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**Busy August: New novice, new deacon,
new priest**

**Seminarians return
to campus for fall studies**

**Honor Your Inner Monk:
Our app is back**

Cover: Callixte Senani and Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, are vested during the deacon ordination in the Archabbey Church in August.



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The Black Madonna statue outside the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel wears a crown for the feast of Queenship of Mary on August 22. Find more photos at <http://saint-meinrad.smugmug.com>

Monks' Personals

Fr. Christian Raab led an online “Make Your Quarantine Your Cloister” retreat for young adults. Over 600 people enrolled, either through Facebook or through the retreat website.

Fr. Mateo Zamora was accepted into the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching program at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

Br. Martin Erspamer’s calligraphy was featured on the cover of *Bound and Lettered*, a national journal for calligraphers and book binders.

Br. Jean Fish has begun studies in a degree program for art at the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, AL.

Fr. Luke Waugh has been appointed associate director of pastoral formation for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Fr. Julian Peters has been reappointed director of liturgy for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Br. Simon Herrmann led a webinar on “The Four Kinds of Monks and What They Can Teach Us About Ourselves During the Pandemic” on July 28.

Fr. Eugene Hensell resumed travels to Gethsemani Abbey to teach Scripture to the novices and junior monks. He is the only outsider allowed inside the monastery since March.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain gave a webinar for SLI Connect, Saint Luke Institute’s online education program, titled “Managing the Dynamics of Power.”

Fr. Harry Hagan and **Fr. Christian Raab** co-authored an article titled “Praying Psalm 110,” which appeared in the June issue of *The Priest* magazine. ✚

Saint Meinrad
Archabbey
Gift Shop & Scholar Shop

An advertisement for the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop & Scholar Shop. It features a collection of items: a book titled 'ARCHABBEY CHURCH Ora et Labora: Pray and Work', a blue book titled 'Beatitude', a white mug with a religious illustration, and two jars of 'PEANUT BROTHER' peanut butter. The background is a light, textured surface.

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Monastery News

Fr. Lorenzo Penalosa, OSB, ordained priest at Saint Meinrad Archabbey



Fr. Lorenzo Penalosa

archbishop of the Archdiocese of

Fr. Lorenzo Penalosa, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest on Sunday, August 30, 2020, by the Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson,

Indianapolis. The ordination was held in Saint Meinrad's Archabbey Church.

Fr. Lorenzo, 29, is a native of the Philippines. He is a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis and Marian University, Indianapolis, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Catholic studies and history in 2012. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish.

In May 2017, he graduated from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of

Theology with a Master of Divinity and a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology. He has served as monastery guestmaster and as assistant to the director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates.

Currently, he is studying for an advanced degree at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Sant' Anselmo in Rome. †

Full coverage of photos on next page.

Two ordained deacons at Saint Meinrad

Two seminarians received the order of deacon from the Most Rev. Charles Thompson, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church on August 15.

The newly ordained deacons are Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, and Callixte Senani of the Diocese of Gikongoro in Rwanda. They

are students at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Others in their class will be or have been ordained deacons in their respective dioceses.

In the Catholic faith, a deacon can preach, baptize, witness marriages, offer Communion to the sick and aged, and

perform other ministerial duties. The newly ordained deacons are transitional deacons, meaning they are preparing for ordination to the priesthood.

Many Catholic dioceses also have permanent deacons, who carry out the same role, but are not studying for the priesthood. †

Full coverage of photos on next page.

Novice Benjamin joins monastic community



Novice Benjamin Ziegler

the *Rule of St. Benedict* and monastic history.

In a brief ceremony, Novice Benjamin Ziegler was clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey on August 5, 2020. He has begun a year of monastic formation, including study of

Novice Benjamin, 25, is a native of Pittsburgh, PA.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton in 2018. He then worked as an engineer in energy and HVAC commissioning for Heapy Engineering in Cleveland, OH.

He is the son of Alan and Kathleen Ziegler of White Oak, PA, and attended Serra Catholic High School in McKeesport, PA. Most recently, his home

parish was Mary, Mother of God Parish in White Oak.

As a novice, he takes a year off from formal studies and trades. The novitiate is a time of prayer and learning intended to help a novice discern his vocation as a monk.

At the end of this year, a novice may be permitted to profess temporary vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community of Saint Meinrad. †

Monastery News *in photos*



Photos from top, left to right, Callixte Senani and Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, pose for a portrait after their deacon ordination on August 15.

