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Deacon Colby Elbert, as Snoopy, peeks out from beneath the stage curtain during the St. Nicholas Banquet skit on December 1. Find more photos at <http://saint-meinrad.smugmug.com>

Monks' Personals

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak attended the Congress of Abbots in Rome on September 2-23. The abbots elected Abbot Gregory Polan of Conception Abbey, Conception, MO, to an eight-year term as abbot primate and also met with Pope Francis.

Fr. Anthony Vinson spoke at the appreciation dinner for vocations to priesthood, permanent diaconate and those in the consecrated life on October 25 at the Huntingburg Event Center, Huntingburg, IN. His topic highlighted the seminary pastoral formation program and its outreach to the tri-state area.

Fr. Denis Robinson and **Fr. Peter Marshall** flew to Rome November 19 to attend the Consistory for the new Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

Fr. Cassian Folsom resigned as prior of Monastero di San Benedetto in Norcia, Italy, on November 22. He is the founder of the community and served 18 years as prior.

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, Fr. Noël Mueller, Fr. Justin DuVall and **Fr. Denis Robinson** attended the Appreciation/ Farewell Mass at the Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis, IN, in honor of Cardinal Joseph Tobin on December 3. ✝

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Monastery News

Monastery repairs complete Infirmary renovated, four rooms added



▲ *The refectory (dining room) received a makeover during the monastery repairs, with a new serving area, flooring and roof.*

With most of the renovation work complete, the monastic community moved back into the monastery at the beginning of August and the infirm monks moved into the infirmary in September.

Work began in May 2015 to replace the heating/ventilation/air conditioning and plumbing systems in the monastery. In addition, the refectory (dining room) received a new floor and roof, and the pantry was expanded.

The infirmary wing of the monastery was renovated to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The hallways and doorways were widened to accommodate hospital beds and the bathrooms were made wheelchair accessible.

The nurse's station is now centrally located to provide better care for those in the infirmary. In addition, four slightly larger rooms were added for monks who need more hands-on care. A total of 5,200 square feet was renovated in the infirmary and 4,400 square feet was added.



▲ *Top: Larger bathrooms in the infirmary are easier to use for those in wheelchairs. Bottom: A dining area in the infirmary allows monks to gather as a community for meals.*

The infirmary renovation was estimated to cost \$1.6 million. A campaign was launched in 2015 to raise money to offset those costs. The campaign was successful, bringing in over \$1.7 million. ✚



▲ *The renovated infirmary rooms are larger, with wider doorways for ease in getting around.*

EVENTS ON THE HILL

February 7

*Black History Lecture given by
Dr. Cecilia Moore*

February 10-12

*Guest House Retreat: "Almost Paradise"
by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB*

March 9-12

*Guest House Retreat: "Praying the Psalms
in the Office" by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB*

March 17-19

*Guest House Retreat: "Contemplative
Living" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB*

March 24-26

*Guest House Retreat: "I am with You
Always, Even to the End of the World: The
Sacraments of the Church" by Fr. Vincent
Tobin, OSB*

March 28

*Thomas Lecture given by Dr. William
Desmond*

April 7-9

*Guest House Retreat: "Celebrating the
Paschal Mystery" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB*

April 12-16

*Guest House Retreat: "Holy Week
Retreat" by Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB*

April 18-20

*Guest House Retreat: "How Long, O
Lord?" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB*

April 24-28

*Guest House Retreat: "Praying with the
Psalms" by Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB
(Deacons and Wives Retreat)*

April 28-30

*Guest House Retreat: "Praying with the
Gospel of Luke" by Fr. Eugene Hensell,
OSB*

May 5-7

*Guest House Retreat: "The Church in the
Modern World" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB*

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Abbey Press to close two divisions this year

After nearly 150 years of printing and marketing Christian books and gifts, Abbey Press will close two of its main divisions, Trade Marketing and Printing, in mid-2017.

Remaining open will be the Publications division, which produces the popular CareNotes line of booklets, Elf-help and other books, and *Deacon Digest* magazine.

The closings, which will affect 71 full-time and part-time co-workers, will be completed by June 30, 2017. Those affected will receive generous severance packages, and employment and counseling services to assist with the transition.

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, made the announcement on December 1, explaining that the decision was a difficult one. "The Press has had a long, rich history of service and outreach to people of faith, and our co-workers are very proud of that. It's heart-breaking to see so many lose their jobs, when they have tirelessly devoted their lives to this place and its mission," he said.

