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by Vincia Osta and Patty Jimenez, Barry DM in Students

To raise awareness of themes significant to Hispanic ministry, the diocese also invited national Hispanic pastoral theologians, including Drs. Jorge Presmanes, OP, and Alicia Marill from Barry University. As diocesan organizers and students in Barry’s nationally recognized doctoral program emphasizing Hispanic ministry and theology, we know that Dr. Presmanes and Dr. Marill would bring a high level of expertise, passion and personal connection. Through sessions on exclusion and inclusion, and theology of accompaniment, they generated lively discussions on the intersection of the session topics and the lived experiences of the Hispanic leaders.

The response was overwhelming, as the conversation and spirit of communion gave meaning to our time together and purpose to our future plans. The energy of the conversation encouraged us to plan additional gatherings focused on designing new ways to serve our diocesan Hispanic communities.

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by Ana Rodrigues-Sato ’99, Florida Catholic Editor

On June 13, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Alberto Rojas, a student in Barry University’s Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago. Rojas and his fellow appointee, Andrew P. Wypych, will help Cardinal Francis George with the administration of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which serves more than 2.3 million Catholics in northeastern Illinois.

Rojas, 46, began his doctoral studies in Hispanic ministry at Barry in fall 2006. “He is a great student and a person who is truly committed to the service of the Church,” said Jorge Presmanes, OP, director of the Institute for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry. “I am delighted by his appointment. The archdiocese is blessed to have him as an auxiliary bishop.”

In an interview with the Barry Magazine in fall 2008, Rojas said that there is a great need for developing Hispanic leadership in the Church. “In Chicago almost half the Catholics are Hispanic, but the percentage of priests who are Hispanic is maybe 3 percent,” he said. “I’m grateful to all those priests who are not Hispanics but are working with Hispanic populations. Also, thank God there are more people interested in lay leadership as well.”

Rojas studied for the priesthood in his native Aguascalientes, Mexico, and in the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he was ordained in 1997 and where he currently serves as pastor of Good Shepherd Parish. For seven years, he was also director of Hispanic Ministry at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Chicago.

“I expect the doctoral study that Alberto Rojas is undertaking to be shaped not only by his years on the faculty of Mundelein Seminary but also by his experience as pastor of a large Mexican-American parish in Chicago and now as auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese,” said James B. Nickoloff, PhD, Rojas’ thesis-project mentor.

According to the Chicago Archdiocese website, Rojas will serve as Cardinal George’s vice for Vicariate III of the archdiocese and as liaison to Hispanic Catholics. His ordination as bishop took place August 10.

The Catholic Diocese of Fresno organized a bilingual leadership convocation this summer to promote dialogue between diocesan leaders serving a diversity of Hispanic communities.

The Bishop Steimbeck Hispanic Ministry Convocation, named in honor of late Bishop John T. Steimbeck, focused on listening to the experiences and challenges of Catholic leaders in the diocese, including teachers and ministers from parishes, schools, farm worker camps, apostolic movements, and restorative justice organizations.

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Barry Professors (continued from front cover)

The response to this convolution also affirmed our intention that the benefits of continued engagement between leaders from to her and nationally recognized theologians are far reaching. To read more about the work of Barry students Visit Online and Barry alumni: www.usparchministry.com.


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Mary Catherine Hilbert Receives 2011 Yves Congar Award

The Department of Theology and Pastoral Theology presented the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence to Mary Catherine Hilbert, OP, PhD, honoring her contributions, particularly to theologies of preaching and feminist theology. Barry’s Dr. Sarah Fairbanks, OP, a former student of Hilbert’s, characterized her work as focused on “effective preaching in our church and world, especially in light of women [and] the reality of the poor.” Through her address that evening, “In Memory of Luise and Eunice: Handing on a Living Tradition of Faith,” Hilbert probed that characterization correct as she examined Congar’s contribution to Des Vrhem, Vanessa B. IV, “The Constitution on Divine Revelation.”

Noting the vocation of the baptized applies to both men and women, she spoke of the “loves and teaching of the mothers and grandmothers who have handed on the Christian tradition in ways that are largely unrecognized and uncelebrated, but essential to the vitality and future of the tradition.” Recalling Paul’s acknowledgment of the teaching role played by Timothy’s mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5), Hilbert noted both the importance of women and men teachers and preachers of the faith in the domestic Church and the distant history of women being “systematically excluded as official interpreters of the Bible.” In regard, she exhorted those gathered to recognize that all baptized Christians, male and female, are called to preach the gospel.

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As part of the Peace and Justice Lecture Series at Benedictine University, Barry welcomed Douglas Allen, PhD, professor of theology at the University of Mass. Allen presented his lecture, “Mukandma Gandhi and Violence and Terrorism Today.” He is one of the top scholars in the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. According to Allen, Gandhi’s view of violence not only includes physical violence, but also psychological, social, and cultural violence. Through language, and violence in the form of poverty and exploitation. For this reason, Allen noted, “Gandhi would say perhaps all of us who [contend] we believe in nonviolence, actually are violent.”

