

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT NEWSLETTER

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### FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Faithful,

November ends with Advent, which takes us to the beginning, Christ's Nativity, but also prepares us for the end: our own end and particular judgment, as well as the end of the world. As I write these lines, the Church honors on her altars St. Catherine Labouré, chosen by heaven to help in the salvation of countless souls by her efforts for the Miraculous Medal; the work confided to her by Mary Immaculate. Her life and visions marked the beginning of the Age of Mary, which was to last for over one hundred years, and give great glory to God in His Blessed Mother, conceived without sin.

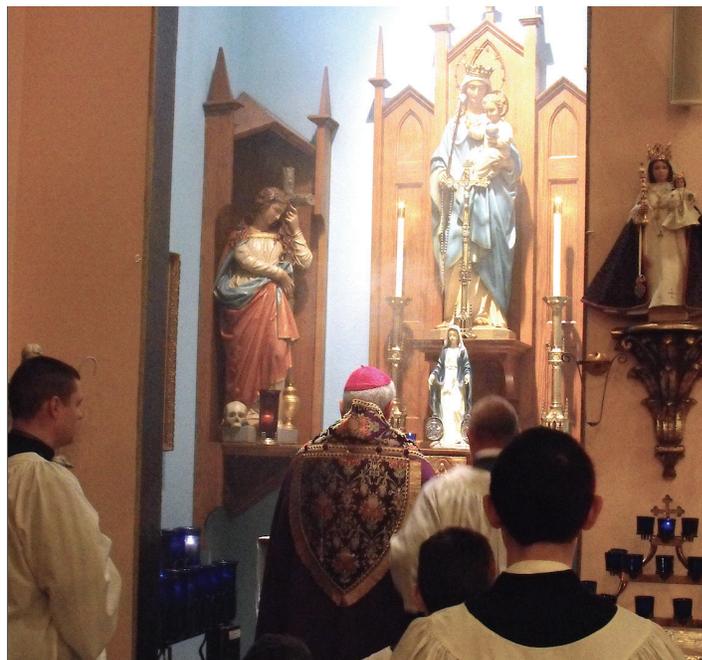
It is just such a sense of a new beginning, glory given to God, and a wondrous work confided to a creature by the Creator of all, that is inspired in us as we report to you of the priestly ordination of Father Vili Lehtoranta, a convert from Finland, presently completing his studies at Most Holy Trinity Seminary in Florida. The seminarians joined with eleven bishops and priests for the splendid Pontifical Mass which saw a man receive the powers of God, and became another Christ.

May our new priest usher into the Kingdom of Heaven countless souls still "sitting in darkness and the shadow of death." Support him by your prayers, and send in your offerings to the Bishop's Fund, so that potential seminarians, now waiting, may be sent to Most Holy Trinity Seminary, and begin their training for the priesthood.

It is my fervent hope that your Advent be bright and with good works, and that God's light shine in your own life.

Adveniat regnum tuum!

– The Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan



*As is our custom every First Sunday of Advent we pay special homage to the Mother of God by solemnly processing to her altar and then singing the Alma Redemptoris. Quite a fitting way to observe the opening of the new Church Year, Advent, and the Christmas portion of the temporal cycle! (Above) Bishop Dolan incenses the image of Our Lady. The procession then makes its way to the Advent Wreath with its four candles signifying the four thousand years mankind waited for the Messiah following the Fall. (Below) The wreath of fresh-smelling boughs of evergreen are blessed by Bishop Dolan and the first candle is lit.*



## TU ES SACERDOS IN AETERNUM...



*(Above) Father Cekada calls the ordinand forward to which the soon-to-be priest answers: "Adsum," which is translated, "I am present." (Below) All prostrate during the Litany of the Saints while invoking their intercession and divine assistance.*



*After Bishop Dolan imposed his hands, His Excellency Bishop Donald Sanborn and nine other priests imposed their priestly hands on the head of Father Vili Lehtoranta making more forceful the outward sign of power being conferred.*



*(Below) On Thursday November 17th, Father Lehtoranta offers his first Mass. Assisting Father was six year "veteran" priest Father Charles McGuire and two of our school altar boys.*



*"Receive the power to offer sacrifice to God, and to celebrate Masses for the living and the dead, in the name of the Lord." Newly ordained Father Lehtoranta receives the instruments of sacrifice from Bishop Dolan: the chalice, paten, bread, water, and wine.*





### CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES AT THIS  
HOLY SEASON IN A **NOVENA OF MASSES**  
BEGINNING ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT  
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT CHURCH.

*Please use the enclosed envelope.*