In recent years, Abbey Press has struggled to overcome the challenges of a competitive marketplace. Those challenges have included rising costs, changing technology, overseas suppliers, and declining print and religious gift store markets.

The introduction of new marketing, products and suppliers, along with other cost-saving efforts, improved the bottom line. However, even with added cuts and downsizing, sustainable profitability with all of its sales divisions could not be reached.

Abbey Press has its beginnings in 1867 when the monks purchased a secondhand printing press for the use of the monastic community.

The Press grew to become a major source of support for the Archabbey, and continued to grow into an international marketer and manufacturer of inspirational and religious cards, gifts, books and other publications. In its heyday, Abbey Press employed more than 300 co-workers. ✚



▲ Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, gives a talk on leadership during a regional oblate conference at Saint Meinrad October 2-4, 2016.

Five reasons to consider an endowment gift

Saint Meinrad is blessed with many friends, benefactors and supporters. Some of our friends see the benefit of giving a gift that continues to give for years and years. They have seen the advantages of establishing an endowment to support Saint Meinrad in its mission.

There are many reasons why benefactors choose to make endowment gifts to Saint Meinrad. So, why consider establishing an endowment? It really depends on your objectives. However, here are five we hear from our friends.

- 1. Personal Satisfaction.** Making a difference by doing something important and lasting is highly satisfying. Many endowment donors tell us that having their family name on a fund fulfills one of their highest personal ambitions while honoring loved ones.
- 2. Strengthening Saint Meinrad.** We always will need to raise funds for operations that sustain our facilities, programs and personnel. That priority for the “here and now” continues. However, the annual endowment payout eases some of the

financial pressure. Having a strong endowment allows Saint Meinrad to have a financially stable future.

- 3. The Name Lives On.** A donor’s name can be attached to an endowment fund. And because the funds are permanent, this legacy will carry that name in perpetuity and perhaps influence future generations in the family.
- 4. Continue Annual Gifts.** Some friends recognize that their regular annual gifts will be missed once they can no longer be made. To continue the pattern, they create an estate gift that is 25 times the amount that they currently give each year to Saint Meinrad. For example, Marie and Thomas, who give \$1,000 annually, can endow these contributions by making a one-time gift of \$25,000.
- 5. Permanence.** Many friends see a connection between their retirement funds and our endowment funds. Both are protected and managed separately, so the principal attains its purpose. Our endowments are managed like a retirement account,

providing needed income in a predictable way. Our friends often designate unused retirement money to our endowments, such as through a Charitable IRA Rollover.

To learn more about Saint Meinrad’s endowments, contact Darren Sroufe, our director of planned giving. He can provide more information and answer your questions. Call (800) 682-0988 or email him at dsroufe@saintmeinrad.edu. †

Use your IRA to make a gift – and save taxes

If you’re over age 70½, tax laws now allow you to make charitable gifts through your traditional or Roth IRA. Gifts must be made by the IRA custodian directly to the charity and may not exceed \$100,000.

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▲ *Br. William Sprauer, from left, Br. Jacob Grisley, Fr. Harry Hagan, Fr. Adrian Burke and Fr. Gueric DeBona sing in the Archabbey Cemetery on All Souls Day.*

High school youth conference expands to Conception, MO

For more than 20 years, the summer conferences called “One Bread, One Cup” (OBOC) have been held three times a year at Saint Meinrad Archabbey. This summer, a fourth conference will be added at Conception Abbey July 17-21, 2017.

The five-day conferences offer liturgical leadership for high school youth and the adults who minister to them. At each conference, high school teens learn about their Catholic faith and delve deeper into the hallmarks of Word, Sacrament and Mission. They return to their parishes and high schools with leadership experience in some aspect of the liturgy.

Youth learn by experience and participate daily in the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass. Evening theological reflection offers a chance to process and integrate the “One Bread, One Cup” experience into the teens’ daily lives.

Conferences include catechesis, liturgical and spiritual formation, and theological reflection. There are opportunities for

personal prayer, liturgical prayer, charity and action in a community of peers. Time is also set aside for recreation and community.

A New Partnership

Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad who is currently serving as president-rector of Conception Seminary College (a work of Conception Abbey), encouraged the idea of bringing the youth conference to Missouri.

“For almost all of the 20-plus years of OBOC, I have had the privilege of serving ‘One Bread, One Cup’ in one capacity or another. Each year, I have seen young men and women come to Saint Meinrad for five days and fall in love with liturgy,” he says.

