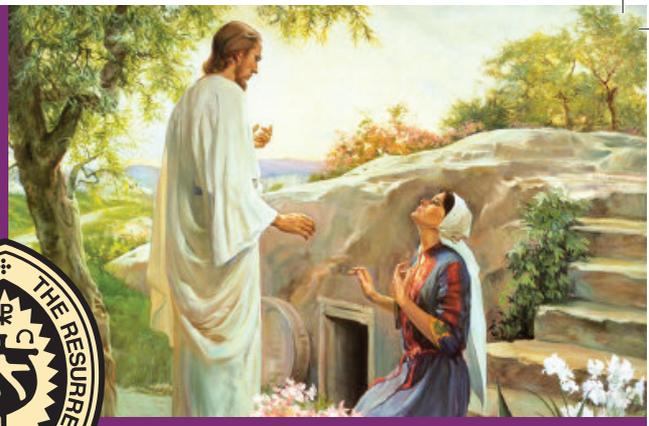


# Resurrection

## BULLETIN



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### Message from the Provincial

Each Easter we sojourners in the desert of life come before the Church hungering and thirsting to hear the story of liberation; the story of ultimate forgiveness and healing; the story of Easter; the Resurrection story. Our hearts desire to touch the Good News; our hearts desire the peace and the sense of meaning and purpose that the Good News brings to our lives.



*Fr. Murray McDermott, CR,  
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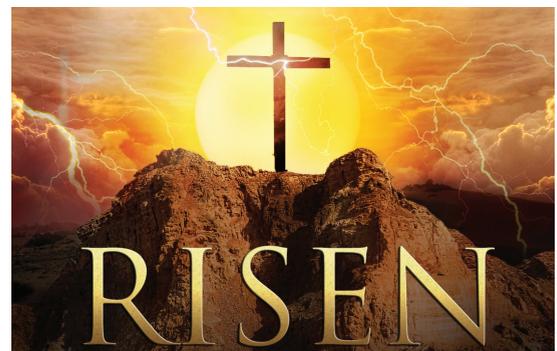
Easter is about the cry of God transforming the violence of our world and our lives into tenderness. Easter is about the love of God transforming the violence of our world into forgiveness. Easter is about Jesus conquering sin, selfishness, greed, the injustice and the hardness of our hearts and turning them into hearts of flesh and tenderness. Easter is about opening the darkness of our hearts and the tombs within our souls to the light of the Risen Christ and the power of His Resurrection. Easter is about transforming the despair within our spirits into the courage of dreaming new dreams and having new visions for our world, our own lives, the lives of our families and loved ones.

As we continue to journey toward the promised land, may we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the hearts to touch the laughter and tears of God as He continues to reveal Himself to us.

Fr. Murray McDermott, CR  
Provincial Superior

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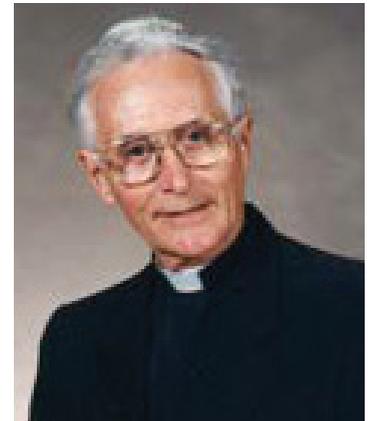
## 2019 Jubilarians

This year the Ontario-Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection honours five men who are celebrating significant milestones as Resurrectionists. Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR, is celebrating 70 years as a priest; Fr. Studie MacDonald, CR, 50 years of ordination; Brother John Cline, CR, 50 years of perpetual profession of vows; Brother Edward Hohenadel, CR, 40 years of perpetual profession of vows and Fr. Stanley Zaryczyny, CR, 25 years of ordination. A Mass of thanksgiving will take place on June 7th at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Kitchener. A reception for friends, family and Resurrectionists will follow.

