In July there was a Sulpician General Assembly, or General Chapter, at the Sulpician Seminary at Issy-les-Moulineaux, just outside Paris. I attended as one of 30 delegates from around the world. Serving as delegates with me were [in alphabetical order]: Fathers Phillip Brown, Richard (Rich) Gula, Cornelius Hankomoone, Daniel Moore and Lawrence (Larry) Terrien. Other David F. Thayer, Second General Consultr, also served as an ex officio delegate.

As this was an international gathering, there were simultaneous translations in French and English. Father Robert Maloney, C.M., former Superior General of the Vincentians, once again animated the Assembly. (He previously facilitated the 2008 General Assembly.)

Archbishop Cordileone, during the Rite of Installation, encouraging Father Stevens, PSS, to dutifully carry out the responsibilities entrusted to him.

The Reverend Father Gladstone Hudson “Bud” Stevens, PSS was installed as the 16th President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary & University on August 25, 2014. The Archbishop of San Francisco, the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, who in the Sulpician tradition is “the first superior of the seminary,” presided at the late afternoon Mass of Installation on the first day of the academic year.

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The General Assembly delegates were most pleased that Fr. Maloney deftly performed this service again, freeing them to enter more fully into the dialogue and debate.

In addition to electing Father Ronald D. Witherup to a second six-year term as Superior General, the delegates also addressed many issues of concern to Sulpicians. For example, there was a decision to study ways in which the French School of Spirituality can be used as a powerful resource for the New Evangelization. The delegates also asked for new forms of interprovincial cooperation like meetings between Sulpicians from Francophone and Anglophone Africa.

I am writing this column to explain two of the lesser decisions taken by the Assembly because you may have already noticed the results of these decisions. First, the Assembly approved a single form of the Sulpician logo for use by the entire Society. This logo consists of an “A” interlaced with an “M” surmounted by two small diamonds. The monogram stands for “Auspice Maria,” or “Under Mary’s Protection,” the traditional Sulpician motto. The diamonds stand for stars, alluding to Rev. 12:1: “A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” You can see this form of the logo in the footer of this issue of Update.

The second change you may notice is that, from now on, all Sulpicians will use the initials “PSS” after their names. This is based on the last three nouns in the official title of the Sulpicians, i.e., “The Society of the Priests of St. Sulpice.” These initials also work well in the other two official languages of the Society, namely French (“Compagnie des Prêtres de Saint Sulpice”) and Spanish (Compañía de los Padres de San Sulpicio). You may have noticed that the new initials are placed after my name at the top of this column.

The reason the Assembly mandated these changes is as follows. The Sulpicians have always been a relatively small society. Yet, over the years, many regional and even individual practices have evolved for identifying ourselves in official communications. This tends to obscure our identity as a community of priests in the Church. For example, here in the United States and in some other areas of the world, Sulpicians use “S.S.” after their names, while in Europe, Quebec and Vietnam, the “p.s.s.” is consistently used. Moreover, our logo is found in many variations, depending upon the alphabet used. Some look Victorian, others baroque, and still others more contemporary.

The new logo has led us Sulpicians in the US to abandon our more modern renditions in favor of a more neo-classical form closer to that used centuries ago. Perhaps this is appropriate since in recent decades Sulpicians in the US have come to appreciate better our spiritual heritage from 17th century France.

Thomas R. Ulshafer, PSS is Provincial Superior of the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States.
Sulpician Father Stevens
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The Mass of the Holy Spirit was offered to pray for God's blessing on the academic year and Father Stevens's tenure. In his homily, echoing themes dear to the Sulpicians, Archbishop Cordileone spoke about the centrality of Christ to the very identity and life of every priest. Following the homily, Fr. Stevens made the Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Fidelity, which are made by those assuming ecclesiastical office and teaching in the name of the Church. The Rite of Installation followed the form that has been used in Sulpician Seminaries of the Province of the United States in recent years and is modeled on the Installation of Pastors. The Archbishop exhorted Fr. Stevens to be a loving father, a gentle shepherd and wise teacher and encouraged him to exercise his ministry in a spirit of mutual trust, collaboration, common prayer and genuine concern.

