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Fraternity Newsletter

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF SAINT PETER

Tonsure, Ordinations at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary

December 2013

This fall saw the conferral of first clerical tonsure; the minor orders of porter and lector, exorcist and acolyte; the subdiaconate; and the diaconate at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

On October 19, 2013, the Most Rev. Fabian Bruskewitz, Bishop Emeritus of Lincoln, administered the rite of first clerical tonsure to 12 seminarians and ordained 3 as subdeacons. The Rite of Tonsure is administered early in the second year of formation, and is the point at which a seminarian ends life in civilian clothes to be invested with the cassock and surplice. The subdiaconate conveys
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The Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, conferred minor orders and ordained 3 subdeacons in November. He was assisted at the altar by Fr. Josef Bisig, Rector, Fr. Robert Ferguson, Vice Rector, and Fr. Rhone Lillard.

Dear Friends of the Fraternity,

Many people strive to maintain or enhance the outward appearance of their body by exercising, eating nutritiously, or using makeup and perfumes. These activities are often continued for many years and at great expense, as people constantly try to maintain excellent health, robust strength, and a youthful image.

The basic care of the body requires frequent attention, but it can become excessive when precedence is given to the needs of the body over the soul. When this reversal occurs, a person can become too focused upon himself and his outward appearance. But the Incarnation of Our Lord reminds us that the true beauty of a person is dependent upon what is inside the person instead of what is external and sensible.

Since no one chooses the body he will have, it is up to the Creator to decide the physical body that will assist the person to heaven. The sole exception was Christ, since He was God and could design His own body.

Even though He must have been perfect in outward appearance, what drew people towards Him was primarily what was on the inside, His Divinity and undefiled soul, more than any external feature. His goodness, His virtue, His holiness radiated in His words, deeds, and mannerisms, so that His external actions were a continual reflection of the beauty which rested within Him.

How different this is from the worldly point of view of beauty which focuses on a person's external features. Using images of models of exceptional beauty, advertisements attempt to influence us as to the clothes we should wear and the makeup and perfumes we should use, and even the personality we should display in order to be "cool."

But oftentimes, the excessive care of outward appearances not only results in a person's forgetting to cultivate inner beauty, but can be an attempt to hide what is

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