



# THE CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI IN CINCINNATI

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*Laudetur Jesus Christus!* Praised be Jesus Christ! On September 3, the Oratory was happy to clothe Fr. Michael in the habit of St. Philip Neri. Please keep him in your prayers as he discerns this life during this first year of novitiate and gets settled here in Cincinnati. Please also be sure to pray for vocations to the Oratory, the priesthood, and all religious life!

The next day, on September 4, the two brothers embarked to begin their priestly formation at the Toronto Oratory's St. Philip Neri Seminary. They had much to do to prepare to go to another country, but they are adjusting well and sent us updates that I included in this newsletter. They study with other Oratorians across the world, as well as with the Norbertines of St. Michael's Abbey in California. They have six years of priestly formation before returning full-time here in Cincinnati. They will, of course, be back during breaks and the summer. Please be sure to keep them in your prayers.

I was away at the Oratory Congress meeting from October 1 until October 10. This is an event held every six years where the Oratories around the world gather to discuss matters of importance that we each share.

Our annual gala will be coming up on November 14, so please be sure to get your reservations in. In addition to giving just the usual yearly update and appeal, we will also work to ensure that we cover the seminary expenses for the brothers. Please note that we are in a new location at the Drees Pavilion in Devou Park this year. It should be a great evening, so we hope to see you there!

Life in the parish has begun to start afresh again after the summer months. We have begun catechism classes with the children, conversion classes for those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments, and our full array of annual Masses and events are all scheduled. Please check the calendar regularly, and if you aren't a usual at Old St. Mary's or Sacred Heart, be sure to stop down occasionally. You can see some upcoming events on the last page of the newsletter.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, be it through your time, prayers, or donations. Your contributions are the backbone of our existence. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and be generous, so that together, we can continue to build something beautiful for God and Our Lady!

In remain humbly in Christ,

*Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak*

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.  
Provost



*The Archbishop visits the Oratory*



*Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption*



*The Clothing of Fr. Michael with the habit*



## A NOTE FROM BR. STEPHEN KRAUTLE



*The Refectory (Dining Room) at the Toronto Oratory*

Dear Friends of the Oratory, thank you all so much for the prayers and well-wishes which accompanied us on our departure earlier this month.

After adjusting to our new surroundings, we have settled in to our round of classes, including the Origin and Destiny of Man (on Creation and the Redemption), the Philosophy of Being (the isness and whatness of things), as well as Rhetoric, Ancient Philosophy, and the Philosophy of Nature.

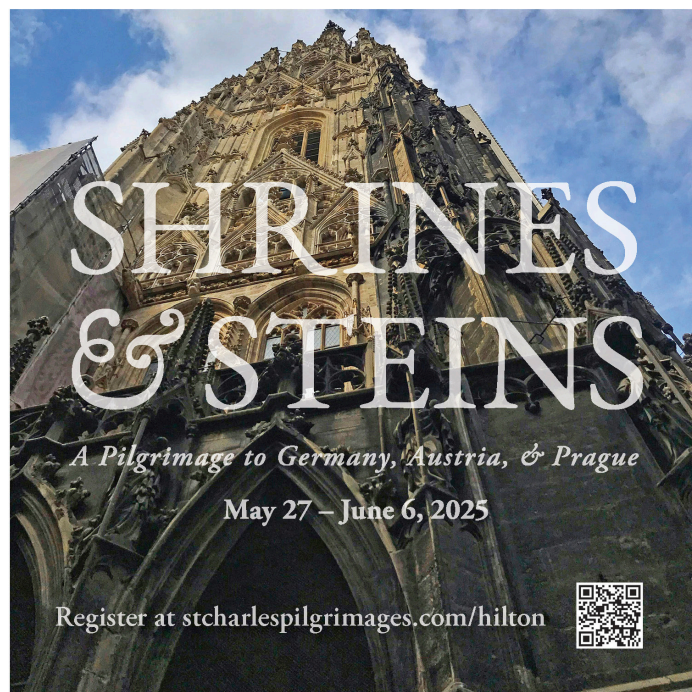
Studying with us are fellow Oratorians from England, Wales, Australia, and Canada, as well as Norbertines and Iraqi and Lebanese Catholics of the Chaldean and Maronite Rites. It has been a great blessing to experience first hand the universality of the Church expressed in a diversity of Orders and Rites.