“Year after year, teens come to OBOC and gain the skills, knowledge and habits necessary to achieve the ‘full, conscious, and active participation’ in the Mass and all liturgy, as envisioned by the Second



Vatican Council. The central shift that all who participate in OBOC make is from observation to participation – and young people engaging fully, consciously, and actively in liturgy makes a pastor’s heart leap for joy!”

Tammy Becht, the director of the OBOC program, offers her perspective. “Having been a parish coordinator of youth ministry for 12 years and having brought over 50 high school teens to ‘One Bread, One Cup’ during those years, I have seen firsthand what a powerful experience it is for the young Church and its power to transform parish liturgies.

“Now serving as the director of the program, I recognize what a gift OBOC is to the young Church and I want to share it with as many youth as possible,” she says.

Learning to be Leaders

During the conference, each high school youth chooses an area of liturgical formation to focus on. Those include liturgical music, liturgical arts, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, prayer in the life of the Body of Christ, preaching for the Liturgy of the Hours, proclamation of the Word, master of ceremonies/server/sacristan, and hospitality and stewardship.

When asked what the youth will find at the conference in Conception next summer, Becht can already picture the



▲ *Conception Abbey in Missouri will host one of the “One Bread, One Cup” youth conferences this summer.*



How to Register

Participants register as part of a group, which includes at least one adult youth leader and youth from the same parish or high school. Youth participants should have completed ninth, tenth or eleventh grade and be practicing Catholics. Adult leaders should be at least 21 and be practicing Catholics.

Fees and Scholarship Info

Tuition, room and board for the five-day conference is \$550 per person. To begin the online registration, visit the website www.saintmeinrad.edu/oboc.

The group registration form and a \$100 non-refundable (but transferable) deposit per participant must be received by March 1, 2017. Payment in full and individual registrations are due by April 15. After April 15, a \$25 per person processing fee will be assessed.

Scholarship assistance is available for youth participants. Admission decisions are not affected by scholarship requests. Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship should email oboc@saintmeinrad.edu.

You can find more information at www.saintmeinrad.edu/oboc. ✝

▲ *More than 230 high school youth took part in a “One Bread, One Cup” conference last summer at Saint Meinrad.*

new experience. “Participants at ‘MO OBOC 2017’ can expect the same level of excellence offered on the campus of Saint Meinrad. The hallmarks of Benedictine hospitality, community, conversion, work and prayer are integrated into the ‘One Bread, One Cup’ experience.”

“Setting the conference at another Benedictine monastery and school provides a common atmosphere for our work at OBOC,” she continues. “We’ll offer the MO OBOC conference at Conception using many of the same staff members and the intern community as at Saint Meinrad. We’ll also welcome some of the monks of Conception Abbey to our conference lineup, so that the way of life at Conception is well represented.”

Fr. Brendan concurs. “Just as at Saint Meinrad, the participants in MO OBOC will find a welcoming monastic community, a campus aptly designed for the OBOC experience and a Basilica that is a perfect setting for our communal experience of Reconciliation.”

Since its inception in the 1990s, “One Bread, One Cup” has become a well-known program for youth, but it also offers a lasting opportunity for formation. “OBOC is a tool that can be used, long after the conference days are over, to

enter even more deeply into every liturgy, every prayer, every encounter with God. The fruits of OBOC last long into one’s life,” emphasizes Becht.

“Now that we have the opportunity to offer this beautiful encounter with God to more young people, we are happy and anxious to step out in faith, to work hard and to bring the gospel and love of liturgy to even more of the young Church,” she explains.



▲ *Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, celebrates Mass at a “One Bread, One Cup” conference. A fourth conference has been added this summer.*

Saint Meinrad

receives Lilly grant for young adult initiative

Pastors long to connect with a coveted demographic – young people in their 20s landing their first full-time jobs and charting independence while searching for community. Yet few church leaders have the insights or tools they need to reach this emerging generation of adults, who are often absent from church life despite their deep concerns about faith.

In an effort to inspire and equip congregations, Lilly Endowment Inc. is launching a \$19.4 million initiative to help religious leaders reach young adults and work with them to create new ministries.

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology has received a \$1.38 million grant from Lilly Endowment to begin an initiative intended to improve parish outreach to young adults and better engage them with the Catholic Church.

