



# SENTINEL OF THE SAINTS



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## A Lighthouse Returns

**D**ear Friends and Benefactors,  
St. René Goupil, the first North American Martyr to die on our New York soil, is taken as our patron this year. We are embarking on a daunting preparation which for some could seem extreme, but for the wise it is seen as necessary... To allow enough time to develop a proper celebration, the Academy is entering the remote preparations for the centenary of our building. The North American Martyrs will usher us into the festivities in 2028 — year by year!

As this lay Jesuit Missionary was a light to the world by his example, we are grateful to Divine Providence for sending us another *lighthouse* who was formed within our walls. This year we will consider the life of St. René and witness the living example of Fr. Phillip DeLallo who is a Saint from the Class of 2012! It is a great honor to welcome back to these halls a man formed by us and who will now help mold the next generation. We pray that this newly ordained “lighthouse” will be as brilliant in our time as the martyr of old was for the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

On this unique occasion when we have an alumnus priest as part of the staff, we thank the other two alumni priests for their service in the apostolate and pray they find an assignment here in the future (Frs. William Kimball and Samuel Fabula, Class of 2004 and 2011 respectively.) Fr. DeLallo starts a new tradition (to bring back the religious fruit) and joins the ranks of three lay staff members from the alumni (Teresa Jemison [Simonton], Class of 2013, Bridget Kimball, Class of 2017 and Gemma Petersen, Class of 2017.)

Pray that this Academy continues to form great men and women. The world needs the light shining in the darkness. It has been accomplished in the past and can yield more in the future — we are confident of this success!

Under the protection of St. René Goupil,

*Fr. Richard Boyle*

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Principal



# “How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

- Psalm 132

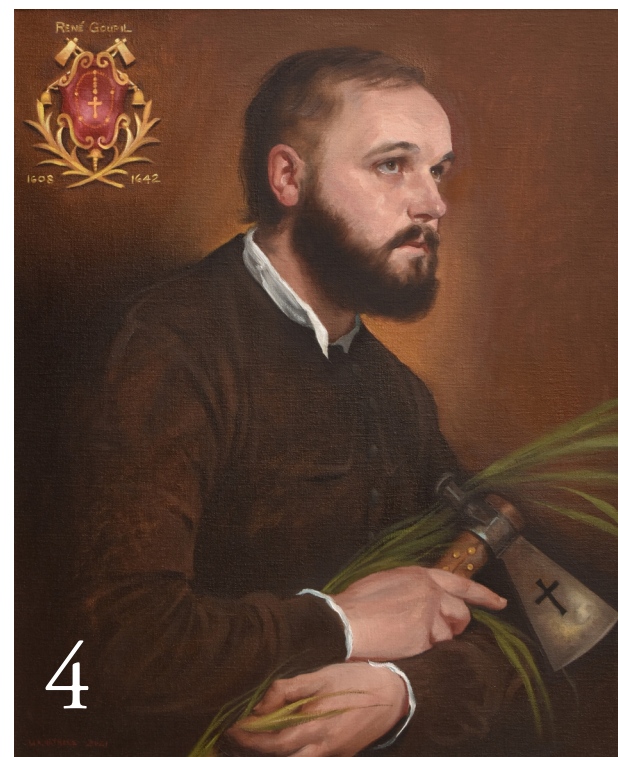
This year could be just another year in the sequence of routine, but no, God has preordained that yet again we have another “first!” The recent past has brought many firsts and these events, benchmarks, and opportunities have blossomed an enormous energy, strength, and enthusiasm! We have been asked to carry others with the same success!

September 25<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Auriesville Pilgrimage. On this day, pilgrims from around the Northeast will join together to form a bond of veneration. They will live that text from the weekly liturgy “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity... For there the Lord has commanded blessing and life everlasting.”<sup>1</sup> In these days of gloom and confusion, when society questions whether a light is at the end of the tunnel, these pilgrims will bear witness to the fact that all is glory — for those who unite under the banner of Charity.

The superiors have asked that the Warners, NY priory direct this grace-filled experience. We hope that many pilgrims join in years to come so more and more souls may reap the benefits from the harvest the North American Martyrs have sown. It will be the privilege of our high school students to wage again the three-day portion of this pilgrimage — not yet open to the public. We paved the way for this in 2019 and launch out again to make this longer and more fruitful trek one in which you can participate in the near future.

Young energetic minds and bodies are eager to be generous. They are presented with this opportunity now. We pray they will heed the task and imitate St. René Goupil who did not count the cost of teaching a young Indian how to make the sign of the cross. May we all unite in teaching others this sign, under which we find hope, peace, and success!

<sup>1</sup>Thursday Vespers, Ps. 132: 1, 4



1. Auriesville 2018: Mater Dei students ascend the final hill while Fr. Boyle traditionally sprints to the finishing line.

2. Auriesville 2019: Mater Dei students start their 3-day pilgrimage at the Statue of St. Isaac Jogues in Lake George, New York – about a 70-mile walk from Auriesville.

3. Auriesville 2020: Mater Dei students walk an adjusted pilgrimage due to pandemic restrictions. Auriesville 2021: Stay tuned!

4. The portrait of St. René Goupil painted by artist, William Nathans, now hangs in the hallway of the Academy.

5. A golf outing broke up the 2 weeks of Teacher Orientation.

6. The Senior Boys returned to school a week early to attend their first Ignatian Retreat.

7. August 30: The Academic Year of 2021-2022 begins by giving glory to God and praying for a successful year!



# ALUMNI NEWS



June 11, 2021: Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Phillip DeLallo, Class of 2012  
August 15, 2021: First Mass in New York



August 14, 2021: Gerard Jemison, Class of 2013, and Teresa Simonton, Class of 2013, are united in Holy Matrimony



L-R: Bridget Kimball, Class of 2017, Gemma Petersen, Class of 2017, and Teresa Jemison [Simonton], Class of 2013 teach in the grade school at their Alma Mater

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