



Week Behind/Week Ahead



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TO: THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS OF MUNDELEIN SEMINARY
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Week Behind

Seminary Shootout Basketball Tournament – Congratulations to Conception Seminary for their First Place win in the Twelfth Annual Mundelein Basketball Shootout! Conception defeated Sacred Heart (Detroit).

A special thank you to Matt Jamesson (Chicago), Joe Block (La Crosse), Matt Marshall (La Crosse), Nate Kuhn (La Crosse) and the First Aid Team (Anne Webb Ross) who worked so hard on all the preparations for this weekend. Thank you also to the seminarians from Mundelein who contributed in so many ways to make the tournament such an enjoyable event. As you know, the purpose of the Mundelein Shootout Basketball Tournament is to bring seminarians from around the country together for a weekend of basketball to foster a spirit of fraternity among our future priests. We are very grateful to Ron and Diane Ziembra as well as all the Knights of Columbus who sponsored the tournament. This is one of the many ways that the Knights are working to encourage vocations to the priesthood. We are very grateful for all of their support.

Week Ahead

NCEA Seminary Convocation - This week I will be attending the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Seminary Convocation 2012: A National Gathering of Rectors, in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting will address issues important to priestly formation. Rectors and other leaders from college seminaries and theologates will be attending. I am grateful to Msgr. Jerry McCarthy, Executive Director, and the NCEA Seminary Department for sponsoring this national meeting of the U.S. seminary community.

Most Reverend Andrew Wypych - Bishop Andrew Wypych will be presiding at the community liturgy on Wednesday, February 1st. We are happy that Bishop Wypych is able to join us.

Supervisors' Workshop Part II – The second round of supervisors will be visiting Mundelein Seminary this week. The supervisors will be participating in the workshop that helps them to prepare for working with our second year interns. Many of the supervisors have never visited Mundelein Seminary. I would ask you to extend a warm welcome to the them and to pray for the success of their work with our seminarians.

Formation Team Overnight – The Formation Team will be spending an overnight this week to review the activities of the beginning of this year and to spend some time in prayer. Mundelein Seminary is blessed to have these men and women who dedicate themselves to the work of formation. These faith filled men and women work tirelessly to help our seminary community grow in holiness and prepare well for priestly ministry. Please keep them in your prayers as they take these two days to review their work and pray together.

Annual Fund Raiser – Once again the members of cam 3 North will sponsor a *Casino Night* on Friday evening. Each year the members of 3 North work hard to sponsor this social in order to support one of the missionary efforts of the Church. This year, all proceeds will benefit *Stepping Stones Foundation of Hope*, a charitable organization founded by Mundelein alumnus Rev. Dennis Kasule that helps provide clean water, education and faith formation in rural Uganda. Father Kasule's goal is to build a well for a small town in the countryside, and we hope that the funds raised can help accomplish that goal. Thank you to all of the members of 3 North for their hard work to raise these funds.

Community Activities

Father Edward T. Oakes, S.J., professor of systematic theology, has an article in the most recent issue of *Logos*: "Christology and Time: Prolegomena for any Future Apocalyptic," *Logos: A Journal of Catholic thought and Culture*, Volume 15:1 (Winter 2012): 82.112. The editor of *Logos* summarized its contents in the preface to this issue in these words: "[This article] takes up the perennial enigma of time, reaffirming with Augustine that we are immersed in time and utterly familiar with its paths and at the same time befuddled by our inability to encompass time in our theoretical understanding. Father Oakes turns with great benefit to the phenomenological analysis of time offered in the works of Husserl and Heidegger, but the primary purpose of his inquiry is to deepen our understanding of the Christological implications of our understanding of time. He helps us to understand that once we see and accept that Christ has entered into history and time, our view and experience of time will inevitably be caught up in issues related to Christian faith."

Dr. Denis McNamara, Assistant Director of the Liturgical Institute, and **Mr. Kevin Thornton**, Editor, Hillenbrand Books, attended the 2012 annual meeting of the Society for Catholic Liturgy held in St. Louis, MO. Of the many distinguished speakers presenting at the meeting this year. Dr. Daria Spezzano and Ms. Claire Gilligan are alumnae of the Liturgical Institute.