Beginning in 2017, Saint Meinrad's new program will identify and partner with area Catholic parishes to explore the demographics of their communities and educate them about the marks of young adulthood.

Saint Meinrad will then help these parishes to create a specific plan to engage young adults. Through outreach into the local community, hosting events that include prayer, worship and fellowship, the program will help parish congregations to form young adults in discipleship by creating service and study opportunities.

Another part of the initiative will be to assist parishes in mentoring young adults in the rituals of daily life in the domestic church (the church of the home). The aim is to help young adults to form a sense of

community and Catholic identity in their homes, eventually leading them back to a parish congregation.

"I'm excited about this new endeavor for Saint Meinrad," said Tammy Becht. "It's an honor to be entrusted with such work on behalf of the young Church. I'm happy that Lilly is investing so much not only in us, but also in other organizations that will be focusing on the same vision for the young Church."

Becht is the director of Saint Meinrad's "One Bread, One Cup" program, which conducts five-day liturgical leadership conferences each summer for high school youth and their adult leaders. She will oversee the young adult initiative. ✚



▲ Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology campus in October right before the leaves changed color.

New appointments made in the Seminary and School of Theology

President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, has announced new appointments in the Seminary and School of Theology.



Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB

Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, has moved from his position as director of enrollment to spearhead a new sabbatical program under the auspices of the Office of Continuing

Education. He also is working in the seminary as a spiritual director and continuing his doctoral studies at The Catholic University of America.



Dr. John Schlachter

Dr. John Schlachter, who has served as director of assessment since July 2015, has taken on additional responsibilities in coordinating Saint Meinrad's enrollment

efforts with the title of Director of Admissions and Assessment.



Mrs. Carol Heeke

Mrs. Carol Heeke returns on a part-time basis to Saint Meinrad and assumes responsibilities as administrative assistant for the offices of Admissions and Pastoral Formation.



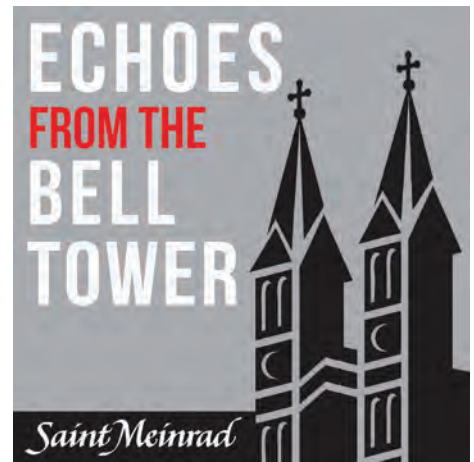
Mrs. Angie Schmidt

Mrs. Angie Schmidt is the full-time administrative assistant for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program.



Mrs. Morgan Simon

Mrs. Morgan Simon has begun work as the administrative assistant for Graduate Theology Programs and for Continuing Education. ✚



▲ *Francisco Bark of the Diocese of Masan, South Korea, prepares food for the fall Around the World party.*

New members join

Institute for Priests and Presbyterates advisory board



▲ *Members of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates advisory board are, from left, Fr. Shayne Duvall, Fr. Alan Carter, Fr. Crispine Adongo, IPP Director Dr. Patrick Cooper, Fr. Francis Kalpurackal, Mrs. Ann Tully, Fr. Raymond Studzinski, OSB, Mrs. Maura Robinson, Sr. Mary Timothy Prokes, FSE, and IPP Program Director Joseph Cook.*

The Institute for Priests and Presbyterates, a program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, has announced the members of its new advisory board.

The non-governing board advises the Institute's director, Dr. Patrick Cooper, on the opportunities and challenges that face the Institute, which has as its mission the development of programs of continuing education and formation.

The Institute aims to help priests sharpen their skills for more effective ministry and to keep both priests and presbyterates healthy, holy and effective in various ministry settings and stages of life.

