All-Night Vigil, March for Life Show Concern of Seminarians

It’s not uncommon for Saint Vincent seminarians and monks to be up in the wee hours of the night praying or studying. The “all-nighter” in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in anticipation of the March for Life was different. In a personal message written for the occasion, His Holiness Pope John Paul II stated: “As ... great numbers of the faithful from throughout the United States gather ... to pray for an end to the tragedy of abortion in your country, I assure you of my spiritual closeness and my sharing in your concern for the continuing holocaust of innocent human lives.”

According to seminarian Carl Kerkemeyer, coordinator of social concerns, 45 diocesan seminarians and Benedictine monks from Saint (Continued on Page 3)

New Officers for Seminary Board of Regents

A special presentation was made at the February 10, 1998, Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents meeting, and outgoing board members and officers and new board officers were recognized.

Mr. John C. Marous, Jr., will take over the reigns as chairman of the board from the Most Rev. Anthony G. Bosco, Bishop of Greensburg, who will continue to sit on the board. The Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of Harrisburg, will be the vice chairman of the board.

Mrs. Elizabeth Haberberger, a former co-chair of the board, completed her third term on the board.

Mr. Marous is a former chairman and chief executive officer of Westinghouse Electric Corp. Prior to being elected chairman, he served as president of the corporation’s Industries and International Group.

Mr. Marous is a member of the board of directors of Mellon Bank and Conrail. He also is a member of the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees and director emeritus of the River City Brass Band. He serves as vice chairman of the board of the Allegheny Heart Institute (Allegheny General Hospital) and chairman of the board of the Extra Mile Education Foundation.

He is a retired member of The Business Roundtable and The Conference Board, Inc.; a member of the American Society of Corporate Executives and the Business-Higher Edu-
Rector’s Message

An article on page 1 of this issue of Leaven refers to the “all-nighter” which the seminarians spent before the Blessed Sacrament in vigil before The March for Life in Washington, D.C. on the 25th anniversary of the passage of Roe vs. Wade. Happily, this devotion to the Eucharist is not an unusual experience for the seminarians. The celebration of the Eucharist is the most important part of each day here at Saint Vincent. In addition, they find time to spend in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, many of them practicing a regular holy hour dedicated to prayer in this way. Moreover, we spend a holy hour together on Thursday and Sunday evenings, and many of us gather together for adoration each morning in the Chapel in Leander Hall.

Does this seem to be overdoing it? As Bishop Anthony Bosco wrote to his priests, inviting them to the Chrism Mass of the Diocese of Greensburg on Holy Thursday: “At the risk of belaboring the obvious, the Eucharist must be the source and center of our lives as priests. Without it we can do nothing. We are never more Christ-like than when we stand at the altar and dare to say, ‘This is my body.’ Without the liturgy there would be no Church. Without the priesthood there would be no Eucharist.” If I had to identify a single most important reason for the dramatic growth of our Seminary and the many blessings we have received, I would definitely identify our efforts to center our lives upon the Eucharist. This allows us to recognize ourselves, not only within a vocation to ministerial priesthood, deeply centered among all the members of the one Body of Christ.

Our sense of the Body of Christ extends far beyond our Seminary community and includes all of you who have supported us, loved us and prayed for us in so many ways. Eucharist means thanksgiving, and, in our oneness in Jesus Christ we thank the Father for the gift each of you is to us.

Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B.
March for Life 
Shows Concern of 
Seminarians 
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Vincent boarded a bus for Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, January 21 to take part in the 25th Annual March for Life. It marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling on Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion.

Many pilgrims gathered on the eve of the March in order to attend a Vigil Mass held at 8 p.m. in the Great Upper Church, with His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, Chair of the NCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities, serving as principal celebrant and homilist. He challenged all to “lift high the Cross.” An estimated 300 clergy were present. The Basilica, which can accommodate more than 6,000 worshipers, had 10,000 attending the Vigil Mass televised on EWTN. Afterwards, many of the pro-lifers from throughout the country moved to the Crypt level for the All-Night Prayer Vigil.

After the National Rosary for Life, Saint Vincent seminarian Rev. Mr. James Holland exposed the Blessed Sacrament and led Night Prayer. Rev. Mr. Victor Galier presided at a prayer service during the first holy hour. Brother Brendan Rolling, O.S.B., served as acolyte for both liturgies. Donald Cramer, coordinator of spiritual activities, worked closely with Stephen Toney, director of liturgical music, and the Saint Vincent Schola to produce a prayerful environment for the worshipers.

