

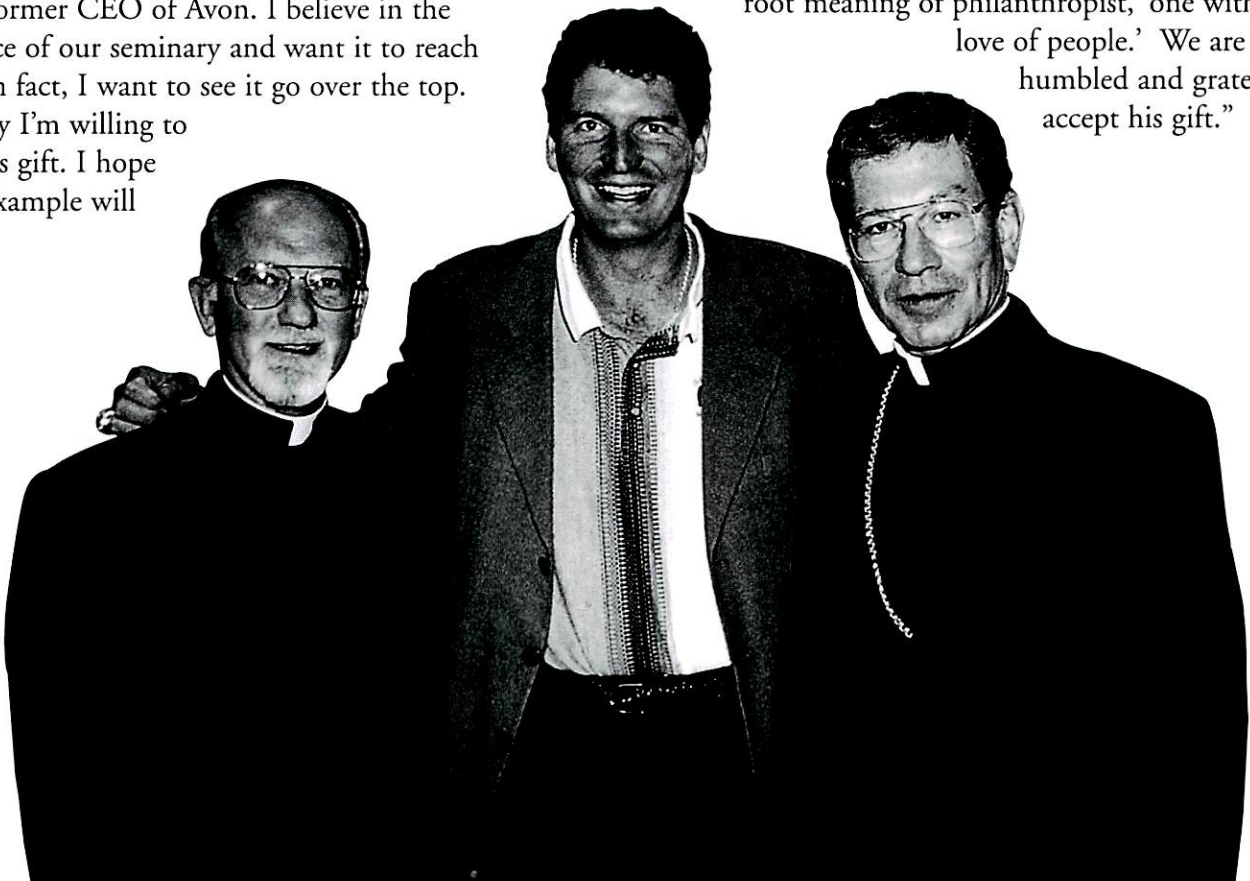
JOYFUL LIGHT

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Bernie Kosar Pledges \$100,000 to Byzantine Catholic Seminary

Former Cleveland Browns quarterback, Youngstown, Ohio native and member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Bernie Kosar has pledged \$100,000 to the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Bernie made the announcement at a brunch in Cleveland, Ohio on the occasion of the Pittsburgh Steeler-Cleveland Browns football game, September 17, 2000. In making the pledge Bernie said: "I was honored to be a Co-Chair of this campaign, along with Jim Preston, former CEO of Avon. I believe in the importance of our seminary and want it to reach its goal. In fact, I want to see it go over the top. That's why I'm willing to pledge this gift. I hope that my example will

encourage others to do the same. This project must not be allowed to fail." Father John G. Petro, Rector, spoke about the seminary, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. He highlighted the seminary's upcoming projects and needs. Metropolitan Judson thanked the Kosar family saying, "Bernie Kosar and his family have shown by their words and their deeds that they are people of faith and community. With this gift and the others he has made to our Church, Bernie exemplifies the root meaning of philanthropist, 'one with a love of people.' We are both humbled and grateful to accept his gift."



Very Reverend Archpriest John G. Petro; Bernie Kosar, former quarterback, Cleveland Browns; His Eminence Judson M. Procyk, Metropolitan of Pittsburgh

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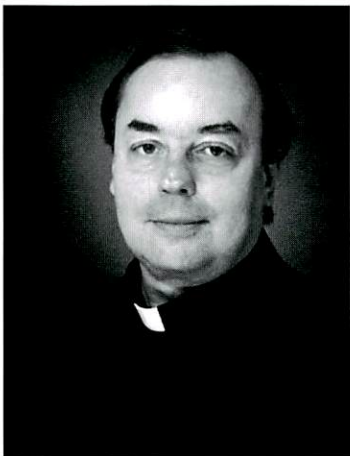
Welcome to the first issue of Joyful Light, a semi-annual newsletter about the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius. We chose the name of this publication carefully. As many of you may know, this title is taken from the ancient hymn at Vespers in which we praise Christ, the true Light who has come into the world.

