



Congregation of St. Pius V

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Immaculate Heart Seminary

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Shortly before Christmas on Ember Saturday, one of the seminarians took an important step toward the priesthood by receiving Tonsure. Tonsure is the ceremony in which a portion of hair is cut from five places, signifying admission into the clerical state. It is required by the Church prior to the reception of the Minor Orders.

As Christmas drew closer, the apostolic work of the priests required extensive travel. On Christmas Day, Mass was provided for the faithful at twenty-one chapels and missions throughout the country. In a time when access to the true Mass and sacraments is increasingly limited, this was a great blessing for many of the faithful. By December 30, all of



Bishop Carroll gives the tonsure.



After the Ceremony

the priests had returned to the seminary to celebrate Christmas together with the seminarians and brothers.

Shortly thereafter, on the first weekend of the New Year, the seminary hosted two days of visiting. The priests, seminarians, and brothers were grateful for the opportunity to spend time with their families and friends.

Now that the Octave of the Epiphany has passed, the first semester is quickly drawing to a close. The priests who teach have been preparing examinations, and the seminarians have been diligently studying to prepare for them. We ask that you keep these young men in your prayers.

Please be assured of our prayers and best wishes for the New Year. May our Infant Savior and His Blessed Mother bless and guide you always.

In the Sacred Heart,

+James Carroll, C.S.B.V

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



Fr. Curatolo places the Infant in the manger before Midnight Mass at St. Pius V Chapel.



Fr. Wilder offers Midnight Mass at St. Anne's Chapel.



Fr. Buckley gives a Christmas talk to the members of the Round Top ladies' sodality.



A Game of Ping Pong at the Altar Boy Christmas Party