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Great Joy and Solemn Splendour Mark Graduation



The Ninth Academy Graduation was celebrated with great joy and solemn splendour. About 400 people filled Saint Hedwig Church as the graduates, faculty, academic senators, priests, and deacons processed in, accompanied by the majestic music of the Academy Choir and the local children's Sparrows Choir, under the direction of Maestro Uwe Liefländer.

The principal celebrant of the Graduation Mass was Fr. David May of Madonna House Apostolate. Preaching on the life of St. Athanasius, he emphasized the importance of fidelity to Church teaching in an age which rejects Christ and the gospel of life. Our faith is no mere intellectual discussion, but a matter of life and death. Father also spoke about Saint Anthony and the importance of The Desert, not as a physical getaway, but as a silent, spiritual realm where we encounter God and ourselves. Father encouraged everyone to witness to the Gospel without fear.

Following Mass, forty-one students received various certificates

in Christian Humanities. This joyful ceremony was followed by a luncheon celebration with toasts by President Dr. David B. Warner, Mayor John Hildebrandt, and MPP John Yakabuski.

Following our awards presentation, Dr. Keith Cassidy was welcomed as the incoming Academic Dean for the 2009-2010 academic year. His devoted daughter, Maureen, made the surprise announcement that the seven Cassidy children were funding an annual OLSWA scholarship in honour of their father. The ever-cheerful Elizabeth Enright, from Douglas, Ontario, was the first to receive the Cassidy Family Award for a student who has demonstrated excellence in both History and pro-life work.

This year's valedictorian was Stephanie Hartwick from Port Franks, Ontario. In her warm and humorous address, she spoke of the school's rapid growth and development during her three years as a student, and how glad she was to be a part of it. She described

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New Presidential Roles: Emeritus and Interim

OLSWA President Dr. David B. Warner, who has so notably energized the OLSWA community and led it to a new level of achievement, has been forced by a relapse of multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer) to take early retirement from full-time academic administration, effective July 31. Recently installed Academic Dean, Dr. Keith Cassidy,

will assume the additional role of Interim



Dr. Keith Cassidy and Dr. David B. Warner

consultation, and it was accepted with reluctance by the Board.

President. A vigorous international search for a new President is underway, details of which can be found on our website.

Dr. Warner made the difficult decision to retire after much prayerful medical and spiritual

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FROM THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS



Dear Academy Family and Friends,

The Academy is joining the Church universal with a strong emphasis during this, our Tenth Anniversary Year, on what Pope Benedict XVI has called us to celebrate as the

“YEAR FOR PRIESTS” (19 June 2009-19 June 2010),

under the patronage of St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron of parish priests. We dedicate ourselves this year to increased prayers for, and cooperation between the Academy and those with the hierarchical gift of Sacred Orders.



Dr. Warner with model and mentor
Fr. Michael Scanlan



Presenting Fr. David May with
the Culture of Life Award

We will strengthen our ties to bishops, priests, and deacons, especially with our local Ordinary, Bishop Michael Mulhall, our Episcopal Advisory Board members (see p. 7), the pastor of our host-parish, Fr. Christopher Shalla, and our Chaplain, Fr. Paul Burchat. We will seek new ways to collaborate with the priests and deacons of our Pembroke diocese, and with those priests of the Madonna House Apostolate and Companions of the Cross who assist our pastoral ministry.



Processing in to Christendom College's
Graduation with Fr. Frank Pavone

In March 2008 I had the privilege to participate and pray with Franciscan University's Chancellor, Fr. Michael Scanlan, TOR, and their President, Fr. Terrence Henry, TOR, at a conference for Catholic university leaders in Steubenville, Ohio. The prayers and counsel of these holy priests on the same day I first

got word of pathological bone damage have sustained me while trying to follow their examples.

Fr. David May, Director General for Priests of the Madonna House Apostolate, honoured OLSWA at our May 2 Graduation by being the main celebrant, Commencement speaker, and recipient of our first “Culture of Life Award” (see p. 1). While representing the Academy at the graduation of our first two

alumni from Christendom College (see p. 4), it was my joy to speak and process in with honorary doctoral degree recipient Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life.

