

Congregation of St. Pius V

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Immaculate Heart Seminary

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Just as a car cannot run without oil, our religious congregation's work cannot continue smoothly without the quiet, steady efforts of the Brothers. Their work is usually behind the scenes, and because of that, it may appear less important. However, in truth, Brothers are the unsung heroes of religious life.

An unsung hero is someone whose work is essential yet rarely noticed—someone who supports a mission faithfully so that others can succeed, even though he himself receives little recognition. This is true of the brotherhood.

The brotherhood is a true religious vocation. It differs from the priesthood in that those called to it



*Our Brothers*

are not ordained and therefore do not belong to the clergy. Yet, Brothers live community life and profess religious vows. In this way, they are set apart from the laity to labor for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, but often in a quieter, more hidden manner than the priests.

Most people see the priest offering Mass and administering the Sacraments. What they do not see is the Brother who prepared the altar, set up the confessional, or made sure everything was ready for the priest to carry out his duties. Their quiet support makes our priest's work possible.

At the seminary and in the houses of our congregation, the Brothers handle the tasks that keep community life running smoothly: cooking, cleaning, accounting, and maintaining the countless machines and tools that no one else has time to think about. These duties may seem ordinary, but without the Brothers' attention to them, daily life would quickly become difficult for the priests and seminarians.



*Brother Gabriel Teaching Shop Class  
at St. Pius V School*



*Brother Ignatius Preparing Vestments  
in the Sacristy*

Brothers also assist in the apostolate by teaching catechism, training altar servers, and passing on practical skills to the youth of our parishes. Most importantly, through their prayers and sacrifices, they share in the salvation of souls. Like St. Joseph, whose life was mostly hidden but essential to the Holy Family, the Brothers win hidden graces that make the priests' work profitable. Their fidelity, day after day, is a quiet encouragement to the priests who rely on their support.

The priesthood is the heart of the Church's mission, but the brotherhood is its steady backbone. And although the Brothers rarely stand in the spotlight, their quiet dedication makes nearly everything else possible.

Please continue praying for our priests and seminarians, but remember our Brothers as well. We are grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of ours in return. May you have a holy and profitable Advent.

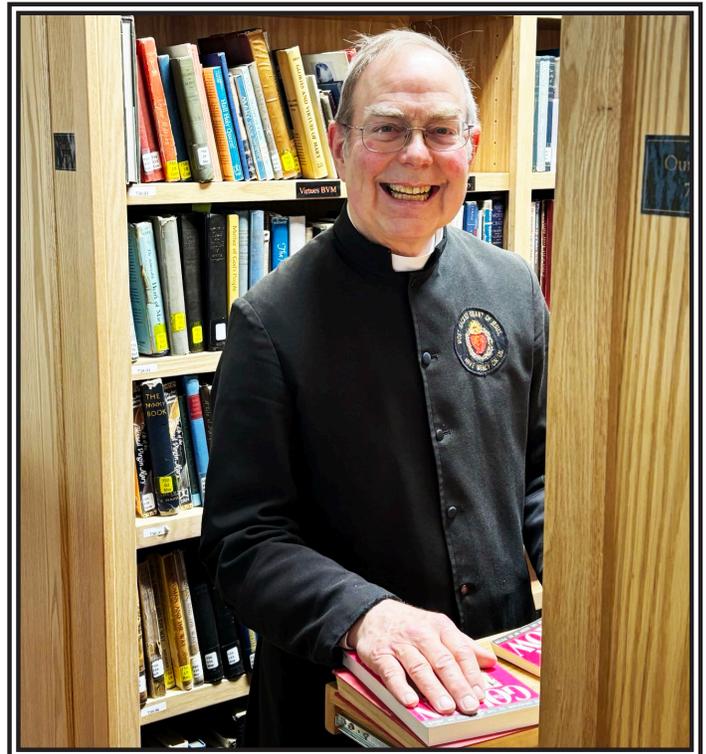
In the Sacred Heart,

*+James Carroll, C.S.B.V*

The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V



*Brother Fernando Giving a Spiritual Conference  
to the Children in Round Top, NY*



*Brother Gregory Maintaining the Library  
at the Seminary*