Fr Stevens expressed his gratitude to the Sulpician Provincial Council who had appointed him President-Rector and to Archbishop Cordileone who had approved the appointment, for their confidence in him, stating "This is an enormous undertaking and yet I feel nothing but joy in being called upon to assume it as rector. I could not have asked for better support from my colleagues, students and all those who love St. Patrick's and believe in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ."

The Archbishop was joined by a number of concelebrants including Archbishop John R. Quinn, Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco, as well as Alumni Bishops including Bishops John S. Cummins, Daniel F. Walsh and Thomas A. Daly, who served as interim President-Rector during 2013-2014. Also concelebrating were Bishops Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton and Michael C. Barber, S.J. of Oakland who send seminarians to St. Patrick's as well as Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of San Francisco Ignatius Wang and numerous priests. The Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States, was represented by Father Daniel F. Moore, PSS, First Provincial Consultor and Provincial Secretary.

Others who participated in the Mass included two of Fr. Stevens' sisters, Dr. Sandra L. Stevens and Mrs. Pamela Stevens-Courteney, as well as members of the faculty and many Bay Area Catholics associated with the seminary and friends of the new President-Rector.

Following the Liturgy, a banquet was held in the seminary refectory. In his remarks, Fr. Moore congratulated Fr. Stevens and extended to the rector the good wishes and fraternal support of his Sulpician confreres.

Anthony J. Pogorelc, PSS is Vice Rector & Academic Dean, St. Patrick's Seminary & University

The Stevens family shares a joyful moment. (L-R) Sandra Stevens, Archbishop Cordileone, Fr. Stevens, PSS, and Pamela Stevens-Courteney

The US Province held its Provincial Assembly from January 3-9, 2015. The Assembly is the governing body exercising authority over the whole Province. Fourteen elected delegates and five ex officio members gather every six years to elect the next Provincial Superior and his four consultants, to consider important matters affecting the Province, and to make the necessary decisions setting the priorities for the province for the next six years.

In preparation for the Assembly, the election of delegates took place in the spring. Then the entire membership of the Province met in Convocation from May 25-28, 2014 at the Oblate Renewal Center in San Antonio, Texas. The Convocation discussed four topics: Sulpician identity and ethos, future directions of the province, retirement and leadership.

The combination of a meeting of the whole membership in Convocation, regional meetings on the priorities of the Convocation, and a solicitation of names for leadership gave everyone in the province an opportunity to contribute to the Assembly, even though only the elected delegates were involved in the deliberations, canonical elections and subsequent decisions.

Richard M. Gula, PSS is Director of Personnel for the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States.
From October 4-17, 2014, the Most Reverend Telesphore Mpundu, the Archbishop of Lusaka, Zambia and President of the Zambia Episcopal Conference journeyed to the United States at the invitation of the Sulpicians to join in an historic celebration of the Sulpicians’ 25th anniversary of priestly ministry in Zambia.

While in the United States, the archbishop visited Sulpician confreres, colleagues and seminarians in the Archdioceses of Baltimore, Washington, San Francisco and San Antonio. During the anniversary visit, His Grace was accompanied by Fr. Thomas Ulshafer, PSS, Provincial Superior, Father Daniel Moore, PSS, First Provincial Consultor and Father Cornelius Hankomoone, PSS, Regional Superior of Sulpicians in Zambia.

His Grace and Fr. Cornelius returned to Lusaka on October 17. From his home, Fr. Hankomoone summed up his impressions of the historic visit, commenting “Though a long-time friend of Sulpicians, Archbishop Mpundu’s visit to Sulpician seminaries and communities was ‘an experience that deepened his own understanding and appreciation of Sulpician life and ministry.’ The welcome that he received prompted him to exclaim in one of his homilies that ‘If I were a young priest, I too, may have thought of joining the Society.’ For myself, I was privileged to accompany the archbishop and share first-hand in the enthusiasm and energy generated during the ‘power-packed’ visit. The historic tour of Sulpician institutions and ministries brought together numerous confreres and colleagues whose hospitality and enthusiasm for their respective ministries energized us. These are grace-filled memories that I will cherish.”

