

JOE-PADDY MAKES BIG SPLASH



Guided by the leadership of **Msgr. Stephen Bosso**, Honorary Chairman, the seminary's newest special event to provide direct seminarian educational and formation support, was held on March 10th. Conceived and planned late, last year, **Msgr. Bosso** rallied the talents and resources of seminarians, staff and supporters to pull-off what turned out to be an informal gathering of friends and supporters in celebration of the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Driven by the seminarians' hard work selling tickets, and the cooperation of local Parish Pastors and Bishops, 300 plus took part under a big top tent here on the seminary's campus.

The extraordinary gifts of Title Sponsor "**Danger**" **Vinmont**, Co-Sponsors **Diane Simowitz**, and **Leonard & Geraldine Mecca**, as well as supporting sponsorships from **April Murphy**, **Doreen & Kevin Donnelly**, and **Msgr. Bosso** himself, ensured the event's success. Under a gorgeous full moon, and with perfect weather, the evening began with Vespers, presided by **Reverend Mr. Paul Lambert**, one of the seminary's Transitional Deacons, and **Fr. Steven Olds**, as Master of Ceremonies. Irish and Italian music delighted the guests, while **Chef Philippe** and his staff enticed the pallets with traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage, two Italian pasta dishes, salad and delectable desserts. With plenty of adult beverages, door prizes, which were given away throughout the evening and an entertaining live auction, attendees were left wanting more.

Needless to say, the event went off without a hitch and laid the groundwork for the 2nd Joe-Paddy Festival. A special thank you goes out to **Keith Parker** and our maintenance department who worked tirelessly staging the event. Unfortunately, due to an urgent meeting out of state, **Msgr. Bosso**, could not be in attendance. He was missed dearly, and we look forward to celebrating with him next year.