In this issue of Resurrection Bulletin, we will highlight the lives and ministries of Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR, Fr. Studie MacDonald, CR and Brother John Cline CR. Brother Edward Hohenadel, CR and Fr. Stanley Zaryczyny, CR, will be highlighted in the next issue.

## Rev. Francis Reitzel, CR Celebrating 70 Years of Ordained Priesthood

Francis Xavier Reitzel was born on May 22nd 1923 in Waterloo, son of Francis and Helen (Pelletier) Reitzel. After graduating from St. Jerome's High School, Fr. Frank entered the Congregation of the Resurrection. He professed first vows on September 8, 1943 and final vows on September 8, 1946. On June 11, 1949 he was ordained to the priesthood. After ordination, Fr. Frank went to teacher's college and then taught at Scollard Hall and St. Jerome's High School for the next 12 years. During that time he also earned a Masters degree in English Language Studies from the University of Toronto. In 1962, Fr. Frank was appointed Master of Novices in Dundas, and after three years, returned to teaching, first at Scollard Hall, and then at Resurrection College and the University of Waterloo. In 1970 he earned a Masters degree in English Philosophy. He completed a Doctorate in English Language Studies at the University of Chicago, and returned to teaching at St. Mary's College, Kentucky.



*Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR*



From 1972-78 Fr. Frank served as Chaplain at the University of Calgary. After a sabbatical year to study in Rome, Fr. Frank was assigned to Brescia College in London to be Chaplain and teach part-time. His first pastoral assignment came in 1982 when he was assigned to St. Francis Church as Associate Pastor. He served as Pastor for five years, and then was assigned as Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Bermuda. In 2001, Fr. Frank retired to Resurrection Manor, but continued to assist in various parishes, lead retreats, assist with Catholic Engaged Encounter, Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and several other groups. Fr. Frank has had to let go of his active ministry because of health issues, but continues to have a ministry of prayer, especially for those who have turned away from the church and God.



*Fr. Frank's ordination class.*

Congratulations and thank you, Fr. Frank, for 70 years of dedicated ministry as a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care.

### **Fr. Sudie MacDonald, CR** **Celebrating 50 Years of Ordained Priesthood**

Gerald Sutherland Angus MacDonald was born on June 16, 1942 in Thorburn, Nova Scotia to Sutherland and Helen (nee Flinn) MacDonald. Fr. Sudie grew up in Coniston, Ontario. He professed first vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection on September 8, 1961 and was ordained to the priesthood in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on May 10, 1969.

St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton was Fr. Sudie's first pastoral assignment. He remained there for one and a half years before being asked to serve at St. Cecilia's Parish in Louisville, Ky. In 1973/74, Fr. Sudie finished an M.A. in Theology from the University of San Francisco and later pursued doctoral studies in Biblical Exegesis and Patristics at L'Institut Catholique de Paris. He taught in the Religious Studies department at St. Jerome's University for ten years.



*Fr. Sudie MacDonald, CR*

Fr. Sudie was elected Assistant Provincial of the Ontario-Kentucky Province in 1986 and in 1989 was elected Provincial Superior. In this position, he oversaw the ending of the seminary programme at Resurrection College and the move to establish Resurrection Centre and the transformation of the College into a faith based and safe residence for university students. St. Jerome's High School closed, and Fr. Sudie directed the refurbishment of the classroom building to be leased to the Catholic School Board for adult education. He initiated a plenary session for the Ontario-Kentucky Province for refounding with Fr. Gerry Arbuckle, C.M. and later a plenary retreat with Fr. Arbuckle. He also established the first lay financial board for the Province to help with investment policy and decisions. His first term as Provincial was for four years and he was re-elected in 1993, but a few months into his second term, he was elected Superior General for the Congregation of the Resurrection and moved to the Congregation's motherhouse in Rome.