What a blessing to have a part in honouring both Fr. May and Fr. Pavone during a season of controversy over giving questionable honours in the cases of the Order of Canada and Notre Dame University's honorary Doctor of Law degree. Their priestly and prophetic witness in the face of these public scandals are worthy of honour.



With Archbishop Prendergast

During the Year for Priests, we will continue to build relationships with the Canadian and international hierarchy as well. Archbishop of Ottawa, Terrence Prendergast, S.J., came to campus for a tour and meeting with me on July 17. He was pleased to see the patronage of St. Joseph newly emphasized in St. Joseph Hall with a lovely donated statue. I promised to distribute and pray his archdiocesan prayer for vocations. See www.archbishopterry.blogspot.com.

RELAPSE & RETIREMENT

In recent months I have been experiencing a sharp increase in pain and symptoms from permanent bone damage, three surgeries, pathologic anemia, and decreased immunity, which the medical tests have since confirmed as signs of multiple myeloma cancer relapse and a decreased longevity prognosis overall. Combined with increased pain medication and new rounds of chemotherapies, the resulting physical, mental, and social demands of leading OLSWA as the full-time President have most regretfully become untenable. Early retirement and a return to Virginia this fall to fight this battle has become the clear path all counsellors have pointed to. See more regarding the presidential transition on page one.

Many of you join me daily for healing prayers, but we cannot presume or plan for a miraculous total healing of this “incurable but treatable disease.” Let us follow the example of Christ in the garden: “Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done” (Luke 22:42). St. Jean-Marie Vianney and Ven. John Henry Cardinal Newman, pray for us!

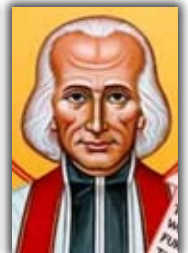
Sincerely yours, *cor ad cor,*

David B. Warner

David B. Warner, Ph.D.
President Emeritus



Ven. John Henry
Cardinal Newman



St. Jean-Marie
Baptiste Vianney

* “*Cor ad cor loquitur*” is Latin for “Heart speaketh unto heart,” and was the cardinalatial motto of Cardinal Newman (1801-1890), convert, priest, and author of *The Idea of a University*. I consciously look to Newman as an intellectual and spiritual mentor, as I also commit all prayers for my healing and for the Academy to his special intercession. I hope to attend his beatification in England next year.

Dr. Cassidy to Continue the Vision of OLSWA

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He has accepted the honorary title of President Emeritus, and will continue to act as an advisor and ambassador for the Academy. Dr. Warner will be returning to the United States by November, where he will be able to continue to advance the interests of the institution to which he has devoted so much love and labour.

The Acting Chair of the OLSWA Board of Directors, Richard Sauro, told VERITAS: *“Over the course of two years with us, Dr. Warner will have made an enormous contribution to the life of our community. His tireless work, uncompromising vision, and skillful leadership pushed the Academy into a prominence never before achieved, and have earned it a high measure of respect and recognition. While his presence on campus will be sorely missed, we are grateful that he accepted our request to become President Emeritus. We will have a counsellor and spokesman who is deeply devoted to the Academy and its welfare. We are most grateful for all that he has done, and offer our compassion and support to Dr. Warner and his family at this very difficult time.”*

On April 7, Dr. Warner had offered Dr. Cassidy the deanship, which he enthusiastically accepted. Dr. Cassidy has served as a university History professor for forty years, the last thirty-five of them at the University of Guelph. While at Guelph he established a notable record of achievement in service to the faculty and became a recognized expert in the area of policy development. In 2004 he was the first recipient at Guelph of the Dedicated Service Award, presented by the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

As a scholar Dr. Cassidy has focused on the history of the pro-life movement and has presented numerous papers and published many articles on this topic. In addition, he was a founder and the first President of the Catholic Civil Rights League. He has been an external member of OLSWA's Academic Senate since its inception in May of 2006, and was our Commencement speaker in 2007. He has also served for six years as an External Senator for Redeemer University College.

As Academic Dean he is expected to devote his time and energies primarily to the tasks of pursuing accreditation for the Academy and developing faculty and administrative policies in support of that goal. Having become Interim President, he has many new tasks, most notably continuing Dr. Warner's strengthening of our administration, academics, support base, and overall institutional advancement.



Dr. Cassidy Addresses the Academy Community at the 2009 Graduation Ceremonies

Dr. Cassidy comments on the transition:

“The Academy owes Dr. Warner and his family much, and our prayers are with them. Supporters of OLSWA can expect that my time in office will emphasise continuity with his vision: the unrelenting quest for excellence, the development of the Academy's facilities and academic resources, the promotion of its reputation in Canada and abroad, and the expansion of its base of support. As well I will continue my work on the preparation of our application for degree-granting status. In carrying out these tasks, I will have the benefit of Dr. Warner's knowledge and wise counsel. More than that, I am comforted by the support of an extraordinary community, whose members live their faith with a rare depth and sincerity. This is truly an inspiring place, and my wife Elizabeth and I feel privileged to be here. This position is the culmination of my career, not an afterthought: I believe that the Academy has a vital role to play in invigorating the Church and renewing our country and I am honoured to be a part of it.”

I am so thankful that Providence has brought Dr. Cassidy for this time of transition and growth. He comes with my strong endorsement, respect, and confidence to lead us forward. Please welcome, support, and pray for him, as you did for me.

- DR. DAVID B. WARNER

ACADEMY NOTES

Congratulations to **Dr. Colin Kerr**, Faculty of Theology, who successfully defended his doctoral thesis on *Job in St. Augustine* at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, on April 21.

A day-long symposium on Plato was held at OLSWA on June 13. **Plato Day** featured short readings from Plato and presentations. Faculty and other participants enjoyed the fruitful discussion and fine fellowship. Many thanks to **Dr. Kerr** for facilitating this event, which we hope to have annually to cover other interdisciplinary topics.

OLSWA is grateful for a grant received through the **Canada Summer Jobs** program of the Government of Canada. This grant, worth nearly \$3,700, covered the cost of hiring third-year student **Maura McNeely** as our Assistant Secretary of Academics for the summer.

This year's lecture series featured talks by **Dr. Donald Graham** (Reflections on Catholicism in Canada); **John-Henry Westen** (Pro-life Media); **Rebekah Lamb** (on Chesterton); **Michael Miller** (De Tocqueville on Challenges to Democracy); **Brian Johnston** (on Euthanasia); **Theresa Gilbert** from the National Campus Life Network (Pro-life Apologetics); **Rebecca Austen** and **Shannon Joseph** from World Youth Alliance.

Fr. Matthew McNeely, FSSP, Pastor of St. Stephen Parish in the Diocese of Sacramento and Assistant Vocations Director for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, spent several days at the Academy in April, saying Mass in the extraordinary form and presenting two well-attended talks.

Many thanks to **Murray Brothers Lumber Co.** who made a generous donation of quality lumber to build book shelves in our expanding library.

Welcome to **Mary Sawchuk**, B.A. ('08, Redeemer UC '09) as Faculty Secretary; and **Theresa Merrick**, M.A. ('06, Redeemer UC '08, UWaterloo '09) as Literature professor.

Thank you to the **Rivett-Carnac family** for their donation of a St. Joseph statue. (See photo, page 2)

ALUMNI NOTES

Congratulations to the following alumni who were married this summer: **Tim and Gabrielle** (Ferri '06) **Waggoner** ('08) (July 25), who met at OLSWA; Felipe and **Veronica** (Sebanc '06) **Grossling** (June 27), who met at the JPII Institute, in Washington D.C.; Joseph and **Catherine** (Ryan '05) **Koechl** (August 22); **Shawn and Laura** (Compeau '09) **Van Bakel** ('08) (August 22), who also met at OLSWA.

Academy Honours 2009 Graduates



OLSWA Certificate in Christian Humanities

Congratulations to the 2009 recipients of OLSWA's three-year Certificate in Christian Humanities: *(Back Row)* Emily Haig, Gregory Gassman, Jonathan Koechl, Joseph Burchat, Sarah VanderHulst, Emily Schmiedicke, *(Front)* Jeannie Goeckner, Marie Muys, Stephanie Hartwick, Grant Fitzpatrick. Our graduates will be continuing studies at Redeemer University College, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and Christendom College.



Redeemer University College Bachelor Degrees

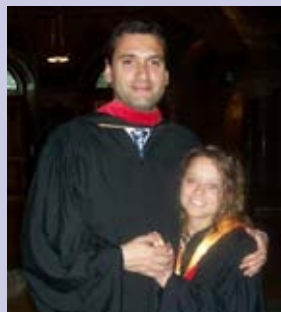
Twelve OLSWA alumni received degrees from Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON, on May 23. *(Back Row)* Stephen Vajdik, B.A. Honours; Patrick Craine, B.A.; Heather MacIntyre, B.A.; Joseph Platt, B.A. & B.Ed.; Maria Nolan, B.A.; Rebecca Mombourquette, B.A.; Alissa Golob, B.A. *(Kneeling)* Angela Reilander, B.Ed.; Carol Reaume, B.A. Honours. *(In absentia)* Anthony Burchat, B.A.; Michael Fisk, B.A.; Mary Sawchuk, B.A.

OLSWA Alumni Thrive at American Institutions

This May 16th, two OLSWA alumni graduated with bachelors degrees from Christendom College. After completing their 3rd-year certificates at OLSWA last year, Nikolaas Zylstra and Lindsay Gallagher were accepted into the 4th year of Christendom's Bachelor of liberal arts program - the first OLSWA grads to do so. Nik and Lindsay both majored in philosophy at Christendom, a fellow college featured along with OLSWA in the *Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College*.



Nikolaas Zylstra and Lindsay Gallagher, with Dr. Warner and Dr. O'Donnell, President of Christendom College



Newly-wed Felipe and Veronica (Seban '06) Grossling, after receiving their MTS Degrees from the John Paul II Institute in Washington D.C.



Anna Pugh ('06), with her brother and fellow Franciscan University of Steubenville graduate, Colin, after receiving their Bachelor degrees in May

OLSWA Graduation

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the Academy as a place where she could be herself and trust her teachers and friends. She concluded by quoting St. Paul: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:2).

The Academy's first annual Culture of Life Award was then presented to Fr. May and the Madonna House community "for their inspirational commitment to the restoration of culture and building a Civilization of Love" (See photo, page 2). Dr. Warner also honoured John Paul Patenaude for his many years of service as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Patenaude served as Chairman from 2005 to 2009, and will continue to be a member of the Board.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

OLSWA: An Experience Beyond Price

Hailing from Brampton, Ontario, Nikolaas Zylstra completed three years at the Academy, where he met his fiancée Lindsay Gallagher ('08), and graduated with honours as the 2008 valedictorian. Nik then went on to Christendom College, where he received his degree in Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude.

After his marriage to Lindsay next summer, Nik intends to pursue graduate studies.

When deciding to attend the Academy, what appealed to you most?

Honestly, the most significant factor was the price. I couldn't afford to go anywhere else so I decided to try out the Academy for a year.



What made you return for a second and then a third year?

After trying out the Academy for a year, I was drawn back because of its faith community—teachers, staff, and students—and the classes. I was introduced to a Catholic culture and tradition that I never knew existed, and the more I became a part of that culture and tradition, the more I was drawn to participate in it.

How has participation in this culture and tradition formed you? What most impacted you?

I was formed at the Academy by both what I learned and the people with whom I interacted... I learned from the greatest thinkers in history by reading and discussing their works and ideas within the tradition of the Catholic Church. I was brought into contact with perennial questions of human existence, which opened my eyes to what is really important in life.

Many of my classmates helped me to grow spiritually and intellectually—by their advice, but mostly by their example. The witness of my professors also had a great impact on me. All of the teachers at OLSWA inspired me in different ways to live a more self-less and Christian life, and I will forever be indebted for the sacrifices they made for me, and continue to make for their students.

You are interested in pursuing graduate studies. Did the discoveries you made at the Academy influence the decisions you are making for your future?

