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### GUADALUP REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Brownsville, Texas

#### 11 Years in the Making: the Graduation Trinity



As the Guadalupe Regional Middle School (GRMS) eighth graders took the stage on Friday, June 7, 2013 at Our Lady of Guadalupe church, they received their diplomas, looked forward to beginning high school, and marked a very special moment in the school's history. For the first time in the eleven years since the school's opening, GRMS celebrated the graduation trinity: eighth graders, high school seniors, and even college seniors.

"I believe we share a deep sense of accomplishment," said Michael Motyl, GRMS President. "I have been to many graduations in the last few weeks, but being back on campus to watch the 8<sup>th</sup> graders make the historic moment official was a true blessing for our school, one that has been in the making for a long time."

Guadalupe Regional Middle School opened its doors in 2002 to families who desired a quality, Catholic education for their children, but could not afford one. As a Nativity Miguel model school, GRMS raises funds throughout the year from the surrounding community to provide qualifying students with a three-year scholarship to attend the school.

Students receive a college preparatory education that includes an extended school day, small classes, a mandatory daily study hall, and an optional twice-weekly evening study hall. In addition, students attend Catholic Mass once a week, daily religion class, and experience other opportunities for faith formation, central to GRMS's program.

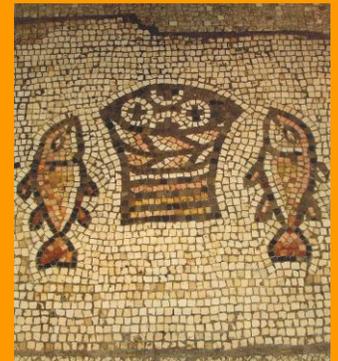
"We have two main goals for our students and graduates – College and Heaven," said Motyl. "Our commitment to students doesn't end once they move on to high school. We make an 11 year commitment to students when they enter the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are here to support them as they navigate through high school and work to see them **to and through college** by offering tutoring, college visits, help with their college and



**Just a few of our 2013 8th grade, high school senior, and college senior graduates at the end-of-year alumni social.**

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One of the things I love most about the Bible is just how often God takes something small and turns it into something extraordinary. A manger becomes the birthplace of god. Grains of wheat become signs of the kingdom. Water becomes wine.

As we go forth to love and serve the Lord, let us recall who we have become: The Body of Christ for all whom we encounter. Our celebration of Eucharist does not end with we leave the church: it's just beginning.

Teresa Whalen Lux  
Regina, SK

financial aid applications, and help through other obstacles they may encounter.”

GRMS students go on to a variety of high schools. Some receive generous scholarships from Saint Joseph Academy, a fellow Marist Brothers school. Others attend Science Academy, BECHS, Med-High, as well as the six BISD high schools. A GRMS alumnae on full scholarship at the prestigious Exeter Academy in New Hampshire received her high school diploma the very same weekend.



8th grade valedictorian speech by Daniela Gracia

The school’s first college graduate came a whole semester early. Erick Martinez (GRMS class of ’05) graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Texas at Brownsville in December of 2012.

“It is a true testament to the tenacity of our students and their families,” said Motyl. “We have graduates who are now on the job hunt, some of them hoping to become teachers themselves. We wouldn’t exist without them, our faculty, supporters and of course God. It is a wonderful thing to witness and be part of.”

## GROUPS 56, 57 AND 58 REUNION New Rochelle, NY, June 15, 2013

The day was “gorgeous” for a picnic. Thirty-nine people came to the reunion. Many of the Brothers and Edmundians did not see each other in years. The wives and other family members attended also enjoyed the banter and laughs about the “good old days” stories. As with all reunions, there was plenty of news about each other’s journeys through life. It was delightful that so many people who came to share the charism of Edmund Rice and longtime relationships.

After the liturgy, the men and women continue to enjoy each other’s company, enjoy the food and grateful to all who were present to share their stories.

The committee who organized the event was Al (DeSales ’57) Rottino, Orrin (Francis ’56) Burr, Brian Shanley and Br. Jerry McCarthy. They spent a great deal of time and energy to coordinate such an afternoon from phone calls, preparing the liturgy, setting up chairs, and food set up and having everyone content. Thanks to the caterer, Maria, and the members of the committee. The caterer did a great service. What a beautiful arrangement of foods and desserts and other refreshments throughout the day.

Thanks to all for coming to this memorable event.

The following attended the picnic:

Br. Bob Burke, Orrin Burr, Br. Bon Chaney, John Costello, Jack Dempsey, Br. Kevin Delvin, Jim Faranda, Larry Fischer, Msgr. Mike Flanagan, Steve Garner, Tony Giangrosso and his wife Susan, Richie Gray, John Handron, Jim Hanly, Herman Huff, Gerry Killeen, Duncan Lee and his wife Rita, Jim Marini, Dan McCarthy and his children Leo and Christeen, Michael McElhatton, Br. Jerry McCarthy, John McGurgan and his daughter Pam, Br. Justin O’Connell, Br. Ed Pigott, Rev. Bob Post, Bernie Reinckens and his wife Tina, John P. Reitter, Al Rottino, Al Russell, Brian Shanley, Denis Shea, James Sheridan, Br. Matt Walderman, Br. Denis Wright.