In 1999 he was unanimously re-elected for a second six year term. Fr. Sudie was a trusted and respected leader of the world-wide Congregation. During his time as Superior General, Fr. Sudie oversaw the completion of two documents that formed the vision for the future of the Congregation – “A Vision of Hope” and “Continuing a Vision of Hope”. Fr. Sudie was responsible for founding the Congregation’s mission in Tanzania, a now thriving mission with two parishes, two schools, a novitiate and a seminary for the six young men studying to be members of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

In 2006, Fr. Sudie asked to work in the Tanzanian Mission; however, he returned to Canada in 2007 when he was asked to serve as Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira. In 2008 he became Pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish, Hamilton, the parish where he began his priestly ministry 40 years earlier.

Fr. Sudie ministers at the Carmelite Monastery on a regular basis and preaches for the Resurrectionist Missions in several parishes throughout the Diocese of Hamilton each year. He also helps Bishop Wes Śpiewak, CR in Bermuda, filling in at the Cathedral and other parishes on the island several times per year.

Congratulations, Fr. Sudie, on your golden jubilee, and thank you for your dedication and service to the people of God over these past fifty years. Ad multos annos!

### **Bro. John Cline, CR** **Celebrating 50 Years of Perpetual Profession of Vows**

On March, 16, 1942, John Lawrence Cline was born in Hamilton, Ontario to Lorne and Jean (nee Allingham). After attending Cathedral High School in Hamilton and St. Jerome’s High School in Kitchener, he entered the Congregation of the Resurrection. Brother John professed first vows on September 8, 1964. While studying for the Brotherhood, he served as resident student moderator at Scollard Hall in North Bay. He professed perpetual vows on September 8, 1969. In 1972, Brother John was assigned to St. Mary’s Parish in Kitchener. He returned to North Bay to serve again as resident student moderator.



*Brother John Cline, CR*

In 1981, Brother John moved south to Louisville, Kentucky, where he ministered on the pastoral team at Resurrection Parish. It was there that he discovered an interest in hospital ministry. In 1983 he returned to Canada to work in the pastoral care department at St. Mary’s Hospital in Kitchener. Brother John ministered there full time until 2007, and then continued part-time until 2011. He served as a Provincial Councillor for six years.

St. Agatha Parish was also blessed to have Brother John as part of its community for over 20 years. Besides singing in the choir and serving on the Liturgy and Maintenance committees, Brother John enjoyed keeping the grounds looking good. He moved to Resurrection Manor in 2014, and continues to oversee the maintenance of the Resurrectionist cottages at Conestoga Lake and North Bay.

Congratulations, Brother John, on your 50th anniversary of perpetual profession of vows. May God continue to bless your life abundantly.

## Where are they Now?

Fr. Edwin Lapinski, CR had a fall in his room at Resurrection Manor which led to his hospitalization. Because the Manor was no longer able to meet Fr. Edwin's physical and medical needs, he had to move to a retirement/assisted living residence. His new address is: Beechwood Manor, 305 Erb Street West, Room 113, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 1W4. Phone: 226-647-2894. Fr. Edwin welcomes visitors.

## Fr. Ernie Turns 85!

The staff at Columbia Forest Long Term Care residence treated Fr. Ernie Varosi, CR to a special celebration complete with balloons and a cake on the occasion of his 85th birthday on March 8th. Fr. Ernie enjoyed the party as well as visits from several Resurrectionists during the day.

Fr. Ernie is residing at Columbia Forest, 650 Mountain Maple Avenue, Waterloo, ON N2V 2P7.

## Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR

Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR had successful hip surgery in January at Grand River Hospital, Kitchener. He underwent rehabilitation therapy at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Guelph and then moved to Chartwell Clair Hills Retirement Residence in Waterloo. His health has deteriorated, and he is now at Grand River Hospital awaiting an available hospice room. Please keep Fr. Frank in your prayers.



*Fr. Ernie's 85th Birthday celebration*



*Kindergarten class in Kahangalas*

## How You Can Help the Missions

Donations in aid of Resurrectionists working in the missions (Brazil and Tanzania) will be gratefully received. It would be helpful if funds were not designated for a particular project or area; this would give the Congregation flexibility to use the money where it is most needed. Please make all cheques payable to Resurrectionist Missions and forward to:

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*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## Apostles of the Resurrection

The Apostles of the Resurrection and several Resurrectionists gathered on February 23rd for their first meeting of the new year. Fr. Stanley Zaryczny, CR hosted this gathering at Sacred Heart Church in Kitchener. Three Apostles renewed their vows and one new Apostle made her commitment for the first time. At this gathering new ideas were shared by the group as to how the Apostles plan to embrace and expand this group going forward.