Absolutely. The classes at the Academy showed me the importance of both philosophy and theology—how they form the mind and affect our knowledge of God and reality. Today there is a lack of people who know how to think in a disciplined, systematic way, and the majority of Catholics are ignorant about their faith. I want to pursue graduate studies so I can better help the Church in Her universal mission of spreading the truth, both natural and supernatural.

You graduated Summa Cum Laude from the highly-respected Catholic university, Christendom College. Did you feel prepared for the transition from OLSWA to an institution of such reputation?

I felt fully prepared for attending Christendom in my fourth year, and I could not have achieved the level of success that I did there without my previous years at OLSWA.

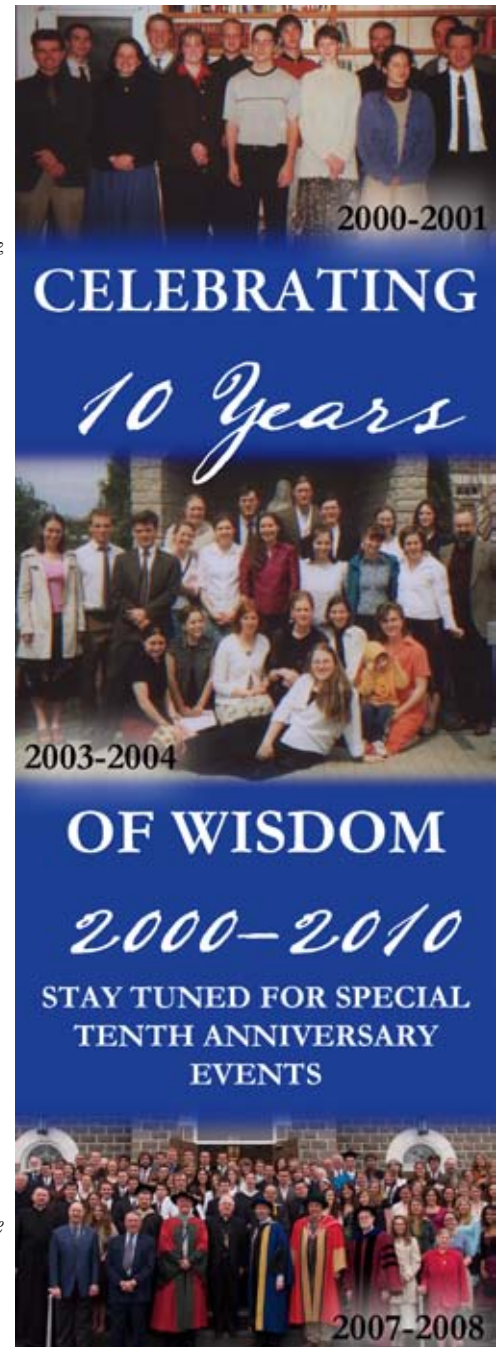
What was your favourite course at the Academy?

That is not an easy question; there were so many great courses. If I must choose, I'll say Spiritual Theology because it deals with the most important subject matter: becoming holy. But there are so many incredible courses at the Academy.

And finally: Any closing thoughts?

I would just like to reiterate how thankful I am to have had the chance to attend the Academy. It was truly a life-changing experience and I encourage anyone looking to go to an authentically Catholic university to check out OLSWA. This school is playing an integral role in building up the Catholic Church in Canada and is desperately needed at this time.

FOR MORE STUDENT AND ALUMNI PROFILES, VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.SEATOFWISDOM.ORG



Pembroke Gala Celebration a Rousing Success

Friends and supporters of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy joined together in celebration and thanksgiving at this year's Fundraising Gala Dinner, held in Pembroke, ON, on April 17.

The event was a success. His Grace Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. of Ottawa delivered the keynote address, speaking about OLSWA's role in fostering the new wave of evangelization among the youth: "There is something attractive in these young people. I want to be a part of it. That is why I am happy to be a part of OLSWA's [Episcopal] Board."



