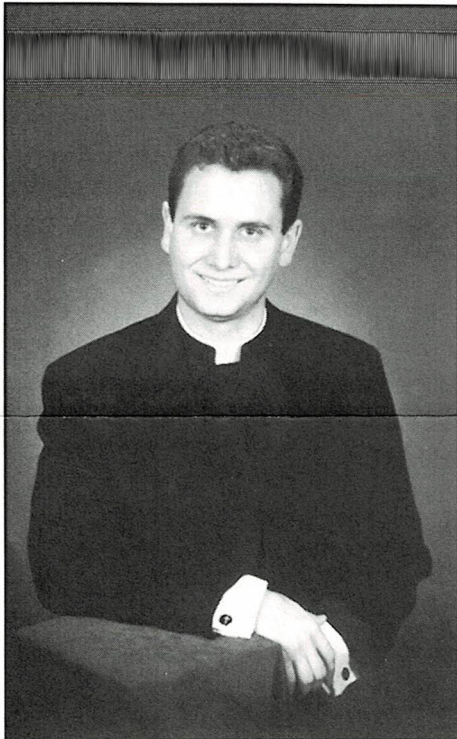


THE COMPANIONS OF CHRIST

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Fr. Andrew Cozzens

Father Andrew Cozzens Ordained May 31

Father Andrew Cozzens was one of seven men ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1997 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul Minnesota. Over 2,000 people attended the ceremony with almost 200 priests concelebrating and five bishops.

Archbishop Flynn urged the new priests to follow in the footsteps of Jesus "who came not to be served but to serve." The Archbishop said, "It is no small thing to be a priest. From this day forward you must apply your energies to teaching in the name of Christ."

Fr. Cozzens, a native of Colorado, joined The Companions of Christ in 1992 after serving a year evangelizing high-school students with the

National Evangelization Teams (NET Ministries). As a member of The Companions of Christ he worked for Saint Paul's Outreach at the University of St. Thomas. During this time he worked to evangelize young adults.

Fr. Cozzens has been assigned to The Cathedral of St. Paul where he lives with four other Companions in one of The Companions of Christ three fraternities. "I have thought of becoming a priest all my life and now it is like a dream come true," said Fr. Cozzens. "I am grateful to God for allowing me to live my priesthood in The Companions of Christ and to begin as a priest at the Cathedral of St. Paul. I could not have planned my life this well."

The Companions of Christ is a fraternity of priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, established as a Public Association in 1992, and dedicated to evangelization, vocations and priestly renewal within the local church.

Priests:

Fr. Jeff Huard, Moderator of The Companions of Christ, Campus Ministry Director, University of St. Thomas.

Fr. Bill Baer, Associate Pastor, Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul

Fr. Andrew Cozzens, Associate Pastor, Cathedral of St. Paul.

Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Associate Pastor, St. Edwards

Catholic Church in Bloomington.

Fr. James McConville, Pastor of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Shakopee.

Fr. William Pelant, Associate Pastor of Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Church in Burnsville.

Seminarians:

Peter Richards, Theology IV

Tom Margevicius, Theology III

John Klockeman, Theology II

Jon Vander Ploeg, Theology II

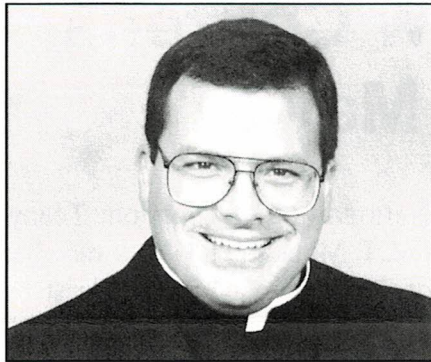
Jay Kythe, Theology I

Matt Gerlach, Theology I

Michael Becker

Michael Keating

Father Jeffrey Huard to Direct Campus Ministry at the University of St. Thomas



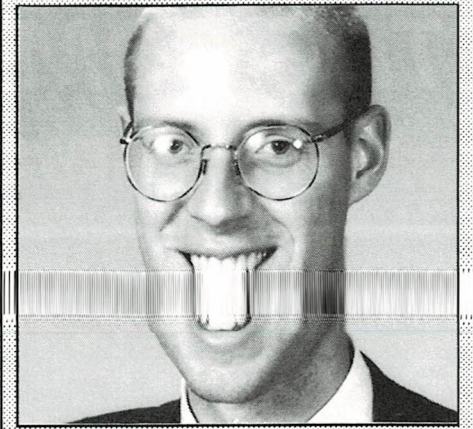
“The road that stretches before the feet of a man is a challenge to his heart long before it tests the strength of his legs. Our destiny is to run to the edge of the world and beyond; sure for all our blindness, secure for all our helplessness, strong for all our weakness; gaily in love for all the pressure on our hearts.”

These words which paraphrase St. Thomas Aquinas are words which capture my thoughts as I embark on a new assignment as Director of Campus Ministry at the University of St. Thomas.

After three very rich years as associate pastor at All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville, Minnesota, I began my new duties at the University July 1.

Before priesthood, I worked for fifteen years in Christian outreaches at universities in Michigan and in London, England. Although I will miss my parish dearly, I am eager to serve at the University and excited again for the challenge of bringing Christ to young adults in the formative years of their lives. I have been warmly received at St. Thomas and am surrounded by many talented and dedicated people.

My goal at the University of St. Thomas is simple, the words borrowed from St. Paul of the Cross, “I want to know God and make him known, to love God and make him loved.” Please pray for me and for the university.



Matthew Gerlach, the newest member of the Companions of Christ, recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas where he lived in St. John Vianney Seminary. Matthew met The Companions of Christ through Fr. Andrew Cozzens who led Matthew's confirmation retreat in 1992 at his home parish of Epiphany in Coon Rapids, when Fr. Andrew was serving with the NET teams. This summer Matthew is a Catholic Chaplain for a Boyscout camp in Wisconsin. He will enter his first year at the St. Paul Seminary this Fall. Matthew says, “The fraternal life of The Companions of Christ constantly challenges me to live a well-balanced, integrated Christian life as I discern and receive formation for the priesthood.”



The Companions of Christ are pictured here with Archbishop Flynn immediately following the ordination of Fr. Andrew Cozzens. They are (from left to right): Fr. William Pelant, Fr. James McConville, Jay Kythe, Fr. Andrew Cozzens, John Klockeman, Archbishop Flynn, Fr. Bill Baer, Fr. Jeff Huard, Peter Richards, Tom Margevicius, Jon Vander Ploeg, Matthew Gerlach, Fr. Kevin Finnegan and Michael Becker.