

EZECHIEL HOUSE NEWSLETTER

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER



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During the past two months, we have been blessed to have a large contingent of FSSP seminarians visiting our apostolates in Australia and New Zealand.

The Southern Cross region has a growing number of seminarians from the Ezechiel House Novitiate, with eight currently studying overseas. Our ninth, Fr Daniel Mould, has just been ordained – for which we give great thanks to God. (See article inside.)

We are excited by the prospect of three of our senior seminarians, Brendan Boyce, Thomas Sofatzis and Roger Gilbride, being ordained to the diaconate next year, God willing. This potentially means three more priests for Australia and New Zealand in two years' time!

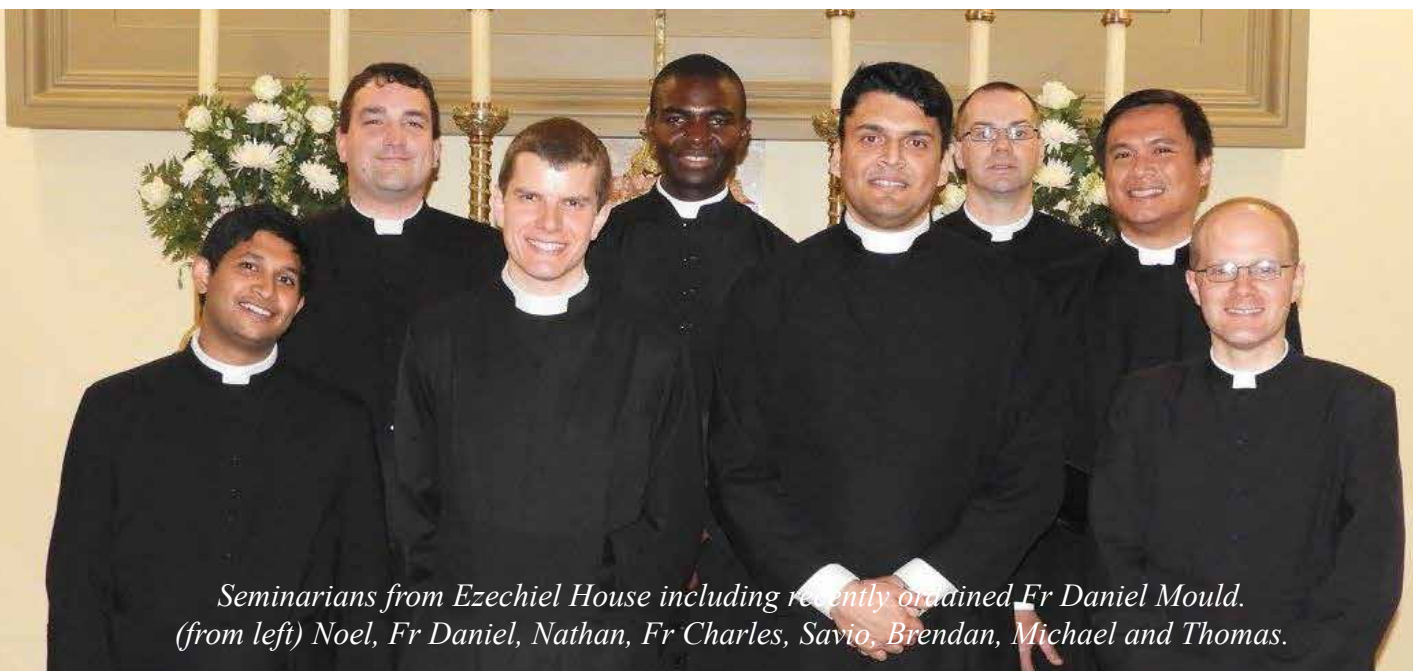
Two of our seminarians, Noel Soares and

Michael Mordeno, are entering the fourth year of their studies.

Since our last fundraising appeal we have been blessed to have three more seminarians join Ezechiel House and go on to further studies in the Fraternity's major seminary in the USA - Nathan Pospischil and Savio Misquita in 2016 and Jeremy Chua in 2017.

We have also had more vocation enquiries and, already this year, eight young men have stayed with us to see our way of life and consider whether they are called to join the Fraternity. So we hope to see Ezechiel House full again soon!

But the formation of our seminarians depends greatly on your generosity, so we make our biennial appeal to you in this edition.



*Seminarians from Ezechiel House including recently ordained Fr Daniel Mould.
(from left) Noel, Fr Daniel, Nathan, Fr Charles, Savio, Brendan, Michael and Thomas.*

Giving now means Tradition forever.

An Ordination for Oceania

Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech.

On Saturday, May 26th, 2018, His Excellency the Most Reverend Alexander Sample, Archbishop of Portland, conferred the holy priesthood upon ten deacons from Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, including New Zealand-born Daniel Mould who studied at Ezechiel House.

The ceremony took place at 10 o'clock in the morning at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, the beautiful early summer day providing a fitting backdrop for the joy of the event. The deacons processed into the cathedral, their priestly vestments draped over their left arm, followed by the Archbishop and the other sacred ministers, who were vested in the red of the Holy Spirit for the Saturday of Pentecost. The faithful came in large numbers, filling the cathedral to witness the beautiful and solemn ceremony of ordination and to attend the Pontifical Mass that accompanied it.