## SOCIETY OF JESUS IN THE UNITED STATES ORDAINS SIXTEEN NEW PRIESTS

*From the National Jesuit News*

Three months after the historic election of the first Jesuit pope, the Society of Jesus, the largest order of priests and brothers in the Roman Catholic Church, is ordaining 16 new Jesuit priests this month in the United States.

Ordination ceremonies are being held at Fordham University in the Bronx, N.Y.; Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans; Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Los Angeles; and Madonna della Strada Chapel at Loyola University Chicago.

Before entering the Society of Jesus, the ordinands worked in nonprofit community service, higher education, state government, documentary film production, biomedical research and as teachers in high schools and colleges. They highlight the diversity of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1540 “to serve the Lord alone and the Church, His spouse, under the Roman pontiff.”

The ordinands hail from every part of the country, including Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. As undergraduate students, several attended Jesuit colleges or universities, where they first came to know the Society of Jesus. As Jesuits in formation, the men have traveled the world, serving and studying in Mexico, El Salvador, Italy, Colombia and Bolivia.

Jesuit Father Thomas H. Smolich, president of the Jesuit Conference, said, “This is a joyful time for both the Society of Jesus and the Catholic Church as we welcome 16 new brothers being ordained this month. Their call to priestly ministry is as varied as their hometowns and former occupations, but they have one thing in common: a desire to dedicate themselves to the Jesuit mission of serving the Church where the need is greatest.” Those called to Catholic priesthood in the Society of Jesus undergo extensive training - from the moment novices enter the Society to when they’re ordained - a process that can take anywhere from eight to 12 years.

As they begin their first assignments as Jesuit priests, the ordinands will embark on a range of ministries, including serving in parishes in New Orleans, Seattle and Washington, D.C.; continuing theology studies; and teaching in Jesuit high schools and universities.

Two of the men are graduates of Christian Brothers’ Schools.



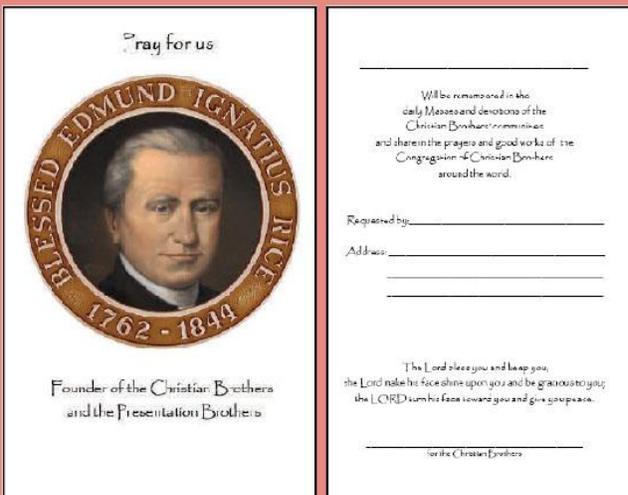
Fr. Phillip A. Ganir, S.J., 36, was born in Seattle and raised in Hawaii. The son of Filipino immigrants, Fr. Ganir attended **Damien Memorial School in Honolulu**, graduating in 1994.



**Fr. E. Joseph O’Keefe, S.J.**, 48, was born and raised in Boston. He attended the parish grammar school of St. Theresa of Avila Parish, and graduated from **Catholic Memorial High School** in 1982.

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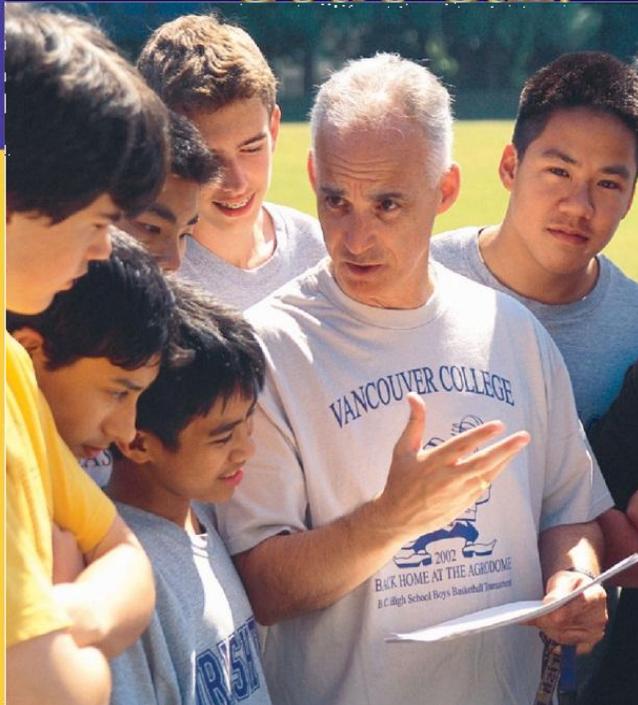
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