The new members are Rev. Crispine Adongo, associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Jasper, IN; Rev. Alan Carter, director of vocations for the Diocese of Lexington, KY, and pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Danville, KY; Rev. Jim Deiters, pastor of St. Clare Parish in O'Fallon, IL; Rev. Shayne Duvall, associate pastor of St. James Parish in Elizabethtown, KY;

Rev. Christopher House, chancellor of the Diocese of Springfield, IL, and pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Dr. Richard Johnson, founder and director of Johnson Institute and Senior Adult Ministry in Wildwood, MO; Rev. Francis Kalpurackal, administrator of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville, IN;

Sr. Mary Timothy Prokes, FSE, teacher, author and spiritual director of Pocatello, ID; Mrs. Maura Robinson, president and CEO of M.G. Robinson Inc. of Evansville, IN; Rev. Raymond Studzinski, OSB, associate professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; and Mrs. Ann Tully, judge instructor/assessor for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Metropolitan Tribunal. ✝



▲ *Fr. Tom Boland of the Archdiocese of Louisville gives a conference for the Newly Appointed Pastor Workshop in September.*



▲ *Fr. Rayanna Narisetti participated in a daily recap discussion during the two-week World Priest Program in October.*



Photos, beginning at top left:

Deacon Colby Elbert played the role of Snoopy and Deacon William Burmester played Charlie Brown during the St. Nicholas Banquet skit.

Br. David N'Djam, OSB, prays in the Archabbey Cemetery on All Souls Day, November 2.

Fr. Harold Camacho, OSB, participates in a discussion during the Oblate Leadership Conference in October.

Fr. Eric Awvah-Gyamfi practices his pronunciation during a class on Accent Training during the World Priest Program in October.

Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB, demonstrates how to assemble water filters for students Tom Konechnik, from left, Kien Nguyen and Nick Koepfel. The filters will be sent to Viet Nam. The filter assembly was a service project for Water With Blessings.

Volunteers needed for Day of Service on March 11



▲ Tom Norris O'64 ('58-64), center, gives volunteers instructions during the Day of Service last year in Louisville, KY.

Plans are set for the fourth annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service. This year, the day of service will be Saturday, March 11.

The event is organized by the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association in partnership with the Alumni Office and is open to any participants, not just alumni.

"Site coordinators have partnered with organizations that serve their communities in a variety of ways," explains Christian Mocek, Saint Meinrad's director of alumni relations. "We have projects at soup kitchens and food banks, as well as projects that require painting and yard work."

The Alumni Association Board of Directors, in collaboration with the Alumni Office, started the Saint Meinrad Day of Service in 2014 to develop creative ways for alumni to live out the mission of Saint Meinrad in their communities with their fellow classmates and friends.

"Tentatively, we have 10 project locations this year. Three years ago, we started this event with two projects and 20 volunteers. Last year, we had nine locations and over 120 volunteers. It's a special event and

one that has become an integral work of the Alumni Association," says Mocek.

Keeping with the last three years, *Ora et Labora*, Pray and Work, is the theme of the event. In addition to the actual service activities, volunteers at each project location will come together and pray before or after their project, by celebrating Mass or praying the Liturgy of the Hours proper to the time of day.

For project details at a location in your area and to register as a participant, visit the Saint Meinrad Day of Service registration page at: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/dayofservice/>

There is no cost to participate and each volunteer will receive a free Saint Meinrad Day of Service t-shirt, courtesy of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association.

Volunteers are asked to register by March 1 to ensure an accurate count for lunch and t-shirts.

If you have questions about the Day of Service in your area, contact the Alumni Office at (812) 357-6501 or email Christian Mocek at cmocek@saintmeinrad.edu. ✚

Saint Meinrad
DAY OF SERVICE

2017 Locations:

Cleveland, OH

Dayton, OH

Evansville, IN

Fort Wayne, IN

Indianapolis, IN

Kankakee, IL

Louisville, KY

New Albany, IN

San Juan Capistrano, CA

Toledo, OH

Register by March 1, 2017!

Save the Date!

March 11, 2017

Saint Meinrad Day of Service

March 23, 2017

Pittsburgh Alumni & Friends Dinner

April 3, 2017

Graduates Luncheon

July 30-August 2, 2017

89th Annual Alumni Reunion

Alumni Reunion

Reconnect with classmates, learn and celebrate at 89th event

Plans are under way for the 89th annual Alumni Reunion. The 2017 event will be held at Saint Meinrad Archabbey from July 30-August 2 and will give alumni an opportunity for spiritual and intellectual growth as well as time for fellowship with classmates.

“The program for the 2017 Alumni Reunion is shaping up well,” says Christian Mocek, director of alumni relations. “Just as in past years, we will have excellent speakers on relevant topics and plenty of time for reconnecting with old friends.”

The schedule of events will include a golf scramble, day of recollection, workshops, a special alumni Mass and banquet, and opportunities for socializing.