If you would like more information about the Apostles of the Resurrection, please visit the Congregation's website: [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca).



*February 23rd gathering of the Apostles of the Resurrection*



## Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR

Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR was welcomed as a member of the Ontario-Kentucky Province on March 27th. Fr. Paul was born in Poznan, Poland. He entered the Congregation of the Resurrection in 2000 and was ordained on April 26, 2008. Fr. Paul studied in Rome and earned a Baccellierato (Bachelor degree) in Theology before beginning pastoral work in Poland. He served in Poland and in Vienna, Austria, before making the decision to move to Canada. After studying English at Renison University, he served as Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener as well as Pre-Novitiate Director. He is currently serving as archivist for the Congregation in Rome, and studying at the Alphonsian Academy. Congratulations, Fr. Paul, and welcome!



*Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR with Fr. Wojciech Mleczo, CR and Fr. Andrzej Sosnowski, CR.*

## In Memoriam ~ Dana Woito

The Apostles of the Resurrection are deeply saddened by the loss of Dana Woito, who passed away on January 25th after a three year illness. Dana shared life-long friendships with members of the Congregation of the Resurrection, and desired to share in their charism as an Apostle of the Resurrection. Dana was the beloved wife of Kevin Donelson. She, along with Kevin, were two of the first lay people to make commitments as Apostles of the Resurrection. We offer our deepest condolences to Kevin, and pray that he will find strength and comfort in the Lord and in the many people who loved Dana.

Fr. Tim Uniac, CR shared a close friendship with Dana. He reflects here on her life:

*By Fr. Tim Uniac, CR*

Dana, a lover of country music, a lover of dogs and birds, a lover of Broadway musicals, a lover of literature, a lover of learning, a lover of family and friends, but above all else a spiritually radiant woman whose faith and belief in God unabashedly shone forth for all to see. Even in her dying Dana never lost faith; it continued to shine and radiate through her words and smile while in the midst of physical discomfort and pain. The last moments of Dana's life were not a Good Friday experience, they were an Easter Sunday experience as she moved ever closer to the one she deeply loved, the Risen Lord! This should not have surprised any of us who knew Dana. She was imbued with the spirit of the Resurrection which grew ever stronger within her over her many years of association with the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection. Ultimately her love of the Resurrection would find a clearer focus when she became a member of the Apostles of the Resurrection, a lay association of the Congregation. Dana, like Mary Magdalene (the patroness of the Apostles of the



*Dana Woito, CR  
Apostle of the Resurrection*

Resurrection), became a “disciple to the disciples” called to support and pray for the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection, reminding me and my brothers, by her word and example, that the proclamation of the Resurrection is all about hope.

Dana lived and proclaimed the message of Resurrected hope to her family and friends, she proclaimed Resurrected hope in her work, she proclaimed Resurrected hope in her love and zest for life and all it had to offer, she proclaimed Resurrected hope in her warm embrace of friends and she proclaimed Resurrected hope by welcoming us into her life. In her death she proclaimed Resurrected hope when she, like Mary Magdalene, announced that indeed she had seen the Risen Lord. Dana did not worry about tomorrow; she focused on today and the realization that the reign of God was in our midst here and now. This was most evident when one encountered Dana. At that very moment of encounter you became the most important person in Dana's life, receiving her total attention. This was truly an example of Resurrected hope.

## Barbara Anne Diemert

The Congregation of the Resurrection lost an amazing friend on January 15 when Barbara Diemert, a long-time employee and friend of the Community died. Barb was diagnosed with cancer last Fall, and died on January 15, 2019. Fr. Sam Restivo, CR journeyed with Barbara for the last months of her life after her cancer diagnosis. Fr. Sam preached the homily at her funeral. While there isn't space to reproduce his homily in its entirety, following are excerpts that honour a lady who will be missed deeply.