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This dilemma had been faced by several health care professionals attending the lecture, leading to a lively discussion. Kelly’s presentation lent clarity both to the dilemma and to the teaching of the Church on the distinction between human life and the extraordinary means, a distinction that remains critical for resolving questions at these vulnerable times. The lecture was not only illuminating, but had practical impact for many.

Renowned for his contributions in the field of theology and ethics, Allen presented numerous journal articles and several books, including Medical Care at the End of Life (Georgetown University Press, 2006).
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Sandra Jane Fairbanks, PhD, associate professor of philosophy, ethics, philosophy of law and political theory, published "Ethical Goodness and the Challenge of American Culture," in Ethics (Fall, 2010) 79-102. Fairbanks presented "Climate Change and Moral Responsibility," at a philosophy conference, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV, April 2011. With Dr. Joel Wilson, Fairbanks coached the Barry University Ethics Bowl Team in the 2011 Regional Ethics Bowl and the National Competition. The team placed sixth out of twenty-four in the Southeast Regional Competition and was invited to the National Championship Competition, Cincinnati, OH, March 3, 2011. This is the third time Barry University has been invited to the National Championship Ethics Bowl.


Dear Students,

Congratulations! Graduates!

Res. Mary Ellen Dakin Casini, DMin, Thesis project: Articulating the Role of the School Chaplain in a Religiously Diverse Episcopal Independent School.


Master of Arts in Practical Theology December 2010

From left: Pamela Phillips, Maria Teresa Lopez, Master of Arts in Practical Theology, Articulating the Role of the School Chaplain in a Religiously Diverse Episcopal Independent School.

From left: Valerie Turner, DMIn, Rev. Santhiyagu Anakkoysamy, DMIn, Francisco H. Castillo, DMIn, and Katherine Knox, DMIn.

Res. Santhiyagu Anakkoysamy, MSFS, DMIn, Thesis-project: “I have come to call (Lk 5:32): A Subaltern Hermeneutic of Proclaiming Jesus Christ in the Context of Caste Discrimination in the Catholic Church in Tamil Nadu – A Liberation Perspective.

Francisco H. Castillo, DMIn, Thesis-project: Towards a Renewed Ministry. The Liturgy as the Human Key for a Diverse Twenty-First Century Catholic High School.

Kathryn Knox, DMIn, Thesis-project: The Metamorphosis of the Military Chaplain.

Valerie Turner, DMIn, Thesis-project: “Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?” (Gen 18:19-21); Introducing Pastoral Care to For-Profit Medical Centers.

 Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society Induction Ceremony

A national honor society in theology, open to persons of all faiths, Theta Alpha Kappa promotes excellence and scholarship in the fields of religious studies and religious education. New graduate and undergraduate inductees are pictured below.

From left: Pamela Phillips, Maria Teresa Lopez, Master of Arts in Practical Theology.

From left: Dr. Gloria L. Schrobilgen, SSJ, Alex Felix Schlich, DMIn, Rev. Mary Ellen Dakin Casini, DMIn, and Dr. Verónica Koperski, SFCC.

Steffano Montano (MAPP) and Dr. Elise Miranda, Director of Master of Arts in Practical Theology.

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Summer Term 2011


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The Department welcomed 10 new students to main campus, six matriculating in the Doctor of Ministry program and four in the MA in Practical Theology.

Winter Term 2011

Dr. Alicia Marill, Director of the DMIn program, (from left) Rev. Robert Bruce Cinquagioni, Cindy Scardif-Malpie and Rev. Pedro Lamberto Toledo.

From left: Professor Martin Madia, current student Lucia Luzano, Dr. Sara Farbans, DMIn and new students Adelaia Langa and Lisa Nikto F.dVilis (new students not pictured: Therese Bjermeaas and Rebekah Evans)
SEPI Graduates
Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry for Hispanics
December 2010

Barry DMin Graduate: New Director of SEPI

News from Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI)

SEPI is an educational branch of the Southeast Regional Office for Hispanic Affairs, Region V and XII of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Barry University offers an MA in Pastoral Ministry for Hispanics at the SEPI location in southeast Miami. This program is conducted in Spanish and trains pastoral ministers to respond to the needs of U.S. Hispanic communities.

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News from The Blessed Edmund Rice School for Pastoral Ministry

Barry University offers an MA in Pastoral Theology at The Blessed Edmund Rice School for the Diocese of Venice, Florida

Collegiate Updates

Nelson Araque, DMin student, was selected by the Archdiocesan Council on Climate Change to be part of the Catholic Climate Ambassadors’ program. Araque, who plans to focus on raising awareness among U.S. Hispanic Latino/a Catholics, joins a network of 24 trained ambassadors available to offer presentations on the moral implications of climate change consistent with Catholic teaching.

Barry MA Student Named Director of Family Life Ministry

On July 25, 2011, Lucia Baret, Luzondo, Barry MA in Practical Theology student, assumed her new responsibilities as director of Family Life Ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami.