Celebrating anniversaries will be the ordination classes of O’67 (50th anniversary), O’77 (40th), T’92 (25th), T’07 (10th), and T’12 (5th); college classes of 1967 (50th), 1977 (40th) and

1992 (25th); and high school class of 1967 (50th).

Celebrating special anniversaries are the high school class of 1957 (60th) and the college class of 1972 (45th). All anniversary classes will be honored at a banquet Monday evening.

Rev. Msgr. John Kozar O’71 (’59-67), of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the banquet Tuesday evening. Msgr. Kozar is president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, where he oversees the Catholic Church’s aid to Christians in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

Msgr. Kozar will give a presentation on Tuesday about his work with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Another Reunion event will be a Day of Recollection given by Fr. Lambert Reilly, OSB, an acclaimed retreat speaker and

former Saint Meinrad archabbot (1995-2004). President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, will be speaking on the domestic Church.

“The reunion is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, reconnect with God and reconnect with Saint Meinrad,” says Mocek. “It is not just for theology, college, or high school graduates either. We work hard to make our program inclusive by offering professional development opportunities for alumni of our Permanent Deacon Program and Graduate Theology Program. It really has something for everyone.”

Reunion details are available on the website at <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu> and the alumni Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SaintMeinradAlumni. ✚

Calling all alumni: Phonathon begins in February

The annual Alumni and Friends Phonathon will take place on seven evenings in February and March. The event gives alumni and friends of Saint Meinrad an opportunity to talk to a seminarian during the annual appeal.

On five of those evenings, seminarians from each of the five formation houses will spend an evening calling alumni. On the other two evenings, a mix of students from all the formation houses will call non-alumni donors who have made gifts to Saint Meinrad in the past.

When students connect with an alumnus or friend, they have a chance to update them on what’s new on the Hill, thank them for their past support, and ask if they’d like to make a gift or pledge to

support the Seminary and School of Theology.

“Every year, we ask the student body to participate in the Phonathon,” says Associate Director of Annual Giving John Huether O’78 (’71-74). The conversations cover a wide range of subjects. “The students enjoy talking to alumni about what diocese they’re studying for, what classes they’re taking or which monks are teaching,” he adds.

Through their annual gifts, alumni and friends of Saint Meinrad help make possible classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities, library resources, upkeep of buildings and

grounds, wellness activities and many other day-to-day operations that give students the same advantages that alumni had when they attended Saint Meinrad.

Alumni whose gifts qualify will receive this year’s premium, an attractive and sturdy burgundy and white duffel bag imprinted with the Saint Meinrad Alumni logo. ✚



ALUMNI ETERNAL

Mr. John J. Bishop O'67 ('55-63) of Naples, FL, died on May 31, 2016.

Fr. James C. Blessinger O'64 ('52-64), a retired priest of the Diocese of Evansville, died on September 30, 2016. ✚

Fr. Edward Burns O'54 ('46-50), a retired priest of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, died on December 14, 2015. ✚

Fr. August A. Busch O'56 ('44-56), a retired priest of the Diocese of Evansville, died on September 30, 2016.

Fr. Joe Campbell T'99 ('94-99), a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, died on October 20, 2016.

Mr. John L. "Jack" Carmichael O'66 ('54-63), of Williamsburg, VA, died on September 29, 2016. ✚

Fr. John Daniels O'46 ('41-46), a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died on October 16, 2016.

Dr. James R. Deneen O'54 ('45-50), of Princeton, NJ, died on July 16, 2016.

Mr. Ronald A. Denu O'72 ('60-61), of Jasper, IN, died on November 1, 2016.

Mr. Patrick J. Feltes O'75 ('63-64), of Cave Creek, AZ, died on January 20, 2016.

Mr. James E. Felts, O'52 ('46-48), of Fort Wayne, IN, died on November 3, 2016.

Mr. Myron R. Fischer O'61 ('49-50), of Ferdinand, IN, died on October 9, 2016.

Mr. William G. Hans O'63 ('59-62), of Louisville, KY, died on September 24, 2016.

Mr. Thomas J. Kennedy Jr. O'80 ('72-73), of Indianapolis, IN, died on November 12, 2016.

Mr. Norbert A. Kern O'61 ('49-52) of Schnellville, IN, died on September 15, 2016.

Fr. Paul M. Kwiatkowski O'65 ('57-61), a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on December 3, 2016.

Fr. Lawrence Mann, SM, O Aug. '45 ('43-46), of the Cupertino, CA, Marianist Community, died on September 1, 2016.