Daniel F. Moore, PSS is the First Consultant and Provincial Secretary for the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States.

Abp. Mpundu presents Abp. Mpundu the CUA President's Medal, October 9

Seminarians responding to the archbishop's invitation to ask questions, St. Mary's, October 6

Fr. Ulshafer and President Garvey present Abp. Mpundu the CUA President's Medal, October 9

Abp. Mpundu expresses his gratitude to Mary Wingate at SPSU. N.B.: Carl (deceased) & Mary Wingate are faithful donors to the Zambian Mission.

Archbishop Mpundu, presider & homilist, gathered at the altar with Sulpician faculty and priest colleagues, St. Patrick's Seminary & University, October 14
Celebrating a Century of One-of-a-Kind Scholarship

Father David Thayer, PSS, celebrating a Mass of Remembrance inaugurating the Year of the Basselin with TC alumni Monsignor Robert Sokolowski (B'57), left, and Monsignor John Wippel (B'56), right.

Theological College and the School of Philosophy of The Catholic University of America are celebrating a century of a one-of-a-kind scholarship program. The program, named after Theodore Basselin, an American industrialist, has funded scholarships for more than 100 years, providing three years of education, room and board for men studying for the priesthood. Seminarians are admitted in their junior year of undergraduate study to complete a bachelor's and license in philosophy. The curriculum is designed to provide a foundation in philosophy that prepares seminarians for the study of theology and also gives special attention to public speaking. Basselin scholars live at Theological College, the seminary of The Catholic University of America, where they engage the seminary's program of priestly formation.

The year of the Basselin commenced with a Mass of Remembrance on April 22, 2014, marking the 100th anniversary of Theodore Basselin's death in April, 1914. During Theological College's Alumni Day celebrations the Basselin celebration was a central focus. A symposium titled “What Is Philosophy and Why Is It Important in Seminary Formation?” featured two Basselin alumni widely admired in the Catholic University community: Monsignor Robert Sokolowski (Basselin class of 1957) and Monsignor John Wippel (Basselin class of 1956).

The seminary’s rector, Father Phillip J. Brown, PSS, explained the celebration and exploration of the seminary’s history, stating “The Year of the Basselin initiates a three-year period of awareness for us as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of [the founding of The Sulpician Seminary (1917) in Washington, DC, subsequently named] Theological College.”

Top photo: Basselins scholars (L-R) Alan Martineau, Stephen Elser, Edmund Lazzari, Joseph de Orbegoso, Kyle O'Connor, Louis Masi, and Mark Hebert with Fr. Chris Seibt (top center), Basselin and TC Alumnus ('13)

Gerald D. McBrearity, PSS is Vice-Rector, Theological College.
Ongoing Mission & Ministry
Martin J. Burnham, PSS

As I sat in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen listening to the homily of Archbishop William Lori during the 225th Anniversary Mass for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, I reflected upon how blessed I feel in my priesthood. Not only am I a priest of the Prelieure See who has inherited all of the rich archdiocesan history that the Archbishop was unfolding before us in his reflections, I am also a member of the Society of St. Sulpice, a group of priests that has been instrumental in the history of the Archdiocese of Baltimore virtually since its founding. To hear the names of Archbishops like Carroll and Marechal, so intimately connected with the Sulpician roots in the archdiocese, to hear the names of historic institutions like St. Mary's Seminary and University and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, both with Sulpician foundations at their roots, to hear stories of holy women like St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Servant of God Mary Lange, both of whom realized their dreams in ministry through the support of Sulpician priests, reminded me of the gift I have inherited in being able to minister within such historic origins of Catholic faith and ethos.