According to the Archdiocesan website, “Luzondo will be responsible for the design and implementation of Archdiocesan programs and services, in coordination with the parish, for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, marriage enrichment, and the support of family life.”

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Alumni News

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NEW DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Dr. Gloria L. Schaub, SJ, has been selected as the new director of graduate programs in theology and ministry. Schaub, associate professor of systematic theology and associate dean for general education, is a prolific writer, authoring The Cosmopolitanism of the Triune God (2007) and more than 50 articles, book chapters, monographs, and reviews.

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Barry University’s Ethics Bowl Team Competes at National Tournament

On March 3, 2011, Barry’s Ethics Bowl team participated in the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati, Ohio, along with 31 other teams from across the country. The team performed well, losing close matches to Dartmouth (129 to 136) and the University of Maryland (132 to 137), before defeating Loyola University of Chicago in their third match (131-122).

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From left: Marty Mata; Valerie Charles; Dr. Michael Mohanan, moderator; and Alejandro Gonzales.

Congratulations to our May 2011 Graduates!

Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society Induction Ceremony

A national honor society in philosophy, Phi Sigma Tau encourages the highest ideals of academic excellence through presentation of papers and debates on philosophical issues.

New inductees are pictured below.

Newly inducted members.

Campus Ministry Personnel Changes

By Veneta Lorraine, Interim Director, Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry has experienced several personnel changes this past year. The first transition is that of Rev. Scott O’Brien, OP, DM in, who, after 13 years at the University, answered the call of the Southern Dominican Province to become Novice Director. Fr. Scott had capably served the University as chaplain and director of Campus Ministry, offering students, faculty and staff superior spiritual care and helping to ensure quality liturgical services and programming.

Leadership of Campus Ministry will be assumed by Veneta Lorraine, DM in, and Rev. Marcelo Solórzano, OP, STD, who are already recognized campus-wide for their expertise and dedication. Lorraine has been appointed interim director of Campus Ministry. Along with her new responsibilities, she will continue to offer spiritual direction to both undergraduate and graduate students. Fr. Marcelo has been appointed University chaplain and is eagerly looking forward to serving the Barry community in this new role.

Christina Leano will serve as the new Coordinator for the DePores Center; taking over for Steffano Montano who is beginning his first year as a novice with the Southern Dominican Province. Leano’s passion for social justice issues and her creativity are sure to be valued by Barry students.

Nancy Arias, Campus Ministry’s new administrative assistant, will assume many of the responsibilities formerly held by Office Manager Michelle Brown, who recently retired to her new home in Georgia.

As with all transitions, these departures have brought both sadness and joy. We are so grateful for the many contributions made by our former colleagues and will miss their presence. But we also look forward with excitement to what this new academic year holds, given the creativity and talents of this newly assembled team.

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The New Roman Missal: Challenge and Opportunity

This lecture series, held in spring 2011, brought two highly respected liturgical scholars to campus to address the liturgical, theological, and pastoral implications of the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal.

John F. Baldwin, SJ, PhD, assisted the place of the new missal within the context of liturgical reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. A professor of historical and liturgical theology at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Baldwin is author of Reframing the Liturgy: A Response to the Critics.

John F. Baldwin, SJ, PhD

Catherine Vincie, RMSH, PhD, directed attention to key theological and pastoral issues associated with implementation of the new missal. A professor of liturgical theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Vincie is author of Celebrating Divine Mystery.

Catherine Vincie, RMSH, PhD

Mark Your Calendar!

2012 Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence Recipient
Roberto S. Goizueta, PhD
will present
“Against the Pursuit of Happiness: The Preferential Option for the Poor and the Denial of Death”
Friday, January 13, 2012
Barry University
Andreas Building, Room 112, 7:00 pm
This lecture is part of the St. Thomas/St. Catherine Lecture Series

Nuala Kenny, OC, MD, FRCPC
will present
“The Ethics of Neuroscience and the Neuroscience of Ethics and Morality”
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Andreas Building, Room 112, 7:00 pm
This lecture is sponsored by the Barry University Council on Bioethics and the Department of Theology and Philosophy St. Thomas/St. Catherine Lecture Series

From the Director of Graduate Programs in Theology and Ministry

In view of the changing demographics and needs of our graduate students in both the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry and Doctor of Ministry programs, the Graduate Theology Committee of the Department of Theology and Philosophy is meeting to discuss the variety of factors that influence the scheduling of courses. These factors include:

- Offering specific courses on the basis of student need
- Offering courses in specific concentrations as enrollment warrants
- Offering required courses on a regular basis
- Varying the courses offered within each of the areas of theology
- Providing the opportunity for faculty to offer special topics suitable to student interests

The committee then plans to devise a rotation of courses guided by the most pressing of these factors. Because of this process, the course schedule for the winter residency, the spring semester, and the summer residency, which is ordinarily published in this newsletter, is presently under review.

When the committee finalizes its decision, each graduate student will receive a copy of the schedule of course offerings by email. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make our programming responsive to the requirements and needs of our graduate students.

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