Mr. Raymond J. Market Sr. O'47 ('36-41), of Springfield, VA, died on September 17, 2016.

Fr. Hilary G. Meny O'40 ('29-40), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, died on October 7, 2016, in Haubstadt, IN.

Mr. Robert W. Murphy O'79 ('75-76), of Winter Park, FL, died on May 7, 2015.

Mr. William L. Reinstedler O'57 ('45-46), of Louisville, KY, died September 3, 2016.

Mr. Harry J. Schumacher O'58 ('52-58), of Fort Myers, FL, died on March 11, 2016.

Mr. John L. Seng O'74 ('62-66), of Jasper, IN, died on October 11, 2016.

Fr. Joseph Wahl, CO, O'56 ('52-55), a priest of The Congregation of the Rock Hill Oratory in South Carolina, died on April 30, 2016.

Mr. Richard J. Warren C'84 ('81-84), of St. Louis, MO, died on June 21, 2016.

Mr. Harvey G. Yelich O'59 ('47-48), of Columbus, OH, died on August 4, 2016.

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A key to the initials behind the names of alumni:

C: College

GTP: Graduate Theology Programs

HS: High School

MAT: Master of Arts (Theology)

MAPT: Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology)

MTS: Master in Theological Studies

O: Ordination

PD: Permanent Deacon Formation Program

S: Sabbaticant

SPH: St. Placid Hall

SS: Summer Session

T: Theology ✚

ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Bill Barrett O'78 ('70-74), professor of electronic and photographic media at Webster University in St. Louis, MO, has two photographs included in the exhibition on Mother Teresa curated by the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See. One of his photographs of Dorothy Day has been acquired by the Museum of the City of New York for its exhibit, "New York at Its Core: 400 Years of NYC History."

Dr. Michael F. Conrad O'66 ('55-66), of Tallahassee, FL, has three books available on Amazon. Each of the three volumes of *Spiritual Apes* has a unique subtitle: *Our Journey to Forever*, *Our Journey from Animality to Spirituality*, and *Our*

Struggle to be Spiritual. He co-founded The Center for Contemplative Practice, which highlights Cistercian spirituality.

Steven Dabrowski T'03 ('00-01), and his wife, Alma, of Evansville, IN, welcomed their first baby, Lucia Isabel, into their family on November 22, 2016.

Most Rev. J. Douglas Deshotel O'78 ('74) was installed as the new bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, LA, on April 15, 2016. He previously served as auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Dallas.

Fr. Thomas J. Fleming T'84 ('80-81) began a new assignment in July as pastor of St. Mary's Parish on the campus of Central Michigan University.

Br. Theodore Haggerty, OSB, T'20 ('13-17) and **Br. Antony Maria Minardi, OSB, T'18 ('13-17)**, of Marmion Abbey in Aurora, IL, professed their solemn vows as Benedictine monks on July 11, 2016. Both are studying for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Fr. John Kinney O'76 ('68-72) celebrated his 40th anniversary of priesthood ordination in 2016. Since

1989, he has served in the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Since 2009, he has been director of Air Force Chaplain Accessions and Recruiting.

Mrs. Jenny Koch MAT'16 ('14-15) is serving as director of the University of Evansville Newman Center in Evansville, IN. Previously, she taught and coached at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville for nine years.

Mr. Paul Lim C'99 ('95-98) and his wife Elizabeth are parents of a fourth child, Isaac James, born on October 25. They reside in Pittsburgh, PA.

Mr. Alex McGauley T'16 ('10-13), of Lakewood, CO, married Mary Grace Blowers on November 26, 2016.

Deacon John McMullen T'91 ('85-90); PD'09 ('05-09), after a 24-year teaching career, has completed a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education program at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. He serves as a permanent deacon at Annunciation Parish in Evansville.

Pedro Méndez T'14 ('11-14) and his wife **Emily Herr Méndez GTP ('11-15)** welcomed their first child, Stephen Javier, in July 2016. They reside in Huntingburg, IN.

Mrs. Janet Millen MAPT'14 ('08-14) served as chair of the Catholic Women's Conference, held on November 5 in Louisville, KY.

Fr. Fred J. Nietfeld O'46 ('41-43), a retired priest of the Diocese of Toledo, celebrated his 70th anniversary of ordination in 2016. He resides in Plantation, FL, where he does research and circulates Vatican directives and conservative/orthodox articles to international clients.

