

November 26, 2004

Dear Friends and Family who could not be present on November 13,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Program prepared for what was a beautiful 5th year memorial ceremony for Felix and Patrick McGowan. Rev. William Coy, who'd been in Bolivia with Felix said the Mass. Readings were done by Felix Jr., and by John Hegarty Jr., and music was provided by a Maryknoll Father-organist and three members of the Maryknoll Sisters' choir.

We had a happy gathering time after Mass, in the Dining Room, with the 29 adults and 9 children who'd attended. Special food (chicken fingers and fries) had been provided for the children, who later played outside in the quadrangle – it was a sunny, cold day, which provided a perfect opportunity for seeing the beauty of the Seminary and grounds.

Many of the priests taking their Sunday dinner in the Dining Room came over during the two hours or so we were there to tell Felix, Micheal and Mosie that they'd known their father. One priest came to me and said he'd not known Felix, but had been at Iona High School with Patrick! So, both were uniquely remembered and honored.

All in all, it was a wonderful, happy day. Each of you was thought of, as present “in spirit”, as the day progressed. The children present were: Ryan, Andrew and Owen Hegarty (John and Kerri's children); Elizabeth Grace, Rachel Frances, and Julia Catherine Hegarty (Timmy and Katie Hegarty's children); and of course Caitlin, Michael and John Felix McGowan (with Felix and Mara!)

I'm enclosing a copy of my Notes, as well, for you – and, a memorial card that you might like to keep, which has the fuller version of the theme prayer, “Deep Peace...” – the person who prepared it put extra effort into making these cards artistically beautiful, as her gift for the occasion.

Love to each of you – and, Happy Holidays!!

Maureen
and Felix, Mosie and Micheal McGowan