The Seminary motto, Light is Life, is emblazoned over the main doors and is a constant reminder of the goal of the Seminary: to shed the light of knowledge so that this light may bring us to the fullness of life in Christ.

We see this newsletter as a way of forging new bonds among our seminary community, alumni and friends. Our purpose is to keep you informed about the people and programs of our seminary. We will use these pages to introduce you to our seminarians, staff, and the people, like you, who have generously given time and money to support the seminary. We welcome your comments and questions. You may direct them to us in writing or by e-mail. Thank you for your interest in the seminary!

Father John G. Petro, Rector

From Parent To Priest: A Journey of Love



On June 1, 2000 recent seminary graduate, Father Robert Kelly, now Associate Pastor at St. Stephen's Church in Euclid, OH, was featured on the front page of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Ohio's largest newspaper.

The article discussed Father Bob's life as a combat radioman in Viet Nam, his adoption and raising of a daughter, Nicole, and his subsequent life as a seminarian.

Father Bob was ordained on May 21, 2000 at St. John's Cathedral Church in Parma, OH. and celebrated his first Solemn Divine Liturgy at Holy Spirit Church in Parma, OH. Later that same month Father Thomas Wesdock, also a May, 2000 graduate of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary was featured in his hometown newspaper, the Punxsutawney Spirit. Father Tom was ordained on June 4, 2000 at St. John's Cathedral in Munhall, PA and is currently assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Youngstown, OH. Copies of the articles can be obtained by calling the Seminary Development Office at (412) 321-3771.

Year End Charitable *Giving*

As the end of the year approaches, many families must decide how to make charitable contributions, particularly those people who sold investments at a profit during the year. Heavy taxes await these individuals unless they increase their deductions. Securities transfers are a way for donors to make charitable contributions to the seminary and realize significant tax benefits. Personal and capital gains taxes can be avoided by securities donations. For information about how to use securities transfers to the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, contact your financial planner, tax consultant, or the Seminary Development Office at (412) 321-3771.

Koch Foundation

In the spring of 2000 the Byzantine Catholic Seminary received a grant from the Koch Foundation of Florida. The \$15,000 gift was made to the seminary for the replacement of wall, window and floor covering in the seminary's three classrooms and dining room. "Over the course of our fifty year history we've managed to stretch our resources a long way," Father John G. Petro, seminary rector, said. "We are happy to make this simple but necessary modernization."

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary held its first-ever reunion for alumni on September 5, 2000 in Pittsburgh.



The day began with the Divine Liturgy at St. John's Cathedral in Munhall, PA followed by a reception and buffet dinner in the Cathedral Center. At the afternoon Open House in the seminary, the alumni shared remembrances of their days in the seminary; this was followed by the singing of Vespers in the seminary chapel. Among the memories of seminarians were 5:30AM wake-up bells, Sunday afternoon walks in nearby Riverview Park and the grating in the driveway that marked a border for seminarians. The day concluded with a pizza party and a traditional sing-a-long.

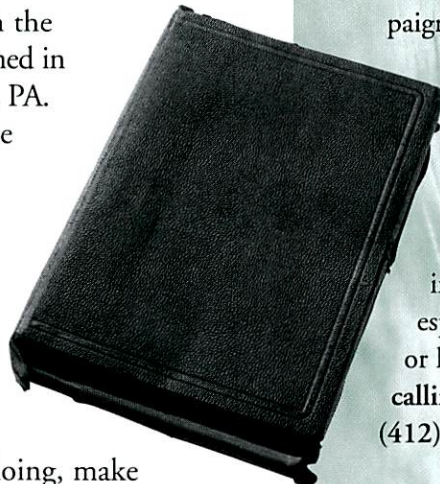
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Alumni Reunion Held

Eternal Memory

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary has created a memorial called "The Book of Remembrance" for families to remember those people who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The handsome book will be inscribed in beautiful calligraphy with the names of loved ones. It will be enshrined in the lobby of the seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

Every day in its liturgical prayers, the seminary community will remember those people listed in the "Book of Remembrance," as well as all those who have generously supported the seminary with financial contributions and good works. For information about how families can place the names of their loved ones in the "Book of Remembrance" and, in so doing, make a contribution to the seminary, please call the Seminary Development Office at (412) 321-3771.



The Campaign of Planting and Harvesting

The campaign to raise needed funds for the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is off to a great start. As of September 1, 2000, over 2600 parishioners from across America donated more than \$359,000 to the seminary. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$1 million for a seminary endowment and other monies for needed physical and programmatic changes to satisfy accrediting agencies.

The campaign, which runs through May, 2001, has shifted into a major donor and foundation stage, but parishioners are still encouraged to help. For instance, any information about foundations or individuals that might support the seminary will be especially welcomed. You may share this information or learn more about the seminary and the campaign by calling the Seminary Development Office at (412) 321-3771.

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