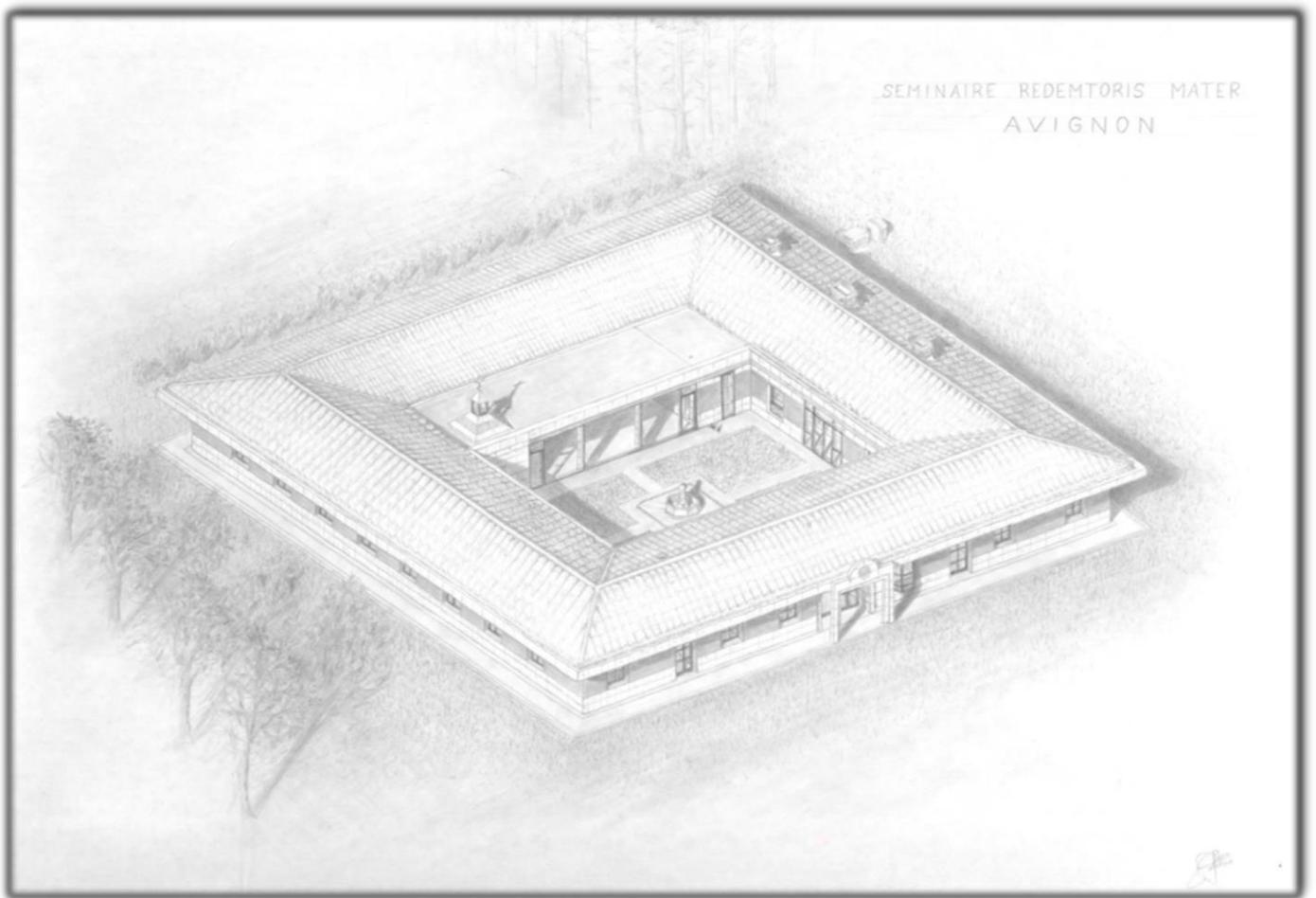




Missionary Diocesan Seminary  
Redemptoris Mater Avignon



Letter to the friends of the seminary

November 2019

Dear friends and benefactors,

We began this month of November with the solemn celebration of All Saints who precede us in the heavenly Jerusalem, and the commemoration of our parents, friends and deceased benefactors. This month we've also begun to prepare ourselves for the upcoming Advent season and the joyous celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Progress in the construction of the seminary*

We enter in the final stages of the construction of the seminary. The interior touch-ups, the pavement works, and the exterior landscaping projects, which are predicted to be finished by early December. In a few weeks we shall begin to move in to the new seminary to which you will be all welcome.



View from the south-east wing of the seminary and exterior works around the seminary.



View from the cloister. In the center, the fountain and just above it, the bell tower.

*November 26<sup>th</sup>; feast in honor of St. John Berchmans, Patron Saint of our seminary.*

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated St. John Berchmans, Patron of our seminary, who's relic we keep. We took advantage of this wonderful celebration to pray for all of our benefactors.