While staying at the Theological College at Catholic University of America, the seminarians heard from two individuals caring for women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. On Wednesday evening following Vespers, Vicki Thorn, founder of Project Rachel, spoke. The following morning, Thursday, January 22, Olivia Gans, founder and former director of American Victims of Abortion, told seminarians the pro-life movement will need their “spiritual fathering” once they are ordained priests.

The seminarians came away with three main points: First, to be sensitive to the pain women feel post-abortion, especially when confronted with this issue in the confessional; second, to speak directly and plainly about abortion from the pulpit; finally, to lobby for pro-life legislation on the local, state and national levels.

After the morning conference, seminarians filled St. Patrick Church for a Seminarians’ Mass for Life, with Bernard Cardinal Law.

Among those concelebrating Mass were the following Saint Vincent Benedictines: Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki; Seminary Rector, Father Thomas P. Acklin; Seminary Director of Spiritual Life, Father Justin M. Matro; Father Cuthbert A. Jack, and Father Thomas More Sikora. A rally on the Ellipse near the White House followed, then came the march to the Supreme Court. Charles Byrd, last year’s coordinator of social concerns, was responsible for a new seminary banner which Stuart Crevcoure fabricated and carried.

Seminarians, Seminary faculty and administration and Benedictines from Saint Vincent Archabbot posed for this group shot outside of St. Patrick Church, Washington, D.C., after the 10th Annual Seminarians’ Mass for Life, held before the 25th Annual March for Life.

Upcoming Events

**MARCH**
- 8-11 Middle States and Association of Theological Schools Visitaton.
  - 23 Ministry of Lector, Most Rev. David Zubik, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, Basilica, 7 p.m.
  - 31 “The Struggle for Theology’s Soul,” Dr. William Thompson, Aquinas 21, 6:30 p.m.
  - 4-5 Saint Vincent Camerata Lenten Concert, 8 p.m., Basilica. For ticket information call 724-537-4579.
  - 20 Fourth Year Recognition Dinner, Upper Placid Hall.
  - 30 Scholarship Banquet, Churchill Country Club, Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. For information on attending the banquet contact the Seminary Development Office at 724-532-6740.

**APRIL**
- Last day of classes.
- Voices of Saint Vincent Concert, with the Saint Vincent Camerata, Saint Vincent College Singers, the Saint Vincent College Troubadours, the Saint Vincent Seminary Schola Cantorum, and the Saint Vincent Camerata Chamber Orchestra, Basilica. For ticket information call 724-537-4579.

**MAY**
- 6 Dean Cesa and Peter Pham, Charlotte Priesthood Ordination, Bishop William G. C Burlin, St. Patrick Cathedral, 10 a.m.
- 6 Victor Galier and Richard Tibbetts, Atlanta Priesthood Ordination, Archbishop John P. Donoghue, Cathedral of Christ the King, 10:30 a.m.
- 6 Brother Damian Breen, Priesthood Ordination, St. Mary’s Abbey, Delbarton, Morristown, N.J., 10:30 a.m.
- 13 Neil Buchlein, Wheeling-Charleston Priesthood Ordination, Bishop Bernard Schmitt, Saint Joseph Cathedral, 10 a.m.
- Michael Messner, Harrisburg Priesthood Ordination, Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo, St. Patrick Cathedral, 10 a.m.
- Thomas Sparacio and James Holland, Pittsburgh Priesthood Ordination, Bishop Donald W. Wuerl, St. Paul Cathedral, 10 a.m.
- Brother Dominic Breen, Priesthood Ordination, St. Mary’s Abbey, Delbarton, Morristown, N.J., 10:30 a.m.
- Saint Vincent Seminary in Your Will

By sharing a portion of the financial resources with which we have been blessed, we witness to our faith and support tomorrow’s church. If you wish to remember Saint Vincent Seminary in your will, please contact the Saint Vincent Seminary Development Office, Latrobe, Pa., 15650, 724-532-6740 for more information.
Report Positive on Seminary’s Self-Evaluation

“The faculty and administration of Saint Vincent Seminary have constructed a highly effective program of spiritual, academic and pastoral formation.” — Sister Katarina Schuth, O.S.F., St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.

That highly positive report written by Sister Katarina comes from her analysis of an outcomes assessment survey undertaken by the Seminary. Sister Katarina was on the Saint Vincent campus February 10 to present her findings to the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents, the Seminary faculty, administration and students.