Along with the other Oratorian novices, we recently visited the Canadian Martyrs Shrine, dedicated to the memory of S. Jean de Brebeuf and Companions, as well as the near-by site of their martyrdom. It has been deeply edifying to learn of the heroic sacrifices made by the first men who shed their blood to bring the Faith to North America, and to pray for their intercession that Christ might reign in our two countries in our times.

Please be assured of our prayers, and continue to remember us in yours as we approach our midterms and begin submitting our first papers. We look forward to seeing you all very soon this Christmas.

## ORATORY DONATION OPPORTUNITY

You can now donate to the Oratory everytime you shop at Kroger. To your Kroger Card, add the “Society of St. Philip Neri” as your preferred organization. You can also find us with the id JM763. Thanks for all your support!



*The Fathers' Garden at the Toronto Oratory where Br. Stephen and Br. Benjamin can enjoy outdoor space.*





## AN UPDATE FROM BR. BENJAMIN HAACKE



*The Library at the Toronto Oratory & St. Philip's Seminary*

As we have been at Saint Philip's Seminary in Toronto for a couple of weeks, here is an update. Our schedule is very similar to back home: morning and evening oratory, dinner and recreation. Our mornings are spent in class. Our first exam is in a couple of weeks, so we continue studying to keep what we are learning fresh in our minds.

Half of the week, we spend our evening recreation with the Toronto Oratorians, and the other half, we enjoy recreation with the fellow Seminarians. As the Oratory runs the seminary, we live as if we were their own novices, reporting daily to the novice master and weekly attending novice outings and novice gatherings. While also keeping in close contact with our Cincinnati Fathers. Other than Br. Stephen and I, there are two other novices, one from the Brisbane Oratory in Australia, Br. Josef, and the other a Toronto novice Br. Giles. In addition, there are many

seminarians, Norbertines, Chaldean, and other Oratorians. We have a great class and have already made many friends. In all that we do, Br. Stephen and I continue to grow together.

The seminary is very beautiful. The Oratory house and our rooms are connected by the new seminary building. There are two gardens, a gym, and multiple kitchens and bathrooms for us to enjoy. Many places to read a book and enjoy the fresh air or the sound of the fountain. There are also many chapels throughout the seminary where we can pray and make visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Please continue praying for us so that we may fulfill our duties with generous hearts. Pray that we continue to grow through studies and, even more importantly, through prayer and discipline. Thank you all for your many prayers and support. Nowhere compares to what we have at our parishes, so may we all thank God for our parish and community every day and never take it for granted. I plan to work hard now that I may be a great priest in Cincinnati. I look forward to returning on my breaks and spending my future there.



*Walking by "Skyline Restaurant" in Toronto*

## OUR LIFE IN PHOTOS



*Celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart*



*Parish Picnic 2024*



*Celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist*

## ORATORY GALA 2024

Annual Fundraising Gala  
for the Oratory

Thursday, November 14, 2024

5:30 p.m. - Social

6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program

Drees Pavilion in Devou Park

790 Park Lane

Covington, Kentucky 41011

R.S.V.P. by November 1, 2024

\$60 Per Person



### Sponsorships for a table of eight:

\$480 - Bronze

\$1,000 - Silver

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For online reservations:

<http://gala.cincinnatiatoratory.com/>

or mail your reservation and guest list to the  
address above.

Checks can be made out to:

**"The Society of St. Philip Neri"**

For more information or reservations please call: (513) 721-2988

### Upcoming Events

October 19 - Annual Men's Eucharistic Procession from Cathedral to Old St. Mary's @ 9:00 a.m.

November 1 - All Saints' Day - **Holy Day of Obligation**

November 2 - All Souls' Day

November 3 - 11 - All Souls' Day Novena of Masses ([allsouls.cincinnatiatoratory.com](http://allsouls.cincinnatiatoratory.com))

November 4-6 - Parish Mission with Fr. Joseph Tuscan, O.F.M. Cap. ([mission.cincinnatiatoratory.com](http://mission.cincinnatiatoratory.com))

November 14 - Annual Oratory Gala @ Drees Pavilion in Devou Park

December 14 - Solemn Rorate Mass @ 6:45 a.m.

December 18 - Musical Oratory of Advent @ 6:30 p.m.

**Events are at Old St. Mary's Church unless otherwise noted**

### WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*In order to enter Paradise we  
must be well justified and well  
purified.*

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