Mr. David C. Piazza C'90 ('87-90), of Irvine, CA, joined the AIDS Services Foundation Orange County in August. He brings more than 25 years of nonprofit and fundraising experience to the agency's leadership team.

Fr. Richard Puetz Feb.'45 ('39-44) retired this past summer after 25 years as

spiritual director for the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Fr. Joel Ripinger, OSB, O'74 ('62-68), a monk of Marmion Abbey, Aurora, IL, has recently written articles for the *Cistercian Studies Quarterly*, *Catholic Historical Review* and *American Benedictine Review*.

Deacon Earl Ruppel O'66 ('55-58); PD'05 ('01-05) was elected recorder of the Knights of Columbus Council 712 of Vincennes, IN.

Mr. Joseph Scheidler O'58 ('52-57), of Chicago, IL, has written a book on his work in the pro-life movement, *Racketeer for Life: Fighting the Culture of Death from the Sidewalk to the Supreme Court*. It was published by TAN Books.

Kathryn (Kay) Scoville Mach MAPT'16 ('09-16) currently works with Catholic Relief Services in Chicago. In August, she married Paul Mach and they reside in Winfield, IL.

Sr. Lisa Stallings, SP, MTS'10 ('06-10), of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN, was elected to the Sisters of Providence's General Council. She serves as the congregation's vicar on the council.

Fr. Paul Weberg, OSB, C'98 ('94-98) has been appointed prior of Marmion Abbey in Aurora, IL. He also was named vocations director for the abbey. ✚



Bishop David P. Talley

Bishop David P. Talley T'89 ('86-89) was appointed as coadjutor bishop to Bishop Ronald P. Herzog in the Diocese of Alexandria, LA, on September 21.

Bishop Talley was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta in 1989 and a bishop in 2013. He has served as auxiliary bishop of Atlanta since January 2013.

As a coadjutor bishop, he will automatically become the ordinary of the Diocese of Alexandria upon the death or retirement of the current bishop.

In addition to his Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad, Bishop Talley studied at the Gregorian University in Rome, where he was awarded a doctorate in canon law in 1998. As a priest, he served in multiple parishes as parochial vicar, administrator and pastor.

Other assignments have included director of vocations, tribunal judge, judicial vicar and chancellor.

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‘Theology After Hours’ gets enthusiastic response



▲ From left, Betsy Dunman talks with Robin Murphey and Karen Jordan at the first Theology After Hours, held at Holy Spirit Church in Louisville, KY.

How do we keep our Graduate Theology alumni engaged with Saint Meinrad? That was the question the Alumni Board discussed over the past year. The Saint Meinrad Day of Service, which began three years ago, has been a great way to reconnect with these wonderful men and women, but the Alumni Board believed there was more that needed to be offered.

With the help of Christian Mocek and the Development Office, we conducted an online survey of the Graduate Theology (formerly called Lay Degree) and Permanent Deacon alumni. Based on these results and follow-up

communication, the Alumni Board determined there was a great desire among these groups for programs that offer Saint Meinrad’s outstanding academic and spiritual formation.

Unfortunately, alumni shared that a lack of time and resources were the reasons they do not commit to a formal class or weekend retreat. So, the Alumni Board asked, what if we could offer a program close to where they live, at a time convenient to most, and with a format that would provide the Saint Meinrad academic and spiritual nourishment they desired? What if we could offer this program at little or no cost to alumni?

“Theology After Hours” was launched in Louisville, KY, on November 17 at 4 p.m. The program was hosted by the Alumni Office at the Church of the Holy Spirit. The attendees were able to catch up with old classmates and meet others over food and wine. Sister Jeana Visel, OSB, director of Graduate Theology Programs, provided a brief overview of ongoing and future programs.

The speaker for our early evening gathering was Fr. Harry Hagan, OSB. He captivated the group with a delightful and engaging presentation titled, “The Rule of Benedict and the Mother of Virtues.” Afterward, he opened the floor for questions and discussion.

The Alumni Office surveyed the attendees after the program. The response was so enthusiastic that another Louisville event is planned for the spring. The Alumni Association would like to expand “Theology After Hours” to Evansville, IN, and Indianapolis, IN, in the near future.

If you are interested in hosting or attending a session, please contact Betsy Dunman (bdunman@hspirit.org) or Christian Mocek (cmocek@saintmeinrad.edu).

Submitted by Betsy Dunman MTS’01 ('94-02) ✝