Sister Katarina’s report “was very positive, but it also helps us focus on areas in which the Seminary can improve,” said Sister Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Seminary Academic Dean.

The groundwork for the assessment was laid by Mrs. Marsha Kable, Director of Catechetical Programs for the Seminary and Sister Cecilia, as well as members of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board and the entire Board of Regents. The assessment, instituted by the Board five years ago, asked Seminary alumni to evaluate various aspects of the Program of Priestly Formation at Saint Vincent Seminary.

The Seminary’s outcomes assessment survey included evaluations of strengths and weaknesses by alumni; pastors, pastoral assistants and laity; bishops, abbots and major superiors of religious orders. Areas studied included spiritual development, academic and pastoral formation, how Seminary graduates rate in ministry and working with groups in parishes and communities, and how well-prepared graduates are for pastoral work.

Marsha Kable compiled the results of the assessment and copies of the survey instruments are included in the appendices of the report. The Institutional Self-Study Report for the upcoming visit by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools were  especially appreciated of formation relating to the Eucharist, the sacraments, and the Liturgy of the Hours.

“Graduates also value formation that will help them develop good relationships with priests and others in ministry,” her report stated. “Love for the Church, understanding of their commitment to celibacy, and good habits relating to prayer and spiritual direction were also appreciated.”

The academic formation program received extremely high ratings. Most of the items dealt with gaining a general understanding of theology and of the major teachings of the Church. “Graduates received a solid foundation for continued growth in theological knowledge. They acknowledged teachers, methods and areas of study. They believe they were prepared to communicate the Word of God to the world... As with spiritual formation, it is obvious that academic preparation is viewed as outstanding by graduates,” Sister Katarina’s report said.

“While not as positive as spiritual and academic formation, pastoral formation is regarded as effective in many ways,” the report noted. “Graduates felt especially well prepared in the ministries in which they are most regularly engaged — celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments, and especially in giving homilies. Once in the field, graduates tend to recognize deficiencies in pastoral ministry more readily because they are responsible for these areas for the first time. While their own spiritual life is strongly rooted and their academic knowledge is sufficient to give the needed foundation for ministry, learning to have an effective pastoral presence simply takes time... The areas that are weakest deal largely with ministries outside everyday ministry — working with people of other faiths and those who are alienated from the Church.

“The responses to the fifty areas of ministry as evaluated by laity and pastors were overwhelmingly positive,” the report said. “In the end, the results of the entire survey can only be regarded as highly positive assessments of the outcomes of the Saint Vincent Seminary program. Graduates feel that they received excellent formation, especially in spiritual and academic areas. Based on their responses, further attention and internal evaluation might be given to some aspects of pastoral formation. Laity and priests gave the highest approbation of all and regard the priests as competent in almost every area of ministry. They also found them to be able to relate well with every category of persons. Finally, bishops and major superiors praised especially spiritual formation. The survey indicates that the faculty and administration of Saint Vincent Seminary have constructed a highly effective program of spiritual, academic and pastoral formation. The suggestions for improvement were few in number and can readily be addressed by giving more attention to several pastoral areas.”

The outcomes assessment survey has been so successful that Sister Cecilia has been contacted by other seminaries wishing to use the survey instruments, and the Seminary has applied for a copyright for it. Sister Katarina also may use parts of the study in her forthcoming book, which will look at all 42 Roman Catholic seminary theologates in the United States.
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He was appointed Bishop of Greensburg November 21, 1989 and was ordained January 26, 1990.

Bishop Dattilo attended St. Fidelis Seminary High School, Herman; Saint Vincent Seminary and College; and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia.

He is President of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and a member of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Priests Formation Committee.

The Saint Vincent Seminary has a Memorial Gift and Tribute Gift Program, which allows donors to honor individuals via a Tribute Gift for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retirements or holidays, or with a Memorial Gift in memory of a friend or loved one.

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A professor and two seminarians from Saint Vincent Seminary attended a communications conference in the fall. On November 7, Rev. Andrew S. Campbell, O.S.B., Douglas E. Dorula and Benedict E. Kapa went to the UNDA-USA 1997 General Assembly in Arlington, Virginia. They attended workshops on the Catholic Church in communications. They were also present when the U.S. Bishops’ Communications Plan was discussed. They heard the pastoral plan presented by the outgoing chairman of the Communications Committee for the U.S. Catholic Conference and the new chairman, Bishop Thomas J. Costello, Auxiliary Bishop of Greensburg, and Kapa is in theology studying for the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. They discussed the plan on the church’s engagement in the communications field for the future and reviewed the strategic plan that the bishops have since passed and will start to implement.