*By Fr. Sam Restivo, CR*

"I visited Barbara at Lisaard House after being away for just over a week. I walked into her room and before I had a chance to say hello, she said, "I'm angry with you for abandoning me...where have you been?" Knowing full well I had been on my annual retreat, Barbara laughed with a big smile on her face, then, quietly said, "You know I'm joking with you?" Her laugh wasn't as hearty as we have been used to but it was there as she continued to be her witty self.

Underneath Barbara's tremendous sense of humour, there was a deep awareness, a keen insight and an abundant generosity to the needs of others. It seemed that whatever she encountered, Barbara was automatically asking the question, "What would Christ do in this situation?"

For example, when Barbara saw an opportunity for women leadership in the Church, she let her name stand for nomination, and was elected 3 times as CWL president of St Francis Parish over a thirty year period. She also served in CWL leadership roles at the diocesan, regional and national levels. When she met people struggling for a deeper sense of meaning, purposing and belonging, she led the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, inviting unbaptized adults to discern possible membership and participation within the Catholic Community.

Through her leadership, many were spiritually fed by reflecting on the Word

of God in small faith sharing groups through Celebrating the Word, a program she helped design as a member of the Resurrection Centre for Lifelong Learning along with Frs. Frank Ruetz and Fred Scinto.

When Barbara learned that folks were suffering the loss of a loved one, the loss of employment or the loss of a relationship, Barbara became certified and led a parish bereavement group offering emotional and spiritual support to those grieving. When she reflected on the scandal of disunity among the Christian Churches, she participated in dialogue with sisters and brothers from area United and Presbyterian churches. When she learned that a middle-income family desperately needed a new home, she participated in a Habitat for Humanity House building project.

So it was devastating for Barb when she learned of her illness this past Fall, because she could no longer serve as a leader or participate in activities to help others; however, she looked for what remained in the midst of her diminishment and loss. She turned to her family, her faith and her friends. She received the abundantly generous & loving support of her children, their partners, her grandchildren and her many friends. She made a lasting difference in the lives of so many people.

Barbara's faith in God was steadfast. Throughout her life, and especially throughout her illness, Barbara was accompanied by her special friend and companion, the Risen Lord, whom she recognized, not only in Word and Sacrament, but in the people and events she encountered each day.

St Paul says: "the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." Barbara Anne Diemert indeed fought the good fight and kept the faith. "Go forth faithful disciple of the Risen Lord, may you rest in peace".



*Barbara Ann Diemert*

## Deacon Raphael Ma, CR

*Since his ordination to the diaconate on December 4, 2018, Deacon Raphael has been living in Hamilton and taking the CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program. This program is part of his final preparations for ordination to the priesthood. Here he fills us in on what this has involved.*

*By Deacon Raphael Ma, CR*

Since January 2nd, I have been at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton for a Supervised, or Clinical Pastoral Education (SPE, or CPE) program. The purpose of a CPE, as one of my friends put it rather bluntly, is "to become aware of, and to begin to deal with your issues, so you don't dump them blindly on others." Or to put a more positive spin on it, the purpose is to become aware of oneself and the way one interacts with others.

The program is about 3 months long. It takes place from Monday to Friday, with the days alternating between "didactic" or in-class sessions, and "clinical" or patient visits. My clinical days have been spent at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton's West 5th Campus, a regional specialized mental health facility serving Southern Ontario. My work involves visiting and following up with individual patients who are open to speaking with someone from spiritual care, as well as facilitating a "spirituality group" on a few different units of the hospital. The "spirituality group" is basically an hour-long therapy group, where I select a theme and a creative activity oriented towards getting patients to express themselves, and if comfortable, to share and reflect with the group.

