father Aguado invited Brother Brayan to be a happy Piarist, to always be a witness of Christ through his example and to exercise a life of fidelity as a religious. As is our custom, Brother Brayan chose a religious name: Brayan de Jesus of the Holy Family.

Brother Brayan will now reside in our Community of Coto Laurel, PR and study at the Pon-

tifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce, PR.

The Piarists of our Province of the United States and Puerto Rico thank God for the life and dedication of our brother, and we place him under the protection of the Virgin Mary and of our Founder, Saint Joseph Calasanz. May his vocation of following Jesus become a gift from God for children and youth.

*Bro. José A. Colón, Sch.P.*



## Three Pre-Novices

Our Province is pleased to admit three pre-novices to our formation program.

Austin Scott and Jair Jacome have become members of our Community in Manhattan, NY.

They will study Philosophy at Seton Hall University in Newark, NJ.

Our Community in Guanabacoa, Cuba has also welcomed a pre-novice. His name is Pedro Luis Diaz.

The Piarists ask our many friends to keep Austin, Jair and Pedro in your prayers, as they officially begin their spiritual and educational training.



*Above: Father Ricardo Alberto Sola, Sch.P. welcomes Pedro as a pre-novice in our Province's new Community in Guanabacoa, Cuba.*



*Above: Father Andrew Berinyuy, Sch.P. and Father Vinod Angadathu, Sch.P. led Austin and Jair in spiritual exercises just before they entered our pre-novitiate.*

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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](mailto:owens9316@bellsouth.net) or by phone: 954-771-6525.



## Jubilarians

Bishop Emeritus Felix Lazaro, Sch.P. of the Diocese of Ponce, PR and Father Geza Pazmany, Sch.P. of our Community of Devon, PA celebrated the 60th anniversary of priesthood. Father Richard Wzykiewicz, Sch.P. of our Community in the Bronx, NY celebrated the 50th anniversary of priesthood. We congratulate these fine Piarist priests and promise them our continued prayers for their ministry.



Top: Bishop Felix Lazaro, Sch.P.

Bottom (L to R): Fr. Geza and Fr. Richard





## Around Our Province of the United States and Puerto Rico



**Top to Bottom: Graduation at Colegio Ponceno (Coto Laurel, PR), Cardinal Gibbons H.S. (Fort Lauderdale, FL), The Piarist School (Martin, KY), Devon Preparatory School (Devon, PA) and Colegio Calasanz (San Juan, PR); Cardinal Gibbons H.S. (Fort Lauderdale, FL): Father John Callan, Father Vinod Angadathu, Father Ricardo Rivera; First Communion at Colegio Calasanz (San Juan, PR); Farewell by Father Negro at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (Playa de Ponce, PR); Confirmation at Cardinal Gibbons H.S. (Fort Lauderdale, FL); Welcome to Father Nelson Henao and Father Federico Avila (Adjuntas, PR); Confirmation at Saint Helena Church (Bronx, NY); Dedication of Social Center at Parish of Our Divine Savior (San Juan, PR).**

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Piarist Fathers—Padres Escolapios—Compassion Challenge

## Thank You, Father Javier Renteria, Sch.P.

For the past several years, Father Javier Renteria, Sch.P. taught Theology and Spanish at Devon Preparatory School in Devon, PA. His students in Spanish generally excelled in national tests. During the summer, Father Javier returned to his native Spain. We greatly appreciate his dedication as a priest and educator. Thank you!



## PROVINCIAL'S CORNER (FR. FERNANDO NEGRO)

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Piarist Fathers of the Province of the United States and Puerto Rico, I would like to extend cordial greetings to you. Your kindness toward us is truly a blessing from God. Therefore, in short, my message to you is: "Thank you."

As I write this short message, it comes to my mind that the Olympics have begun in Japan. If there is something that characterizes an Olympiad, it is the genuine sense of human participation in different competitions. They are meant to not humiliate anyone but to recognize and honor the human quality of those, who have spent a lot of time and energy in improving themselves. Of course, the athletes have the noble desire to win but also to rejoice in the triumph of others.

I speak from my own experience. Until the age of 32, when my superiors sent me to Cameroon, I trained hard for long distance competitions. I competed. Some-

times I won, but sometimes I lost. At the same time, I never allowed myself to give up trying or to not finish a race.

From the moment of our conception until the time we take our last breath, we should always try to be passionate. In the midst of the pandemic, the Piarists of our Province trusted in "the coach par excellence," who is the Holy Spirit. We dared to go out to the periphery and to expand to new ministries. Let me explain myself.

- In January 2021, together with the Piarists from Mexico and California, we opened a new community in Cabrican-Huitan, Guatemala. There are now four religious, one of them from our Province. With God's grace, others will join them later.
- On July 16, 2021, the Piarist community in Cuba became a part of our USA-PR Province. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Cuba was a pioneer for the Piarists in the Western Hemisphere.

We accept this enormous responsibility confidence and trust in the "God of surprises."

- On August 1, 2021, we officially opened a new community in Adjuntas in the Diocese of Ponce, PR. There we are now responsible for the Parish of St. Joachim and St. Anne as well as St. Joachim Academy.

The mission of the Piarist Fathers is not a work of art, which is to be admired in a museum of historical memories. It is a beautiful adventure, like an Olympic competition. We evangelize children and young people, where the crown of sanctity is the greatest trophy. This work is not reserved to a few. We are all official candidates, including you. It is all about letting ourselves be trained by the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all of you for helping us with this beautiful task.

(We will provide more information about our new missions in the next newsletter.)



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