Dorula and Kapa were the only seminarians from their respective dioceses to attend the assembly. Father Andrew is Assistant Professor in Homiletics at the Seminary. Dorula is in first theology studying for the Diocese of Greensburg, and Kapa is in third theology studying for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia.

A Diocese of Greensburg seminarian was awarded a scholarship from a Slovak fraternal organization. Douglas E. Dorula, a first theologian, was awarded a 1997 Seminarian Scholarship Award of $800 from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Giving scholarships is one of their biggest fraternal activities. For 1997 the scholarships that the Association awarded totalled $78,400. Dorula is a lifelong member of the FCSLA. He is a member of Branch 269, which is based from St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Dorula is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Dorula also received a Knights of Columbus Scholarship in the fall of 1997. He was awarded $2,500 for the 1997-98 academic year. In 1997, the Knights of Columbus awarded only 70 new scholarships to seminarians. Dorula is a Third Degree Knight and chartered with the Knights of Columbus Great Meadows Council 9584 in Farmington, Pennsylvania. He has been a charter member since the council began in 1987.

Brother Justin D. Dyrwal, O.S.B., a third theologian, was ordained a deacon on December 20, 1997, at St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio. St. Andrew is the home abbey of Brother Justin. The ordaining prelate was the Most Rev. A. Edward Peve, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland. Brother Justin’s diocesan parish is St. Edward, Herminie. The pastor there is Rev. Lawrence L. Manchak.

Seminarian Paul Molchany, a pre-theologian from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, was interviewed by the Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown for an article on clergy who come to the pulpit with a wealth of experiences from other professions.

Molchany worked as a salesman for seven years before enrolling at Saint Vincent Seminary. He told Tribune-Democrat reporter Jason Green that “God had wanted me to do it years ago. I tried to keep pushing it aside. I woke up one morning and decided to quit my job. I knew at that point I wasn’t where I was supposed to be.”

James P. Holland and Thomas A. Sparacino of the Diocese of Pittsburgh were ordained deacons December 20 at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in New Castle. The Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, was the ordaining bishop.

Family and friends and parishioners attended from Saint Vincent de Paul, the home parish of Sparacino, and Saint Sebastian Parish, North Hills, his diocesan parish; from St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport, Holland’s home parish, and Guardian Angels Parish in Pittsburgh’s west end, his diocesan parish.

The vesting priests for Holland were the Rev. Robert J. Clarke, pastor at Guardian Angels, and Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., rector of Saint Vincent Seminary. His home pastor is the Rev. John G. Oesterle.

The vesting priests for Sparacino were the Rev. Ben P. Vaghetto, his home pastor, and the Rev. Joseph R. Lemp. His diocesan pastor is Rev. Paul J. Bradley.

Sister Diane Kennedy, O.P., president of the ATS and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, gave a workshop to the Seminary faculty on the vocation of the theological faculty. The workshop involved a great deal of lively and helpful exchange and was a follow-up to a meeting held in October in Baltimore attended by Sister Cecilia, and faculty members Father Warren D. Murrman, O.S.B., and Brother Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B. on the same subject.

Recent deaths include:

- Rev. Nicholas A. Biondi, C’34, S’38, on February 16, 1998.

Condolences are offered to:

- Rev. Daniel C. Mahoney, S’70, on the death of his mother, Eileen M. Mahoney on November 17, 1997.
- Rev. Becton G. Senchur, O.S.B., C’69, S’73, on the death of his mother Dolores Senchur on November 1, 1997.
Fifteen Benedictines and Seminarians were installed to the Ministry of Acolyte November 17 by the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio. Pictured are, from left, Sr. Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Seminary Academic Dean; Eric Hill, Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia; Jeffrey Tigyer, Diocese of Columbus; Brother Brendan Rolling, O.S.B., St. Benedict’s Abbey, Atchison, Kansas; Luis Osorio, Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina; David Hereshko, Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Thomas Hamm, Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio. In the middle row are, from left, Brother Philip Kantush, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Joseph Codori, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Brother Matthew Laffey, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; John Conway, Archdiocese of Atlanta; David Brzoska, Diocese of Pittsburgh; John-Michael Lavelle, Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio; David George, Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. In the back row are, from left, Father Justin Matro, O.S.B., Seminary Director of Spiritual Life; Rt. Rev. Barnabas Senecal, O.S.B., Abbot of Saint Benedict’s Abbey; Bishop James A. Griffin; Saint Vincent Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.; Father Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Seminary Rector; Father William J. Fay, Seminary Vice Rector; Thony Jean, Archdiocese of Atlanta.