As the Archdiocese reaches this 225th Anniversary milestone, it looks back at the rich history of ministry and faith that has made the proclamation of the gospel a reality for the peoples of these United States. So too, it looks ahead to the task that lies before it: namely, to continue to bring the gospel of the living Christ to these same United States. As the archdiocese looks ahead to its ongoing mission and ministry, I can't help but envision the Society of St. Sulpice as an active and essential part of this mission, continuing to form future priests after the heart of Jesus by following the call of Archbishop Carroll issued some 225 years ago.

Martin J. Burnham, PSS is currently in Graduate Studies, Loyola University Maryland

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Bishops and priests gather around Archbishop William Lori during the Eucharistic Prayer, November 2, at the 225th Anniversary Mass. N.B.: Sulpician Fathers, Ronald Withenup, Superior General and Thomas Ulshafer, Provincial Superior are also present, left center background. (Photos courtesy of Archdiocese of Baltimore)
From July 7 - 19, 2014 the Sulpician General Assembly convened at Le Grand Séminaire at Issy-les-Moulineaux (Paris). One of the most important tasks of the General Assembly was to elect the new General Council. The results of the election were as follows: Superior General: Ronald D. Witherup; First Consultor: David D. Thayer; Second Consultor: Arigo Restrepo; Third Consultor: Joseph Ho Thu; Fourth Consultor: Pierre de Martin de Viviès. We warmly congratulate these confreres and wish them much success in the next six years.

As to the Assembly itself, allow me a few personal observations. First, the spirit of all the delegates and participants in the Assembly was tangibly positive. Not only was there an atmosphere of confidence and trust in the future, but there was a truly cooperative tone as we attempted to face the challenges in the Society for the next six years. The good will of all the members was evident, as was their willingness to offer sound advice and heartfelt observations.

The Assembly's pilgrimage to Notre-Dame des Vertus, a lovely church in the Paris suburb of Aubervilliers—an important pilgrimage site for Father Jean Jacques Olier and other members of the French school of spirituality—was a high point. It allowed for an afternoon of prayer and reflection, led by David Thayer, and Eucharist presided by Jean-Louis Rouillier on the afternoon before the elections began.

Third, though the delegates were all conscious of the challenges that lie ahead—19 propositions were adopted—we were also filled with hope for the future. One sign of this hope is the enthusiasm of our candidates and new members, many of whom exhibit an explicit interest in the French school of spirituality. Another is the willingness of members to assume difficult duties, including sacrificing summer vacation time, to participate in such meetings as an Assembly or a mois sulpicien. Our members are very generous.

Lastly, while there is no one clear path to follow in incorporating the vision of Pope Francis and his predecessors concerning the new evangelization, we were conscious of our duty to be of service to the wider Church and to the bishops. As we move forward in implementing the propositions of the Assembly, the Council and Provincials will remain conscious of this overarching orientation.

May the Virgin Mary, our patroness and the model of perfect discipleship, intercede for us as we seek to do the will of the Father in our humble ministry of priestly formation.

Ronald D. Witherup, PSS is Superior General, Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice.
John of the Cross once wrote, "In the evening of life we will be judged by love alone." For Father Giaquinto, love showed itself daily through his genuine interest in others and a willingness to make relationships work.

He was the sixth of eight children born in New Haven, Connecticut on December 13, 1923. A Baselin Scholar, he earned the M.A. in Philosophy (1944) and an S.T.L. from Catholic University in 1948. He was ordained a priest on May 27, 1948, for the Archdiocese of Hartford but then became incardinated into the newly formed Diocese of Norwich in 1953. After ordination he was given the opportunity to serve as the Newman Chaplain at the University of Connecticut, an initial pastoral immersion that spawned many of his priorities as a priest and as a future Sulpician.

Although a quiet, self-effacing and reserved man who preferred to be in the background, almost from the beginning of his Sulpician ministry, Fr. Giaquinto was asked to move into the foreground. He served on the faculty of St. Edward’s Seminary, Kenmore, WA (1956-1957) and St. Charles College, Catonsville, MD (1958-1963). He was President of St. Joseph’s College, Mountain View, CA (1963-1968) and Principal of St. Joseph’s High School Seminary (1967-1968). He was then President of St. Patrick’s College in Mountain View, CA (1968-1969). He then moved back to Theological College where he served for the next 30 years. He was Director of the Basselin program (1970-1974) and then Rector (1982-1986). At age 44, he was elected a Provincial Consultor (1967-1973) as the Province began to implement the changes in priestly formation mandated by the Second Vatican Council. He was then elected again as First Consultor (1977-1982) with a new generation of leaders. In 1971, he designed and implemented the first external forum formation program in a Sulpician seminary. Throughout all of these activities, Fr. Giaquinto lived a life of radical simplicity.

Many experienced him as a humble, kind, dignified and thoughtful man. As many know, when the time came when he chose to speak either privately or publically, everyone stopped what they were doing, sat up and listened as he gently spoke the truth. He had a way of saying certain things that only he could get away with saying. Above all else, generations of priests and seminarians experienced his gift for relationships. Few escaped his friendly and affirming moniker, “fathead.” He brought a sensitive pastoral presence to the entire seminary community, including not only the administrative staff, but also the kitchen and cleaning staff as well.

In 2000, Fr. Giaquinto retired to St. Charles Villa where he spent the evening of his life gracing the retirement community with his signature style of a peaceful presence and an utterly simple life. He died on October 27, 2014 in Gilchrist Hospice. On November 1, 2014, he was buried in the Sulpician cemetery in Catonsville, MD following the funeral liturgy at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels in Charlestown. At his Mass of the Resurrection, the Superior General, the Very Reverend Ronald D. Witherup, PSS presided, Father Gerald McBrearity, PSS of Theological College was the homilist, and the Provincial Superior, the Very Reverend Thomas Ulshafer, PSS led the committal service at the graveside.

For Fr. Giaquinto, love was the verb of his faith. We give thanks for his long and fruitful life that transformed the lives of so many by his wisdom honed from a lifetime of prayer and service.

Gerald D. McBrearity, PSS, is Vice-Rector, Theological College.
On August 12, 2014, Bishop Mitchell Thomas Rozanski, an alumnus of Theological College and lifelong Baltimore resident, was installed at the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Upon hearing the news of Bishop Rozanski's appointment, the Very Reverend Thomas R. Ulshafer, PSS, Provincial Superior of the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States, and a good friend, commented “The Diocese of Springfield is truly blessed to have Bishop Rozanski. He is a man of strong faith and pastoral charity and he knows the ins and outs of parish ministry. He will be greatly missed in Baltimore.”

Bishop Rozanski will serve a diocese which encompasses the four westernmost counties in Massachusetts and is comprised of over 240,000 Catholics in 81 parishes. He succeeds Bishop Timothy McDowell who reached the retirement age.

Bishop Rozanski’s Polish background and his former position as Vicar for Hispanic Ministries in the Archdiocese of Baltimore prepare him well for the Diocese of Springfield which has an expanding Latino immigrant community and also a significant population of residents of Polish descent.

The Sulpician Fathers extend to Bishop Rozanski hearty congratulations and the promise of prayers. *Ecce quam bonum!*

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**Development News**

**Maximillian Godefroy & St. Mary's Chapel:**

*The Invention of the Gothic Revival for America*

In his lecture, Dr. Wilson noted the uniqueness of the selection of Gothic style architecture in this time period by Maximillian Godefroy and the early Sulpician Fathers as the design of the new chapel. The challenge of the architect was to make this Gothic style—seen at the time as passé—fresh and new once more, thus the birth of Gothic Revival.

The lecture and exhibit on Maximillian Godefroy brought to the Historic Site members of the AIA, architectural scholars, builders and individuals interested in the Godefroy-designed chapel.

The event was made possible through the generous support of Lewis Contractors, A. R. Marani Builders and the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States.

