

assignment was in 1943 to Holy Ghost Parish in North Tiverton, Rhode Island. He taught at St. Mary's Seminary in Ridgefield, Connecticut, 1945-1950. He was then appointed academic vice president of Duquesne University and professor in the Philosophy Department. In 1966, he began teaching philosophy at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Bethel Park. He was a member of the board of directors of Duquesne University 1950-1971 and was chairman of the board in the last years of his membership. He was a general councilor for the Congregation and served at the General Headquarters in Rome 1974-1980 and then served a short term in Puerto Rico before returning to Duquesne University as interim coordinator for the Institute for World Concerns. He returned to Rome in 1982 as archivist in the General Secretariat and served until 1987, when he returned to the Provinciate in Bethel Park as treasurer of the community for five years.

<sup>63</sup> Father John P. Gilligan, C.S.Sp. (1909-1971) was a native of Philadelphia. Ordained in 1942, he served in Puerto Rico for 20 years. He became treasurer at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Bethel Park, where he died on May 28, 1971.

<sup>64</sup> Ibid. St. Joseph's Abbey is a monastery of the Catholic Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance, popularly known as "Trappist," located in Spencer, Massachusetts. The Holy Ghost Fathers' center that was called Ferndale was in Norwalk, Connecticut. It housed the theology center, a seminary, the retirement house, and a printing press.

<sup>73</sup> Email from Father Jeffrey Duaime to the present author (July 22, 2017).

<sup>74</sup> Interview of the present author with Father Donald Nesti, C.S.Sp. (December 23, 2016) at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. As of this writing Father Don McEachin, C.S.Sp., is a missionary priest in the Dominican Republic, and Father Jeffrey Duaime, C.S.Sp., is Provincial of the U.S. Province.

Father Walter van de Putte (1889-1980) was assigned to Duquesne University where he taught in the School of Music and served as dean for four years. After 17 years he became chaplain of a Carmelite convent at Asheville, NC, until assigned to Bethel Park in 1974.

The handbook on prayer was *Following the Holy Spirit: Dialogues, Prayers, and Devotions Intended to Help Everyone Know, Love, and Follow the Holy Spirit* (New York: Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1978).

<sup>75</sup> Philip J. Haggerty to Donald Nesti, Pittsburgh (September 8, 1978), ACHSPUS.

<sup>76</sup> *Bethel: A Provincial Council Perspective* (1982), ACHSPUS.

<sup>77</sup> Interview of the present author with Father Donald Silvio Nesti, C.S.Sp. (December 23, 2016).

<sup>78</sup> Interview of the present author with Father James McCloskey, C.S.Sp. (July 20, 2016).

<sup>79</sup> Bishop Donald Wuerl presided at the dedication and blessing of the addition on February 2, 2001. See "Bless this Home," *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* (February 8, 2001), ACHSPUS.

<sup>80</sup> William Cleary, "The Spiritan Story Continues!," *One Heart, One Spirit* [Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Newsletter for the Province of the United States] Vol. XLV, No. 3 (May-June 2017), 6-7, accessed June 27, 2017, <http://spiritans.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/May-June-2017-1.pdf>.

<sup>81</sup> Email from Father Jeffrey Duaime to the present author (July 22, 2017).

<sup>82</sup> Ibid.

<sup>83</sup> *Spiritus est qui vivificat*. "It is the Spirit that Gives Life" is the operative philosophy of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and reflects how the Congregation advances – as its members pursue their daily mission with an openness to the plentiful gifts and guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Spiritus est qui vivificat* is also the Latin motto of Duquesne University and appears on the school's official seal and coat of arms.

## FR. ALEKSANDR SCHRENK ORDAINED A PRIEST

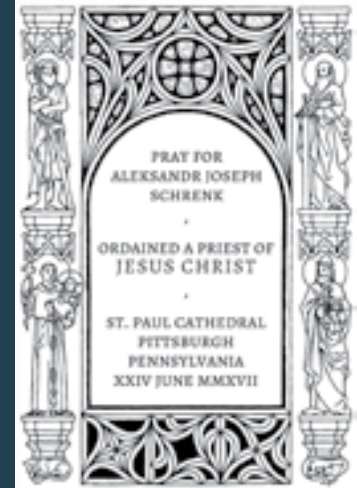
On June 24, 2017, the "Rome Correspondent" for *Gathered Fragments*, Rev. Aleksandr Schrenk, was ordained

a priest at St. Paul Cathedral. To commemorate this occasion, Fr.

Alek commissioned artist Daniel Mitsui to design a unique prayer card. Specializing in medieval art, Mitsui is best known for

illustrating the 2011

published edition of the *Roman Pontifical* as commissioned by the Vatican.



Drawing on his sense of history, Fr. Alek requested Mitsui to include four saints, which were set within a Gothic frame:

1. **Saint John the Baptist (upper left)** – The 2017 ordination in the Diocese of Pittsburgh was held on the feast day of Saint John the Baptist.
2. **Saint Paul (upper right)** – Saint Paul is the patron of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Saint Paul is often invoked as a diocesan patron for Pittsburgh.
3. **Saint Anthony of Padua (lower left)** – The paternal side of Fr. Alek's family has looked upon Saint Anthony as a special patron. His great-grandfather was one of the original "chapel sitters" at St. Anthony's Chapel after its renovation was completed in 1977.
4. **Saint Damasus of Rome (lower right)** – Born on the feast day of Saint Damasus Fr. Alek chose him for his confirmation saint. Saint Damasus was pope from 366 to 384. He was responsible for the restoration and beautification of the catacombs of early Christian martyrs. According to tradition, Saint Damasus erected a church dedicated to St. Lawrence within his personal residence, which would become the Basilica of San Lorenzo, in Damasco, Rome. On the prayer card, Saint Damasus is depicted bearing an icon of St. Lawrence. After his diaconate ordination in Rome in September 2016, Fr. Alek's Mass of Thanksgiving was held at this Basilica.