An ordination is truly an extraordinary event to behold, the various stages involved in the imparting of the Sacrament offering a beautiful illustration of the transformation that is taking place. One particularly striking element is the total prostration of the ordinandi before the altar while the

Litany of the Saints is sung by the whole congregation, a posture of both total reverence and prayer, which also symbolizes the complete offering that they are making of themselves to God. Another notable feature is the consecration of the hands of the ordinandi with holy oil. The oil is applied to their hands to represent the unique holiness of those hands, which will henceforth transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. The new priest's hands are afterwards bound with the manutergium, a white piece of cloth that soaks up the excess oil. This, in accordance with an ancient tradition, is later given to the priest's mother. Upon her death the mother is buried with this cloth, the tradition holding that, at her judgment, when Our Lord asks her what she has done for Him in her life on earth, she will present it to Him and say, "I have given you a priest".

The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter gives thanks to God as we rejoice in the ordination of these ten new priests, particularly our own Fr Mould, and in the great things God has in store for them. Please join us in praying for them as they begin their new work.



Photos: (from top) Fr Mould's Mass of Thanksgiving; Archbishop Sample lays hands on the ordinandi; The deacons prostrate themselves before the altar; The new priests' hands are wrapped with the manutergium.

A friendship cemented by the sacraments

Sydney couple, Lucy and Truong, speak about what it meant to them to have Fr Mould baptise their two week old son.

We were disappointed when at 8 months pregnant we weren't able to attend Fr Mould's ordination. So when he was back in Sydney recently, for a small 48 hours, we jumped at the opportunity to have him baptise our new baby, Jonah. We said we would be honoured for him to baptise our baby and he assured us that, "No, the honour would be mine."

We first met, then seminarian, Daniel at the Ezechiel House novitiate while we were courting. He was there when we were engaged in the chapel of Ezechiel House and served at our Nuptial Mass where he made us a gift of a special blend of incense that filled the church during our wedding more than seven years ago. We are so blessed to have a friend in Fr Daniel Mould and will always treasure the day he celebrated his first baptism over our newborn son.

— Mr & Mrs Truong & Lucy Vu Nguyen

Photo: Fr Mould with baby Jonah and godparents, Mr & Mrs Nekic. (Credit: Giovanni Portelli Photography)





CAN YOU PUT A PRICETAG ON A PRIEST?

With the Novitiate and eight overseas seminarians to support,
we need to raise \$150,000 every year.

The Fraternity in Australia must provide \$15,000 per year to support the overseas training of each seminarian from our novitiate. This sum includes \$10,000 for seminary tuition costs and \$5,000 for travel, health insurance, books and personal expenses.

In addition, we must cover the running costs of Ezechiel House Novitiate itself.

Two years have already passed since our last fundraising dinner, which means that we need to appeal to your generosity again. But unlike in previous years:

**\$150,000
BY 18TH OCT**

This newsletter is our major appeal
for 2018,
and our appeal to you is
to become a monthly donor.

Become a Monthly Donor

While every donation is gratefully accepted, we need to guarantee the long-term support of our seminarians during the whole of their seven-year period of studies.

Therefore we urge you to commit to ongoing monthly donations to help us plan for the future, knowing that the money will be there when the bills arrive!

Or if you already donate monthly, are you able to increase your contribution?

The target date of this appeal is 18 October, which will be the 30th anniversary of the canonical erection of our Fraternity.

Consider the following options:

\$1 a day = \$30 a month
\$2 a day = \$60 a month
\$3 a day = \$90 a month
\$5 a day = \$150 a month

STUDENTS BUZZ ABOUT PHILOSOPHY

Our Southern Cross Seminarians put their training into action this winter by running a Philosophy Camp for students aged 10-18. One student writes about the experience.

Praise God for the FSSP Seminarians! From July 10 - 13 they ran one of the best school holiday events ever. The Philosophy Camp at Lewisham in Sydney was a mixture of fascinating classes, hilarious sporting games and an overall sense of comraderie with other young Catholics—despite the frosty mornings!

The seminarians divided us into teams, each with its own saintly patron and differently coloured bandana which we wore to show our allegiance. The teams competed for points by answering philosophy questions and winning games. Points were also added or subtracted according to team behaviour (we quickly learnt that stepping on the garden and correcting the seminarians during prayer were not good ideas).

The Camp was an awesome way to learn the history and the value of clear-thinking. It covered everything from the first Greek philosophers, through to St Thomas Aquinas and the less worthy modern thinkers.

The constant reminder to pray and unite our efforts with Christ added to the whole experience. Daily Mass and Adoration lent an atmosphere of joy to the camp.

Overall, it was a fantastic way to spend the holidays and I'm super excited about future camps.

— by *Michael (age 14)*



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Photos: (from top) Seminarians from OLG Seminary during their visit to Sydney; bushwalking near Wagga Wagga; Attendees at the Vocations Day of Reflection (Nov, 2017).

ABOUT THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER



The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter was established in 1988 with the approval of Pope St John Paul II, for the purpose of maintaining the ancient form of the Roman Rite (Latin Mass or “Extraordinary Form”). Founded with just a dozen priests and a score of seminarians, the Fraternity now has almost 300 priests and 150 seminarians worldwide.

The FSSP has been present in Australia since 2001 and currently has apostolates in Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Parramatta.





SOUTHERN CROSS SEMINARIANS 2018 APPEAL

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