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Meet Our Newest Sulpician Candidates

Father Emmanuel Ichidi
By Cornelius Hankomoone, PSS

Emmanuel Maybin Luwita Ichidi was born in Lusaka on August 10, 1984. He is the last born from his mother, though he has many other siblings from his father's side. His home village is in Mwinilunga, the source of the mighty Zambezi River where Zambia gets its name.

In August 2003, Emmanuel entered Emmaus Spirituality Centre as a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Lusaka. After a year of spiritual formation, he proceeded to St. Augustine's Major Seminary (two hours away from Emmaus) to study philosophy and religious studies. He claims that philosophy ignited in him the burning desire to learn and explore new things. He graduated from St. Augustine's Seminary in May 2006. In August 2006, he proceeded to St. Dominic's Major Seminary for theology. After two years of theology, following the requirements of the Diocesan formation in Zambia, he was sent back to his diocese for one year of pastoral work. He was posted to St. John the Baptist Parish in Kafue. While there, apart from the usual pastoral work, he helped out in teaching at a community school run by the parish.

In 2009 he went back to the seminary to continue formation. He was ordained deacon in May 2010. He sat for Bachelor's degree in divinity and completed his studies at St Dominic's Seminary in 2011 Magna Cum Laude. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Lusaka on June 11, 2011. Fr. Ichidi's first priestly assignment was Katondwe Mission, in Luangwa District, the most remote parish in the Archdiocese. The climatic conditions are quite harsh as the area is in a valley. Notwithstanding the challenges of this parish, he recalls the time he spent in this parish as extremely thrilling. He treasures the moments he was connected to families in times of grief and joy. He remembers vividly how unsophisticated village life is.

Fr. Ichidi is now a member of the Emmaus faculty. He currently offers Human Development and African Heritage as well as being the Spiritual Director of the House. He has also taken up the responsibility of sports moderator and mentors the young seminarians on the great incentive of physical fitness.

Fr. Ichidi plays football, volleyball and basketball and proudly calls himself a “multi-talented sportsman.” He also enjoys table tennis. He enjoys watching movies, reading novels and being in the swimming pool splashing himself with water (because he does not know how to swim). He is also an avid reader and cherishes visiting new places. When asked about his experience as a candidate of the Society, he responded, “I'm glad to be part of this great family and to apply my energy to the formation of future priests. It's a great honor.”

Cornelius Hankomoone, PSS is Regional Superior of Sulpicians in Zambia.
Rev. Robert Cro is a Sulpician Candidate who was accepted in Spring 2014 and participated in the first segment of the Sulpician Formation Program this past summer in Washington DC. A native of Staten Island, New York, he is an alumnus of St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore where he earned an M.Div. and S.T.B. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Trenton in June 2012. His previous education includes a B.A. with a dual major in classics and physics from Williams College and an M.A. in classical archaeology from Princeton. He has worked as a fellow at the American Academy in Rome as well as in higher education and computer hardware technology.

As a priest, he has served in Manalapan, New Jersey at St. Thomas More, a large suburban parish with two worship sites and over 5,000 families, many of whom originally come from the same New York neighborhoods as his own family. Fr. Robert has immersed himself in many aspects of parish ministry, with a special emphasis on preaching, education, and mentoring. He is also chaplain to the local Legion of Mary.

Fr. Cro relates that his interest in the Society developed through a long process of prayer and discernment:

“It began with my introduction to the Sulpicians as a seminarian at St. Mary’s. That attraction continued to grow and develop during my ministry as a priest, leading me to seek the guidance of my bishop and other priests. These all encouraged me to pursue this vocation within a vocation. Indeed, I believe that Sulpician ministry offers an ideal way to combine my strong academic interests and experience with my profound love of the priesthood. As a Sulpician I hope first and foremost to share my devotion to the awesome gift of priestly service.”

In addition to his formal ministerial responsibilities, he also enjoys reading, cooking and working with computers. He has traveled extensively, including extended periods of work or study in England, Italy and Japan. These experiences led to a brief foray into travel writing, which earned mentions in New York and GQ magazines.

Anthony J. Pogorelc, PSS is Director of Initial Formation, Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States.