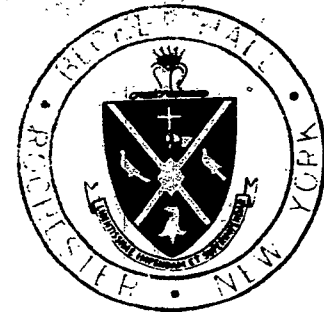


OUR SEMINARIES . . .



A SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS 1976-77

ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY



Member of the Rochester Center for Theological Studies

Transition

On May 9, 1977, several hundred persons attended a testimonial to honor Father Joseph P. Brennan on his retirement as fifth rector of St. Bernard's. Father Brennan will continue on the faculty of St. Bernard's as professor of Biblical

Studies. In appreciation of his work the seminary has established the Joseph Patrick Brennan Lectureship.

Succeeding Father Brennan is Father Frank E. Lioi. Ordained in 1967, Father Lioi joined the faculty of St.

Bernard's in 1975 as assistant professor of Liturgical Studies and Director of Liturgy and Music after seven years of parish work in the Rochester area. Father Lioi holds an M. Div. degree from St. Bernard's and a M.A. in Liturgical Studies from The Catholic University of America.



Spiritual Life

St. Bernard's is a praying, learning, growing, helping, living community that endeavors to develop "a holy priesthood" — "servants of the servants of God." The seminary has always emphasized the spiritual and liturgical development of its

students. Morning and Evening Prayer and the Celebration of the Eucharist are the focal points of each day. Recollection and retreats are scheduled frequently. Small groups meet regularly with the Spiritual Director. January 1976 saw the exciting

initiation of the Desert Experience — a four week period of prayer and reflection. This innovative experience was suggested by Vatican Council II and the Programs of Priestly Formation of the American Bishops.

Brief History Rochester Students at St. Bernard's

Since St. Bernard's first opened its doors in 1893, it has educated more than 2500 priests and more than 800 lay persons. Throughout most of its history, St. Bernard's taught students in their final years of college and four years of theology. Since 1968, however, St. Bernard's like most other American Catholic seminaries today, has been exclusively a four year school of theology of postgraduate level with a degree program leading to the Master of Divinity (M. Div.) and the Master of Theology (M.A.) One of the results of this shift has been an increased enrollment of priests, sisters and lay students in the M.A. program. This is a step towards making St. Bernard's a training place for wider church leadership.

- Michael J. Bausch, St. Mary, Batavia.
- Dennis M. Bonsignore, Holy Apostles.
- Joseph R. Catanise, St. Mary, Waterloo.
- B. Thomas Celso, St. Michael, Newark.
- Daniel J. Condon, St. Patrick's, Victor.
- Frank E. DiSano, St. Cecilia.
- George P. Heyman, St. Andrew.
- David A. Heywood, St. Pius X.
- Timothy E. Horan, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- Michael A. Hueter, St. Ambrose.
- Joseph E. Larrabee, St. Mary, Elmira.
- Timothy J. McCluskey, St. Augustine's.
- William A. Moorby, Our Lady of Good Counsel.
- Kevin J. Morrisroe, Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

- Lindenhurst, N.Y.
- Robert J. Muhl Nickel, Sacred Heart, Auburn.
- Anthony P. Mugavero, Our Mother of Sorrows.
- Charles G. Prindle, St. Stephen, Geneva.
- Robert P. Ring, St. Francis De Sales, Salisbury, Maryland.
- Peter J. Schmitt, St. Boniface.
- Michael J. Schramel, St. Theodore.
- Gary J. Schummer, St. Bonaventure, West Seneca.
- Michael J. Sullivan, St. Mary, Elmira.
- Paul J. Tomasso, Holy Rosary.
- Robert T. Werth, St. Charles Borromeo, Greece.
- James E. Willsey, St. Ann, Hornell.
- John Velekkakan, St. George's, Kerala, India.
- Rosario LaDelfa, St. Francis Xavier.