In alumni news:

Rev. Mag. James P. Kelly, C ’58, S’62, was installed as rector of St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, New York, on September 28, 1997.

Rev. Jon J. Brzek, S’81, lieutenant commander for the Navy, recently reported for duty with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Rev. Guy W. Selvester, S’90, was ordained a priest on September 27, 1997. He is assigned as a parochial vicar at Cathedral of Saint Francis Parish, Metuchen, New Jersey.

Rev. Ian J. Williams, S’95, was recently appointed to the Formation Board of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.

Rev. William J. Kuchinsky, S’96, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bernard W. Schmidt on November 22, 1997, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Michael E. Massner, S’97, was ordained a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6, 1998.

Rev. Edward L. Yuhas, S’97, serves with the parish of St. John the Baptist Church in Plum, Pennsylvania. Father Ed was ordained to the priesthood on June 28, 1997.

Fifteen candidates from Saint Vincent Seminary were recently installed in the Ministry of Acolyte by the Most Rev. James A. Griffin, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, in the Basilica. The installation was held Monday, November 17.

John T. Conway is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joseph Conway of Mableton, Georgia. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. His home parish is St. John Vianney, Lithia Springs, Georgia.

Eric J. Hill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hill. He is a 1996 graduate of Saint Vincent College. His home parish is St. Matthias, Crown Point, Indiana.

Thony R. Jean is the son of Jacques V. Jean of Elmont, New York. He received a bachelor of arts degree in international affairs and French from St. John’s University, New York, and a certificate in business French from Computec/’L’Universite de Sorbonne, France. His home parish is Holy Name, East Orange, New Jersey.

David M. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean George of Blysburg, Pennsylvania. He is a member of St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Charleston. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College.

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Brother David P. Kelly, O.S.B., will teach a three-credit course on “Canons Law and Sacraments,” from 9 to 11:15 a.m. four days a week. The course is designed to study the canon law of the Church in order to provide the student with a fuller understanding of the rights and obligations of both the Christian faithful and the ordained minister in the sacramental life of the Church. Half of the course will examine the sacraments of initiation, penance, anointing of the sick, orders, and issues of ecumenism. The other half will concentrate on the sacrament of marriage. Brother David is Assistant Professor of Canon Law. He received his B.S. from Saint Joseph University, M.A. from Providence College, M.A. from Georgetown University, B.C.L. and M.C.L. from the University of Ottawa, and the J.C.B. and J.C.L. from St. Paul University, Ottawa.

“Ecclesiology,” will also be taught in the first session, by Father Ralph M. Taajak, O.S.B. This three-credit course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. three days a week. This course involves a discussion of the phenomenon of the Church as a people sharing a common belief in Jesus Christ. Particular attention will be given to the parish, missiology, and ecclesial incorporation in cultures around the globe. Father Ralph is a Lecturer in Theology. He holds his B.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, M.S.B.A. from East Texas State University, M. Div. and M.A. from Saint Vincent Seminary, and S.T.L. from Regis College, Toronto School of Theology.

Session II will be offered from June 29 to July 24. Mr. Michael Grammer, Director of the Office of Initiation and Spiritual Formation of the Diocese of Greensburg, will teach a three-credit course, “Sacramental Catechesis,” from 9 to 11:15 a.m. four days a week. Reflection on active participation within the whole sacramental life of the Church provides the perspective from which sacramental catechesis is treated as the foundation for all religious education. Appropriate catechesis for the implementation of each of the revised rites of the sacraments will be discussed. Mr. Grammer holds his B.A. from Wheeling Jesuit College, M.S. and M.A. from the University of Notre Dame, and has done doctoral studies at the Catholic University of America.

Father William J. Fay will teach “The Synoptic Gospels,” a three-credit course, from 3:30 to 9 p.m. three days a week. The course will apply the techniques of the historical-critical method to the Synoptic Parallels and highlight the respective portraits of Christ and the unique theological motifs of the three synoptic gospels. Father Fay is Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Seminary. He received his B.A. from Saint Vincent College, S.T.L. from the Gregorian University, M.Ed. from Duquesne University, M.A. from the Catholic University of America, and S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

The tuition charge for the Summer Sessions is $170 per credit hour/$510 per course. The charge for audit is $110 per credit hour/$330 per course. There are no application fees for the summer sessions. Room and Board charges are $150 per week/$600 for each four-week session.

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