The in-class sessions include a very survey level introduction to some general topics in psychotherapy and spiritual care, as well as a few specific therapeutic assessment models and approaches. Anyone who has ever heard of CPE has probably heard of "verbatim," which are like a case study of a visit, brought to the group for feedback. It consists of some background information, and a dialogue representation of the visit, and some of the student's own reflections on the visit, including some theological reflection questions, such as "who is God for this person?" and "does your visit to this person remind you of



*Deacon Raphael Ma, CR with Bishop Robert Kurtz, CR at Raphael's Diaconate Mass*

a story, person, event, teaching, or practice from your faith or spiritual tradition?"

The final, and perhaps more famous (or infamous) element of our in-class sessions, is called Inter Personal Relations (IPR), which is probably what first comes to mind when you think of the words "group therapy." The purpose of these sessions is for each participant to learn about themselves and grow in emotional intelligence through their interactions with the others in the group during this time. It usually begins with someone pointing out something they have noticed about another person in the group, or some tension that has arisen over the past few days, and then asking that person further questions about it, and others, including the person being questioned, may join in with his own reflections and reactions. If you have been through a CPE, or know someone who has, you know that these sessions can sometimes get a little intense, as they require a certain amount of vulnerability, and there is a real possibility of people crossing lines and hurting others.

Although the Catholic Church does not require this specific program as part of formation for the priesthood or religious life, the trend in the Resurrectionist Community is to have candidates do at least one CPE unit as part of human formation and growing in self-awareness. I am sure that in the years to come I will come to appreciate in retrospect the many experiences I have had in the CPE program.

## The Spiritual Legacy of Bogdan Jański Founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

*In our last issue, we shared a section of Fr. Ernie Varosi's article on the Spiritual Legacy of Bogdan Jański, founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection. That section of the article looked at Jański – who he was, his life in Paris, and the beginning of his moral conversion and growing desire for union with God. Next, a new Jański begins to emerge.*

### The New Jański Begins to Emerge

During the years 1830-1840 Bogdan underwent an unrelenting process of personal self-examination in which he scrupulously analyzed his former life with a view of attaining a firm purpose of amendment. In his struggle to discover the "true self" he began to espouse two important truths, viz., that personal holiness and fidelity to the Church are absolutely essential for any social renewal and that this verity must be anchored in the Truth that God loves each one of us unconditionally.

Genuine conversion involves self-transcendence such that there is a radical change in that person's life and goals. It is nothing less than total personal surrender to the God of love. This was entirely true of Bogdan Jański. His conversion from a life away from God (sin) to life with God becomes the dynamic departure point for continued spiritual growth and the discovery of the true self.

Without doubt the peak moment of Jański's journey to self-actualization and fulfillment was the occasion of his general confession. It was the culmination of a journey that led to his return to the faith of the Catholic Church which he had abandoned in his youth. Paradoxically, Jański may have abandoned the Church and faith in God, but he never abandoned his desire to dedicate himself to the service of others and effect a change in society.



*Bogdan Jański*

The Parisian suburb of St. Mande was the place where this young, restless, Polish national, at the age of 28 made his peace with God. The year was 1834. It took five sessions to complete his confession before the parish priest, Father Chausette.

The reason for this protracted confession was the desire of Jański to make a complete break with the past. He reviewed his life in stages carefully noting his infidelities, his carousing, his godlessness, and his adherence to the Saint Simonist sect of utopian socialism. The entry in his "diary" for November 24, 1834 at the time of his general confession is suggestive of his desire to become a new person: "I have already confessed sins of apostasy, sacrilege, depravity, pride and scandal I gave to many. I was a bad son, bad brother, bad friend, bad citizen". These words reveal a sincere sorrow and a strong sense of moral responsibility for his actions. He attributes his conversion to the gratuitous grace of God. It was this gracious gift which ultimately led to his change of heart and to his return to the Faith: "your grace -- not any merit, labour or reasoning of mine -- was responsible." God's goodness is contrasted with Jański's misery, (unworthiness). It is seen as a gift of a gracious and loving God. He prays, "I thank you, Lord, because you deigned to consider my misery and suffering, my yearning and groaning for the truth and for all that is good". He acknowledges that his return to the Faith is an unmerited gift and part of the divine plan. He exclaims rhetorically, "Why did I return to the Catholic faith? Because you wished it O Most Merciful God!"