Pembroke Diocese Vice-Chancellor Fr. Ryan Holly, Dr. Warner, Archbishop Prendergast, and Pembroke Bishop Michael Mulhall, enjoying the Gala evening

OLSWA Marches for Life on Parliament Hill

On May 14, dozens of Academy faculty, staff, students, and alumni joined another 12,000 in Ottawa as part of the 9th Annual March for Life activities on Parliament Hill. Proudly flanking the



Marc Cardinal Ouellet, Archbishop of Quebec City and Primate of Canada, joins OLSWA during the March for Life on Parliament Hill

OLSWA banner in their school hoodies, the Academy delegation marched the streets of downtown Ottawa, joining ecclesiastical dignitaries such as Marc Cardinal Ouellet and Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus. This year's event, entitled *Exodus 2009: A Future without Abortion*, marked 40 years since the legalization of abortion in Canada.

Talented Students Receive 2009 Scholarships

Divine Infant of Prague Scholarship

\$2,000 to Katie Hanlon, Combermere, ON
For a student going into second year who has demonstrated academic excellence

St. Cecilia Music Scholarship

\$600 to Noelle Platt, Wilno, ON
For an exceptional music student

Paul Sanders Pro-Life Scholarship

\$500 to John Espadero, Vancouver, BC
For a returning male student who demonstrates excellence in a number of areas, especially Christian witness and pro-life work

Janine Lieu Pro-Life Scholarship

\$500 to Cassie Farrell, Montreal, QC
For a returning female student who demonstrates excellence in a number of areas, especially Christian witness and pro-life work

St. Bede Scholarship

\$750 to Elizabeth Enright, Douglas, ON
For a student who has demonstrated excellence in both History and pro-life work

Mary Ward Bursary

\$1,000 to Amy MacInnis, Whitby, ON
For a female student going into second year who has demonstrated good character and has financial need

St. Athanasius Bursary

\$1,000 to Michael Hayden, Butte, Montana
For a returning student who has demonstrated good character and has financial need

St. Scholastica Scholarship

\$1,000 to Faye Breen, Joliet, Illinois
For a first-year student who has applied by the early-bird deadline, and who is notable for excellence, particularly in the realm of academics

St. Benedict Scholarship

\$1,000 to Anna-Therese Pierlot, Morell, PEI
For a first-year student who has applied by the normal admissions deadline, and who is notable for excellence, particularly in the realm of academics

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Summer Successes

It has been busy spring and summer for Development. (Cornwall), Catch the Current (Ottawa), and the March for Life's Youth Conference (Ottawa).

First of all, we are completing a successful annual fundraising drive. Thank you to all who contributed this past year. In addition to helping us meet our basic expenses, your gifts have allowed us to furnish our new buildings, hire a new Academic Dean, and most importantly, to keep tuition at an affordable level for our students.

Many thanks to all who supported us for our April Gala Dinner, which generated more funds than last year's event, a great accomplishment considering the world's economic downturn.

The Development team has been on the road a fair bit. We have been busy attending various conventions — meeting wonderful families at homeschool conferences (Buffalo, NY, and Lansing, MI), and connecting with many young people at youth rallies, such as Journey to the Father



Dr. Warner has also made his way around to reach out to potential donors, current supporters, young people, and their families. He participated in the graduation ceremonies at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, ON, and at Christendom College in VA. He was Keynote Speaker for the Eastern Ontario Knights of Columbus Exemplification on June 27, then addressed over 1,500 Scouts and their families at Kaszuby, ON. Everywhere he has gone, Dr. Warner has raised awareness of OLSWA's mission: to form young hearts and minds, and ultimately to restore our Culture to Christ and His Truth.

I enjoyed participating in a several professional development conferences, which have been valuable opportunities for networking and receiving training in areas such as planned giving.

We have now welcomed our largest student body to date, which includes students from states and provinces "new" to the school; we can now boast of students and alumni from 9 Canadian

provinces and 17 states, not to mention those from England and New Zealand!

We are keeping our annual campaign goals modest, in light of the economic situation. Still, to meet the needs of our students and to achieve our goals in this new fiscal year, we will be seeking to raise another \$250,000 in the Annual Fund Drive for a total of \$551,000 from all fundraising sources and grants.

This coming year marks OLSWA's 10th Anniversary! We are humbled and privileged to acknowledge 10 years of Our Lord's and Our Lady's providential care. I hope many of you will be able to join us in our celebrations!

Maria Reilander
Senior Development Officer

From Strength to Strength

By Dr. David Warner

It is with excitement and thanksgiving that I am able to announce four marvelous additions to the OLSWA team since our last issue of VERITAS. Two eminent archbishops and a distinguished physician and medical professor have joined our advisory boards since April. Then on July 30, the Board of Directors confirmed my last official initiative as President by approving internationally acclaimed painter, novelist, and essayist **Michael D. O'Brien** to be named "**Artist and Writer in Residence**."



Archbishop Miller

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, C.S.B. (Vancouver) and **Archbishop Thomas Collins** (Toronto) accepted our invitation to join founding members Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. (Ottawa) and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Pearse Lacey (also of Toronto) on our **Episcopal Advisory Board**. Our own Bishop Michael Mulhall (Pembroke) has been instrumental in helping us secure the support of these princes of the Church.



Archbishop Collins

Archbishop Collins has been a courageous voice for Catholic higher education as a university and seminary leader and as head of the largest diocese in Canada. See, for example, his recent address, "A Catholic University in the 21st Century" at: www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/news/stories/090608_archbishop-address.html. Before being installed in Vancouver, Archbishop Miller was President of the University of St. Thomas (in Houston—a *Newman Guide* college) and then Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome. His international perspective makes his endorsement (excerpted on p. 8) all the more remarkable (see his website at: www.rcav.bc.ca.)

The Board also recently accepted my nomination of **Dr. John Gay, M.D.** to the **Regional Advisory Board**. Dr. Gay brings a long history of highly respected service as a faithfully Catholic physician, university professor, and promoter of the Culture of Life. He is President of the Ottawa Catholic Physicians' Guild (1990-present). His academic credentials include a 35-year career as Assistant Professor of Medicine for the University of Ottawa (1970-2005). He retired from Ottawa Hospital as Staff Endocrinologist in 2005. See also: www.canadiancatholicphysicians.com.



Dr. John Gay, M.D.

His commitment to OLSWA's mission is evidenced by his literary leadership as well. He was President of the G.K. Chesterton Society of Ottawa (1989-92) before becoming Chairman of the Christopher Dawson Society of Ottawa (1992-2005). Dr. Gay is also the founding President of **Justin Press, which is publishing a forthcoming collection of articles and essays by Michael O'Brien** on the struggle between the Culture of Life and the Culture of Death, entitled: *Remembrance of the Future: Reflections on Our Times*.

Best known for his religious art and many novels including *Father Elijah* and *Island of the World*, O'Brien was among the co-founders of OLSWA. He will teach this year as an adjunct professor of Art. By naming him **Artist and Writer in Residence**, we wish to help sponsor a renewal of authentic Christian culture through Mr. O'Brien's original and prayerful contributions to thought-provoking art and literature. See www.studiobrien.com.



Michael O'Brien

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Artist and Writer in Residence: Michael D. O'Brien

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Academy men assisting during a Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi



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Plato Day participants discuss the Symposium's themes over a break



John Espadero and Jenna Henry with Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson at the March for Life



Jonathan Koechl, Liz O'Brien, and Ben O'Brien provide music at the St. Patrick's Day Party



Polish Scouts march past the Academy booth towards the "Cathedral in the Woods" in Kaszuby



Academy students with Br. Gabriel Joseph, CFR at the Journey to the Father Youth Conference

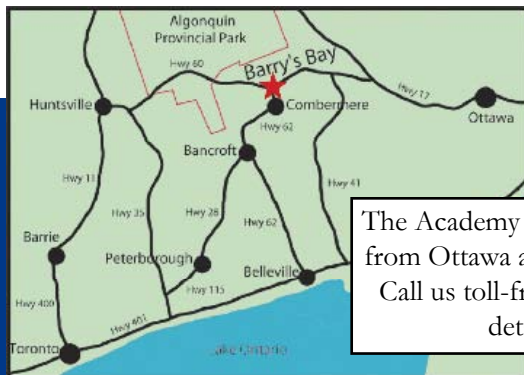
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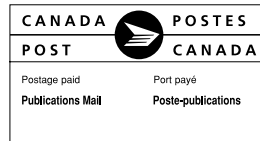
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