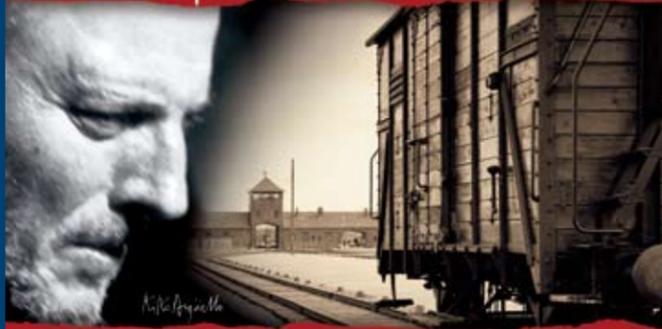


The Suffering of the Innocents



A SYMPHONIC HOMAGE AND PRAYER
KIKO ARGÜELLO, COMPOSER - PAU JORQUERA, CONDUCTOR

BOSTON SYMPHONY HALL - SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012 - 2PM
FREE ADMISSION-TICKET REQUIRED



GALA DINNER

Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Third Annual Gala Dinner

when: 24 June 2012 at 5pm,

where: Four Points by Sheraton Norwood
1125 Boston - Providence Turnpike
Norwood, MA 02062

HONORING
AJC INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
OF INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS
RABBI DAVID ROSEN



Save the date!



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Newsletter of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Boston

"AS MANY CATHOLICS are already aware, Pope Benedict has declared a Year of Faith to coincide with the Synod on the New Evangelization, the anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church..."
(From Cardinal Sean's blog, 20 January 2012)

**POPE BENEDICT XVI
ANNOUNCES
'YEAR OF FAITH' -
SENDS 100 NEW FAMILIES
IN MISSION AND 12 NEW
"MISSIO AD GENTES"**

"DEAR FAMILIES, the Church thanks you; she needs you for the New Evangelization. The family is an important cell for the ecclesial community, where people are trained in human and Christian life. With great joy I see your sons and daughters, so many children who look to you, dear parents, to your example. About a hundred families are about to leave for 12 Missions ad gentes. I invite you not to be afraid: those who bring the Gospel are never alone."
(Pope Benedict XVI, 20 January 2012)



DID YOU EVER WONDER WHERE OUR SEMINARIANS COME FROM? THERE ARE 11 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AMONG THEM...

United States - 5 Nicaragua - 1 Italy - 2 Mexico - 1 Ivory Coast - 1 Spain - 1 Brazil - 3 Poland - 3 Costa Rica - 1 Dominican Republic - 1 Honduras - 1



Dear Friends,

I'm happy to send you a copy of our seminary's latest newsletter.

January was quite an eventful month. Our seminarians were out in parishes combining their vacation from school with visiting homes to invite people to the various catechesis that are going on right now all over the Archdiocese. Then we welcomed the last seminarians that were assigned to our seminary this year: Leonardo, from Brazil, Artur, from Poland, Guy, from Ivory Coast, and Pablo, from Spain, bringing to 20 the number of the men studying at Redemptoris Mater Seminary for the Archdiocese of Boston. I asked Pablo Gomis to introduce himself and to tell us a little about his experience.

Still in January, the day after the Holy Father announced the definitive approval of the liturgical rites contained in the Catechetical Directory of the Neocatechumenal Way, we celebrated Felipe's ordination to the Diaconate. Originally born in Mexico, Felipe grew up in California and his mother and some of his friends from Lamont came to be with him on this occasion.

Finally two events that I would like to draw your attention to and ask you to save the dates. The first one is a **concert that will be held at Boston Symphony Hall on Sunday, 6 May, at 2PM.** Performed by an international orchestra of about 200 musicians and choir singers, they will interpret an opus written by Kiko Argüello entitled "The Suffering of the Innocents." More than just a concert, this will be a symphonic celebration presided by Cardinal Sean on the suffering of

Mary under the cross of Jesus. Admission is free of charge, but tickets must be reserved in advance. For further information, you may consult the website, www.sufferingoftheinnocents.com or call 617-879-9814.

Our Annual Gala Dinner is the other significant event that I would like to draw your attention to. This year's dinner will be held **on Sunday, 24 June at 5PM at the Four Points by Sheraton Norwood, and we will honor Rabbi David Rosen.** Rabbi Rosen is currently the AJC International Director of Interreligious Relations and for many years now, first with Pope John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI, has labored intensely to rekindle and to promote the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, especially in what regards the Jewish-Catholic dialogue. We will honor him at the start of the "Year of Faith," which the Holy Father announced will start this October to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Council. This dinner is also our main fundraising event for the year and I hope that you will be able to join us. For information and reservations, please call 617-879-9814 or by email: seminary@rmsboston.org.

Wishing you a holy season of Lent and asking for a place in your prayer for me and our seminarians,

Fr. Antonio F. Medeiros



21 JANUARY, 2012 -
DIACONAL ORDINATION
OF FELIPE DE JESUS
GONZALEZ



My name is Pablo Gomis Gonzalez, I am 26 years old and I was born in Spain. When I was 14 years old through my parents I joined the Neocatechumenal Way, which was fundamental for me to be open and discern the vocation to the priesthood. When I was 19 years old I went through a time of rebellion in which I did not understand the meaning of my life, I felt completely lost and was searching for answers in the wrong places which led me to many sufferings. It was during this difficult time that my community and catechists gave me the support and help that I needed to discover that maybe God was calling me to serve him. I was invited to Porto San Giorgio, Italy, where I accepted to enter a seminary anywhere in the world. In 2006 I was sent to begin my studies in the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Murcia, Spain. There I did Philosophy and the first year of Theology. Then I was sent for a time of mission, first in Granada and then in Mexico. This experience was very important in my formation because I was able to discover the grace that is to announce the Gospel. I see today that the ways of the Lord are an adventure for I never thought that I would end up as a seminarian in Boston and here I am. I am happy to be doing something different than what were my projects in Murcia, happy that God had other plans for me, and I know that there is nothing better than to enter in his will. And the last thing (I almost forgot!), please pray for me to learn English fast because I had to ask someone to put this in better English than my Spanglish!



...AND THIS IS THE EXPERIENCE OF ONE OF THEM.



Friday, 9 March 2012. Cardinal Sean visits the Seminary and poses for a group photo with the resident seminarians (five are currently in mission in various places throughout the United States).