



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

123 EAST 13TH STREET • CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202 • INFO@CINCINNATORATORY.COM • WWW.CINCINNATORATORY.COM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Praised be Jesus Christ! As always happens, summer is nearly at an end, and we move back into the beginning of new academic and parish years. Much has certainly happened over the past few months, and much is planned for the months ahead.

We were very excited to learn the news that our own beloved St. John Henry Newman will soon be declared a Doctor of the Church. Though the Oratory is small by comparison to the other great religious orders and congregations, the Oratory still plays a vital role in the life of the Church through its contributions. This will be further recognized when St. John Henry Newman is declared the newest Doctor of the Church. May he certainly intercede for us!

The brothers have returned to Toronto for their second year of academics as part of their formation for the priesthood. Please keep them in your daily prayers. They are studying hard and get to experience a different part of the world, but we can support them and remain close to them through our prayers for their discernment and formation.

I invite each of you to our Annual Fundraising Gala, held this year on November 6, 2025. You can find more information on this within this newsletter or in the mailing you will be receiving shortly, if you haven't already! The gala is certainly always an enjoyable event for the wider Cincinnati Oratory family to gather, and we look forward to seeing you again this year!

The Oratory itself continues to do well. There continues to be vocational interest, so please keep those discerning a call to the Cincinnati Oratory in your prayers. There also continues to be growth within our parishes, as we each strive to serve the Lord in the spirit of St. Philip Neri.

For all of your support and help to make these things happen, know of our daily prayers for you and our gratitude. No one or two people make this happen—only the collective work of each of us at the Oratory and our friends beyond those walls. I ask for your continued support and prayers.

In remain humbly in Christ,

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak

Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak, C.O.

Provost



*Mourning the passing of Pope Francis,
our founding Pope*



*Celebrating the election of Pope Leo XIV,
our first American Pope*



The Oratory Coat-of-Arms for Corpus Christi

A NOTE FROM BR. STEPHEN KRAUTLE



Br. Stephen with the sacristan of the parish church

ordinary settings by Palestrina. There was time also to explore the surrounding area, including the nearby city of Salò, with its Romanesque and Renaissance Duomo, and the town of Malcesine at the northern end of the lake, where we took a cable car to the top of Monte Baldo. Brother Benjamin learned to ride a Vespa.

At the conclusion of the conference, we attended the first mass of a newly ordained priest in the Church of San Zeno al Foro in Brescia, and finished our trip with two days at Venice, where we venerated the relics of Saint Lucy and the ancient Madonna Nicopeia Icon in the Basilica of San Marco.

Many thanks to all of the parishioners whose constant prayers for us ensured a safe and fruitful trip. Please be assured of our prayers for you as we return to our studies at Saint Philip's Seminary in Toronto.

This July, Brother Benjamin and I were accorded the great privilege of attending the Roman Forum Symposium in Gardone Riviera, thanks to a generous scholarship. This program—originally founded by Dietrich von Hildebrand to defend *Humanae vitae* and continued under the guidance of Dr. John Rao—annually hosts clerics, scholars, intellectuals, and musicians for two weeks of liturgical prayer, camaraderie, and conferences on a wide range of topics concerning the Church and broader society in a picturesque medieval town on Lake Garda.

We daily assisted at high masses in the fine baroque church of San Nicolo, accompanied by a very competent choir singing Gregorian chant and recently discovered lost or-



Br. Benjamin serving Mass

THE SECULAR ORATORY

The Women's Secular Oratory is held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart School

The Men's Secular Oratory is held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Fr. Felten Hall

Email the Oratory or contact the St. Philip Neri Family of Parishes' Office at (513) 721-2988 for more information!



On a parish trip to Czechia, Austria, and Germany in May/June 2025



The wood chips for the Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

AN UPDATE FROM BR. BENJAMIN HAACKE



Seminary Photo from the 2024/25 Academic Year

As Brother Stephen and I prepare for our second year of philosophical studies, we want to tell you about what we will be learning this year. We will begin this fall with studying modern philosophy. In this class, we will look at 18th-19th century philosophers such as Descartes, Hume, and Kant, and we will discuss the many problems with their philosophies and how they have affected today's world. Having taken both ancient and medieval philosophy last year, it will be interesting to see how these philosophies have developed into the modern and contemporary age. In another class, we will use the Catechism of the Catholic Church

to understand Christian morality as revealed to us by God. Additionally, we will have a Logic course, which will challenge our critical thinking and teach us how to construct well-structured arguments. Another class we will have is Philosophical Anthropology. In this class, we will study Aristotle, Aquinas, Descartes, Kass, and Kimura on the human soul, the differences between man and animals, intellect and the will, emotions, and similar topics. The last class we will have this fall is a seminar, which differs each semester. Last year, our seminars were rhetoric and philosophy of religion.

Finally, we ask that each of you pray for us as we begin another year of seminary. One year at a time, we slowly grow closer to being able to serve our parish as priests. Pray for our perseverance and for our formation so that we can be saintly Oratorians like the ones whom we look up to and strive to imitate, most of all Saint Philip.



The summer travels of Br. Benjamin

ORATORY DONATION OPPORTUNITY

You can now donate to the Oratory every time 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!



Celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart



Celebrating Fr. Adrian's Tenth Anniversary of Ordination



Celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist

ORATORY GALA 2025



Thursday, November 6, 2025

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 October 24, 2025
\$60 Per Person

We will have a raffle this year!



DONATE NOW!



venmo

For online reservations:

<http://gala.cincinnati-oratory.com/>

or mail your reservation and guest list.

Checks can be made out to:
"The Society of St. Philip Neri"

Sponsorships for a table of ten:

\$2500 - Platinum

\$2000 - Gold

\$1200 - Silver

\$600 - Bronze

Please visit our webpage or call (513) 721-2988 for more information.

Upcoming Events

October 18 - Annual Men's Eucharistic Procession from Cathedral to Old St. Mary's @ 9:00 a.m.

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

November 3 - 11 - All Souls' Day Novena of Masses (<http://allsouls.cincinnati-oratory.com>)

November 6 - Annual Oratory Gala @ Drees Pavilion in Devou Park

December 13 - Solemn Rorate Mass @ 6:45 a.m.

December 16 - Musical Oratory of Advent @ 6:30 p.m.

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

WISDOM FROM ST. PHILIP NERI

*It is easy to infuse a most
fervent devotion into others,
even in a short time; but the
great matter is - to persevere.*

THE CINCINNATI ORATORY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT

MAIL CHECKS TO:

THE CINCINNATI ORATORY
123 EAST 13TH STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

OR VISIT: [HTTP://DONATE.CINCINNATORATORY.COM/](http://DONATE.CINCINNATORATORY.COM/)

BE A MEMBER OF THE SAINT PHILIP SOCIETY

Through a commitment to making an annual donation of \$250 or more, our Society of Friends helps contribute to the annual cost of operation for the mission of The Cincinnati Oratory. With their annual support, and hopefully yours, our mission to sanctify and teach moves forward. Without you, this would be impossible!

THE CINCINNATI ORATORY IS A 501(c)3 TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

VISIT WWW.CINCINNATORATORY.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION