



## Week Behind/Week Ahead

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TO: THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS OF MUNDELEIN SEMINARY  
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### *Week Behind*

**Supervisors' Workshop Part II** – The second group of supervisors visited Mundelein Seminary last week. The supervisors participated in a workshop to help prepare them for working with our second year interns. Please pray for the success of their work with our seminarians.

### *Week Ahead*

**Ministry of Reader** – We are very pleased that Most Reverend Michael D. Pfeifer, O.M.I., Bishop of San Angelo, Texas, will be with us this week to celebrate the ministry of Reader on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-nine men will be installed into the ministry of Reader during the seminary Liturgy in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. These men will be sent forth to proclaim the Word of God with deep conviction. We assure them of our prayers and support.

**Pre-Theology II Mission Trips** – As part of the two-year Pre-Theology program, seminarians are required to participate in an immersion experience with the poor.

The US mission trip will be to the Tohono O’odham Nation in the Diocese of Tucson. The group will work with the Franciscan community headed by Fr. Ponchie Vasquez and with the leadership of the native American community. When they depart on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Dr. Kate Wiskus will be the faculty member accompanying seminarians Joe Block (La Crosse), Joshua Carlos (Brownsville), Thomas Cavera (Grand Rapids), Brian Kelly (Albany), Matthew Litak (Chicago), Colin Mulhall (Grand Rapids), Austin Pagano (Atlanta), and Mark Rydell (La Crosse). I will join the group midway through the mission experience. Also joining the Mundelein group this year will be the Very Rev. Gregory Bouquet, rector of St. Joseph College Seminary, New Orleans, and Fr. Jude Israel, faculty from St. Joseph. Five seminarians from St. Joseph will also participate in the entire 10-day mission trip.

The CRS Global Fellows Mission Trip this year will be to Burkina Faso. Father Jake Beltran will be the faculty member accompanying seminarians Ross Epping (Davenport), Miguel Flores (Chicago), Adam James (La Crosse), Kyle Manno (Rockford), Andrew Natali (Green Bay), and Michael Sweeney (Chicago).

Please keep these groups in your prayers as they travel to these destinations over break.

**Visitors** - Father Ray Flores (Las Cruces) and Fr. Mick Kopil (Gary) will be on campus this week. Please extend a warm welcome to our visitors. I am grateful for their support of vocations to the priesthood.

### ***Community Activities***

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Northside Chicago Theological Institute (N.C.T.I.) Student Academic Colloquium was held at Mundelein on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. (The N.C.T.I. is an ecumenical consortium of area seminaries of which Mundelein is a member. Mundelein seminarian presenters were Rev. Mr. Luis Tinajero (Brownsville) *Personalism in the Thought of Karol Wojtyla*; Rev. Mr. Anthony Muraya (Chicago) *De Lubac’s Lasting Contribution to Communion Ecclesiology*; Rev. Mr. Robert Krueger (Chicago) *Divine Pathos in the Writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel*; Mr. Desmond Drummer (Atlanta) *Strangers No Longer: Racial Justice as Evangelization in the Pastoral Vision of Archbishop James P. Lyke*; Mr. Connor Danstrom (Chicago) *Poverty and the Priesthood: St. Francis as a Model for Diocesan Priests*; Mr. Thomas Byrne (Chicago) *Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger and the Paris Model of Seminary Formation: Theological Reflection on Vatican II*. Besides other seminarians and graduate students, faculty interlocutors were Fr. Thomas A. Baima, Dr. Melanie Barrett, Fr. Gus Belauskas, Mrs. Linda Cerabona, Fr. Emery de Gaál, Fr. Lawrence Hennessey, Fr. John Lodge, Fr. Douglas Martis, Dr. Denis McNamara, Fr. Edward T. Oakes, S.J., Mrs. Lorraine Olley, Dr. Paul Hilliard, Fr. Raymond Webb.