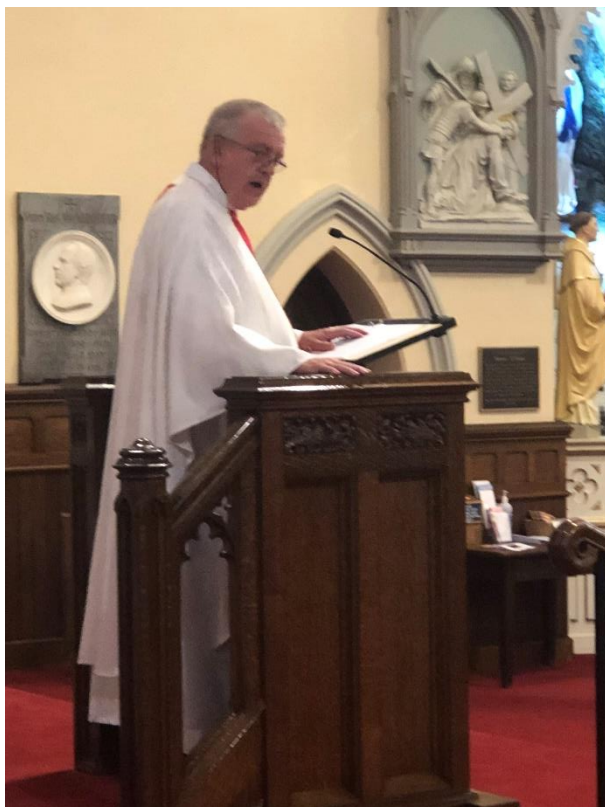




Raphael Ma's ordination on June 15th was a true celebration! The choirs at St. Mary's Parish provided beautiful music to add to the celebration. There were so many people at the ordination that we underestimated the amount of food that we needed for the reception. We ordered enough food for about 300 people, but needed about 3 times that amount. Fr. Murray McDermott, our Provincial Superior, turned to me after the ordination and said, "Do you want to try the miracle of the loaves and fish or do you want me to try?" Luckily for us, Conestoga Catering filled the breach with more sandwiches! Many people came from afar for the





Several people had asked me to remember them in prayer and I did this on each visit to this church. It is a very popular place, and I think that there is a Eucharist being celebrated every time I visit. The weather was beautiful and many people enjoyed the hot temperatures on the Vltava River in Prague.



I also made a trip to visit the Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral, which dominates the Prague skyline by the river.



Of course, no trip to Prague is ever made without many trips back and forth over the famous Charles Bridge.



I left Prague for Rome on June 24 to join other Resurrectionists involved in formation for the Roman Renewal Program (June 24-July 7) and an International

Formation Commission meeting (July 8-9). Fr. Paul Szymanowski, C.R. was kind enough to pick me up at the airport. The fact that he is about 6'6" made him easy to find in the crowd! Fr. Paul was finishing his exams for his moral theology studies, so he was very generous to pick me up and drive me to our Motherhouse in Rome.



The main building (left), seminary building.



The chapel at the Resurrectionist Motherhouse.

Fr. Semenenko, C.R. (one of our Founders) purchased the house with a loan from a French banker (340,000 Francs = \$59,000 US) in 1885. Renovations were made and a chapel was added, and later another building was constructed as a seminary. The Motherhouse now serves as a residence for the Superior General and his council, as well as priests completing graduate studies. There is a seminary wing for students preparing for the priesthood within the congregation and there are separate quarters for the Benedictine Samaritan Sisters who are charge of the kitchen and the sacristy.

The interior of the chapel includes several large paintings by prominent Polish painters: "The First Vows of the Resurrectionists" by Franciszek Unierzyński, "Doubting Thomas" and "Mary Magdalene" by Franciszek Krudowski, and "The Ascension" by Henryk Siemiradzki.



First vows of the Founders in St. Sebastian Catacombs.



"Doubting Thomas"



"Mary Magdalene"



"The Ascension"

The present interior of the church reflects the renovations completed in 1979 while Father Tadeusz Kaszuba, C.R. was the Superior General.



Fr. Paul Voisin, Superior General, (center) sits under “Doubting Thomas.” Fr. Dan Lobsinger (O-K Province) purifies the vessels after communion.



The rooms in the house are comfortable, each with a private bathroom.



There are some beautiful gardens to relax and meeting rooms to work.



The highlight of the house, however, is the rooftop that overlooks the city of Rome, with the St. Peter's in the background.



This photo is from the roof top. You can see St. Peter's Basilica right of center in the photo...about a 30 minute walk from our motherhouse.



Roof top views from the Motherhouse in Rome.

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