The feast of Saint John Berchmans. November 26<sup>th</sup> in the Saint-Sixte Chapel in Sorgues

*The Christmas concerts:*

Like every year, to help us enter in to the Christmas season, the seminary prepares a series of concerts. Here below are the dates and locations of the concerts:

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 in the parish of SORGUES

Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 16:00 in the parish of PONTET

Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 at the church of CHATEAU NEUF DU PAPE

Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 in the parish of MORIERES LES AVIGNON

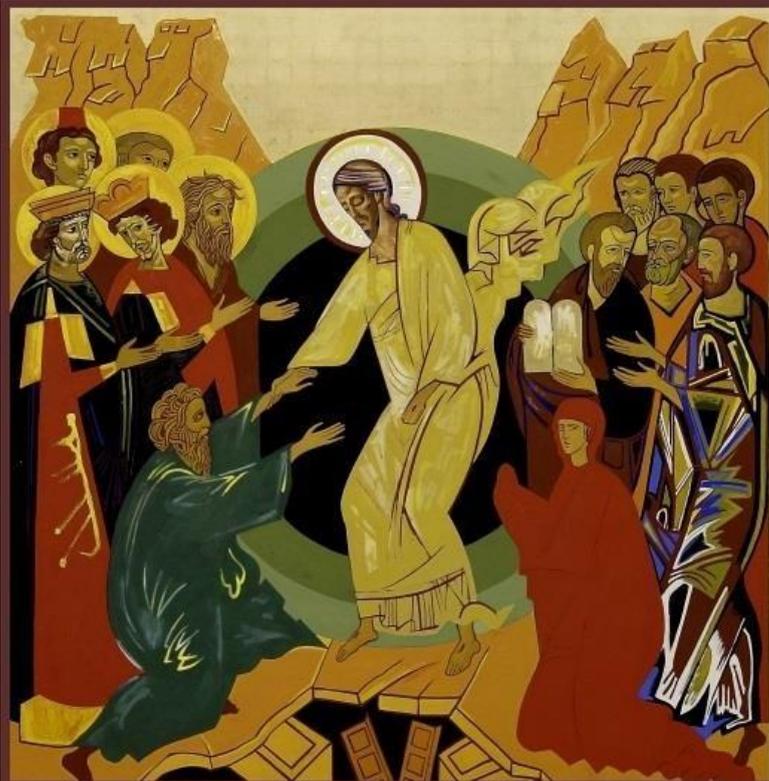
Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 in the parish of BAUMES DE VENISE



The concerts are organized as a fundraiser for the construction of the Diocesan Missionary Seminary of Avignon. We invite you to partake in this work, that is why after every concert we will place an offering basket at the entrance of the church.

*Presbyteral Ordination of Father Paolo Victor LOMBARDI VILLELA GRACIANO*

The Diocesan Redemptoris Mater seminary of Avignon and the family LOMBARDI VILLELA GRACIANO have the joy of announcing the presbyteral ordination of Paolo Victor LOMBARDI VILLELA GRACIANO for the diocese of Avignon. By the imposition of hands by Monseigneur Olivier de Germa, Bishop of Ajaccio, Corsica, Sunday December 15, 2019 at 16:00 in the pro-cathedral of Saint Mary of Bastia.



« Tu n'as voulu ni sacrifice ni offrande, mais tu m'as formé un corps. Alors, j'ai dit : Me voici, je suis venu, mon Dieu, pour faire ta volonté. » (He 10, 5ss)

Le Séminaire *Redemptoris Mater* d'Avignon  
et la famille LOMBARDI VILLELA GRACIANO  
ont la joie de vous inviter à

**L'ORDINATION PRESBYTERALE**  
de  
**Paolo Victor**  
**LOMBARDI VILLELA GRACIANO**

Pour le diocèse d'Avignon,  
et par l'imposition des mains de  
Mgr Olivier de GERMA  
Evêque d'Ajaccio pour la Corse.

Dimanche 15 décembre 2019 à 16h  
Pro-Cathédrale Sainte Marie, Bastia

Couleur des ornements : blanc



My name is Paolo Victor, I am 32 years old and I come from Brazil. I was born in a Catholic family and the first born of five children. My parents, being in this Christian initiation which is the Neocatechumenal Way, transmitted to me the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. I finished my studies in economy and enterprise management at the University of São Paulo. At the age of 23 I began a vocational discernment and it is through this that I arrived to the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Avignon in April 2011. Since then, in addition to the 5 years of studies in the college of Notre Dame de Vie, I had the grace to do 1 year of itinerancy in France and another two in Chengdu, China. Since my Deaconate Ordination in the summer of 2019, I am in mission in Corsica. I receive this Presbyteral Ordination as an act of mercy from God and an urgent call to announce the Gospel no matter where.

*May God bless you and your families!*

Fr. Julien-Paul Sobas  
Rector of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Avignon.

**Attention** : In stead of celebrating the Eucharist with the benefactors on the first Friday of the month, we invite you to come to our annual Christmas Concert prepared by the seminarians, Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at the parish of SORGUES.

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**Now more than ever, we need your help to finish the construction of the seminary.**  
God will give a hundredfold to those who participate in this work.

***How to participate in this construction?***

For any type of donation, please be precise with the following information:

**« Pour la construction du séminaire Redemptoris Mater ».**

- **By Check**

Make the check payable to « **Association Diocésaine construction du séminaire** »

And send it the economist of the seminary:

Mr. Riccardo Libori, 26 rue de la Sorgue bleue, 84130 Le Pontet.

- **For wire transfer**

Account of the diocesan association of Avignon:

Bank : Crédit Agricole Alpes Provence

IBAN : FR76 1130 6000 8494 2736 7705 093

BIC : AGRIFRPP813

- **By Credit Card**

On our website: <http://redemptorismateravignon.fr>

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