That Jański underwent an intellectual, moral, and religious conversion is evident from his expressions of rapture at having “come home”. From this moment forward he strove to make God the unconditional horizon of his life. He was captivated by the goodness and love of God. He accepted responsibility for his godlessness. His diary entry for January 10, 1835, the day he received absolution, asserts: “But now at least I am cleansed of my sins and united with God. Thank you O Most Merciful God”. He symbolizes his unconditional surrender to God as a type of covenant between himself and God. The keeping of this pledge will depend on cooperation with divine grace. He prays: “Give me the grace necessary to ensure that my covenant with You and your Church will be eternal. Throughout the rest of my life may I show myself worthy of your mercy.”

This “about face” testifies to Bogdan Jański's conversion and re-direction of his life. He has found the One who would be the normative guide for his life in the future. It should be noted that subsequent entries in his “diary” highlight his constant struggle to remain faithful to this commitment.

What human experience influenced him to make this change in his life and commit himself so completely to God? Part of the answer is to be found in Jański's personal search for transcendence. In a letter written to his brother Stephen in February, 1838 he alludes to his search for transcendence: “The principal change



in my life, the dominant feature of my present state, is this: after constant search and research, study and experience, I have finally come to recognize the eternal and perfect

truth in the teaching of Jesus Christ, and in the universal, i.e., Catholic church he founded.”

Thus, choosing to make Jesus Christ the determining horizon of his life was reached only after many years of personal struggle and introspection. For example, in 1823, when he began his studies in law and business at the University of Warsaw he was attracted by the materialist philosophy of de Holbach while a fellow student introduced him to, “drinking parties, sex orgies, and the brothels of Warsaw.” Until he confronted his sensuality and atheism, they were the determinants of his intellectual, moral, and religious horizon. His religious conversion and general confession in 1834 was a critical stage in his journey toward transcendence. As late as June 1834 he writes in his “diary”: O Lord, give me the ability to believe in you and in your love; humble within me the spirit of pride, quench my sensuality. Let a ray of your grace descend into my thoughts, seeing that the one truth with which I am penetrated is my impotence and my misery.”

He was coming closer to the realization that without grace and surrender to God self-transcendence and overcoming his moral weakness was the gratuitous gift of a gracious and loving God. It was a conversion from satisfaction to values. The power to make this transition would originate not from himself because he was impotent and corrupt but due to God's unconditional love mediated partly but not exclusively through the circle of friends he had come to know in Parisian society.

*In our next issue we will present the conclusion of the article “The Spiritual Legacy of Bogdan Jański” with Jański's Vision and his Spiritual Legacy.*

## Upcoming Events

### Elections:

The terms of Fr. Phil Reilly, CR and Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR as Provincial Councillors are ending. Two new Provincial Councillors will be elected on Easter Monday, April 22nd. They will serve on the Ontario-Kentucky Province's Provincial Council for a three year term.

### Retreat:

The members of the Ontario-Kentucky Province will hold their annual retreat at Resurrection College in Waterloo from June 3-7. Retreat Master will be Fr. David Perrin, OMI on the topic of Amoris Laetitia.

### Jubilarian Dinner:

The Mass and dinner in honour of the five Resurrectionists celebrating their jubilees will take place on Friday, June 7th at St. Francis Church in Kitchener.

### Provincial Chapter:

These meetings for the Ontario-Kentucky Province, which take place every three years, will be held at Resurrection College from June 10-14. Sr. Joan Atkinson, CSJ will be the facilitator. Members of the Ontario-Kentucky Province will gather to look back at their ministries over the past three years and plan for the future of the Province.

### Ordination:

Deacon Raphael Ma, CR will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 15 by Bishop Wesley Śpiewak, CR, Bishop of Hamilton in Bermuda. The ceremony will take place at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener.



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