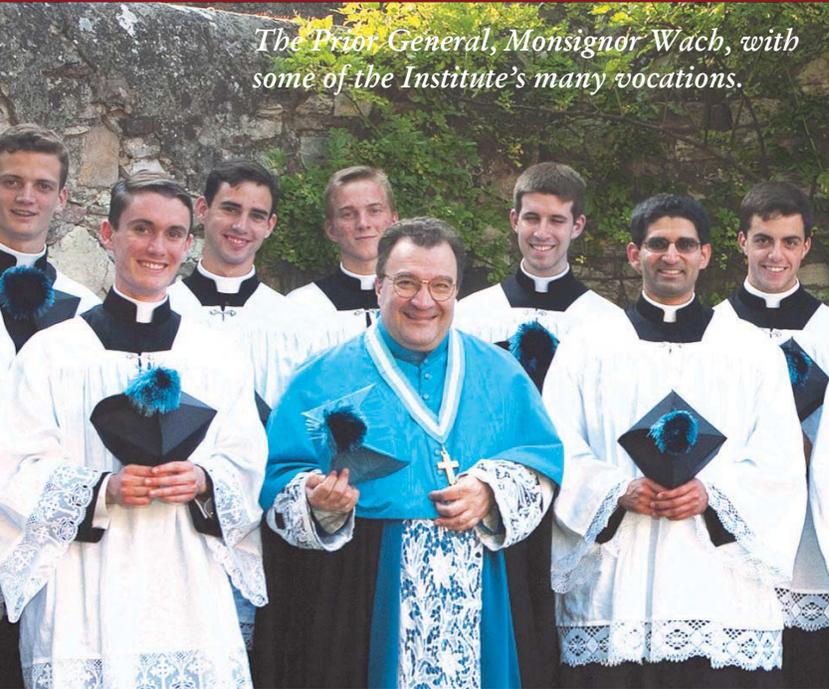




# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

*The Prior General, Monsignor Wach, with some of the Institute's many vocations.*



*The Prior General consecrates the Institute each year to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.*



## OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL



Dear Friend of the Institute of Christ the King,

*The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus!* These words of St. John de Vianney, the holy patron of priests, admirably express the divine mystery of the supernatural union between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Catholic priest. As an ordained instrument of Christ, the priest is at all times to manifest in his thoughts, words, and actions the self-sacrificing love of Christ for His people.

During this month of June when the Church honors the Most Sacred Heart of Christ the Eternal High Priest, **we ask your prayers and generous support for our many seminarians at the close of this academic year.** Five men will be ordained to the holy priesthood by His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, on July 5. Five other seminarians will be ordained as deacons. **America is well represented among the Institute's many vocations.** Five of the ten men who will receive the subdiaconate come from the United States. Sixteen Americans are among the forty total seminarians who will receive the clerical tonsure and the various Minor Orders of porter, lector, exorcist, and acolyte. These ordinations will also take place during the first week of July at the International Seminary near Florence, Italy.

*Pray for the future priests!  
Day of Ordination:  
July 5*



*American Seminarians in Gricigliano at Thanksgiving*

These seminarians are dedicated, hard-working men. However, they do not always have the financial means to sustain themselves during the 7 years of the seminary program. The expensive costs include the maintenance of the seminary buildings, lodging, feeding, providing the necessary books and study materials, as well as the solid Catholic professors who travel



*Abbé Joel Estrada (left) from California will be ordained subdeacon.*

to Gricigliano from far and wide. Our seminarians are thus asked to contribute a relatively small amount per month as tuition toward these costs, but many are not able to afford even this contribution. That is why we need your help!

Formation of future priests is a grand endeavor. We cannot do it alone. We in the Institute rely upon you faithful for your prayers and support. **We urgently need**



*Abbé Andrew Todd from Louisiana will be ordained subdeacon.*

**your help for these seminarians!** With profound gratitude for your past generosity, I ask you today to send your charitable gift for these many fine vocations in honor of their upcoming Ordinations. **No donation is too small!** These seminarians think of

you daily in their grateful prayers. In their trials they are encouraged by the thought of helping you one day as your priests. They desire to repay your generosity today, with their future priestly service. For the honor and glory of the Most Sacred Heart of Christ our Eternal

High Priest, please help them reach God's holy altar!

Remembering your intentions each day at Holy Mass, I thank you in advance for your sacrifice and remain,

Yours faithfully in Christ our King,

Monsignor R. Michael Schmitz

Vicar General and Provincial Superior

In our seven year program these seminarians receive a priestly formation consisting of prayer, study, and work. Their generous hearts are carefully formed so that, on the day of their priestly ordination, they may resemble as closely as possible the Most Sacred Heart of Christ the Sovereign Priest, whose teaching and mercy they are to bring as priestly instruments to our spiritually starving world.



*Abbé David Silvey from Missouri will receive Minor Order of Exorcist.*

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*Abbé Ed Gardner from Michigan will be ordained acolyte.*

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Yours faithfully in Christ our King,

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*May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus reward you for your generous sacrifice!*