Fr. Lorenzo Penalosa, OSB, gives Indianapolis Archbishop Charles Thompson the first blessing after being ordained a priest on August 30.

Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, blesses his nephew during Communion on August 15.

Archbishop Charles Thompson gives the final blessing to new deacons Callixte Senani and Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, at their ordination on August 15.

Fr. Lorenzo Penalosa, OSB, listens to the homily given by Archbishop Charles Thompson during his priesthood ordination.



[Meet the Student]

Sr. Vinh Nguyen

City of Residence: Nghe An, Vietnam

Degree: Master of Arts in Theology

Q. *When did you begin your studies?*

I started studying at Saint Meinrad in Spring 2019.

Q. *What influenced you to begin studying for a master's degree in theology?*

My congregation – the Lovers of the Holy Cross of Vinh Diocese – selflessly serve women and youth in the areas of education, social work, health care, morality and faith. We are present in most parishes, from the cities to the remote areas, to serve the youth, elders, orphans, disabled, marginalized, and the poor.

In recent years, Vietnamese society has been developing in many different ways. The changes bring a better life to many people, but they also lead us to experience a high rate of social issues, including the lack of understanding about the meaning of life, especially among the youth. This is a big issue, which the Vietnamese Church is concerned about, and is a challenge for our ministry.

After witnessing these situations, I want to do further study to be prepared for varied ministries so that I can work with people in different fields according to our charism. I found out that the Master of Arts degree at Saint Meinrad provides general theological education and professional skills for students, which made me feel confident to apply to study there.

I believe that, by studying at this level, I will build up my knowledge, skills and even life experience that I lack. I want to learn to attend to the needs of the Church and promote social change in a manner

that contributes to the common good. Completing this degree will be a big help for my ministry in the future.

Q. *What else are you doing besides seeking a master's degree (work, family, volunteer work)?*

I would like to do ministry here in America to gain experience for a year before going back to my country to serve my people.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

Each saint teaches me different things and virtues to live my vocation. They are examples for me to imitate their lives to live a holy life. Nevertheless, St. Martin de Porres Velázquez and Mother Teresa of Calcutta are my favorite ones. I admire and love St. Martin because of his humility. Humility is the virtue of all virtues, which helps me to see nothingness of self. My existence comes from God's love.

I love Mother Teresa because she chose to serve Jesus through the poor and the dying. She reserved her loving heart for the poor and the dying in a special way. She saw Jesus in each poor person. I pray and imitate her to have a loving heart to care for the poor: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).



Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

"...Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand" (Jeremiah 18:6). This verse reminds me of nothingness of self. I am nothing myself, but everything in God's hands.

Q. *Hobbies?*

Cooking and reading.

Q. *What aspect of your coursework has been most rewarding?*

Studying with seminarians who come from different parts of the world is a good opportunity to learn not only their knowledge, but also cultures and life experience. I am very blessed to be taught by knowledgeable professors. Every day, they bring me new things to learn about God and the Church, and they help me to deepen my faith in God.

Q. *What aspect of your coursework has been most challenging?*

English is my second language, so I need to improve my reading skill. I sometimes find it hard to understand the required reading materials.

Q. *What plans, if any, do you have after you receive your degree?*

I may go back to my country. ✠

Back to School:

Seminary resumes in-person classes



▲ Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, greets new seminarian Alex McCullough as he arrives on campus on August 21.

When students left Saint Meinrad in March, no one knew if in-person formation would be possible in the fall. After months of careful planning, students arrived on campus and fall semester classes began on August 31.

With the threat of spreading the coronavirus still a possibility, the halls of Saint Meinrad look a little different. Students, faculty and co-workers are required to wear masks when walking the halls, in class or in the chapels.

Speaking of chapels, the seminary community now uses two chapels – the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel and the St. Theodore Guerin Chapel, which is in the

Gallery. The students also are split between Newman Dining Room and Anselm Dining Room to allow for social distancing.

Faculty were given the option to teach their courses in person, online or using a hybrid approach, combining in-person teaching with online elements. About 20 percent are teaching fully online, 40 percent are teaching in person and the remaining 40 percent are taking the hybrid approach.

Wednesday ministry also looks different. Before COVID-19, seminarians would spend Wednesday afternoons and evenings at a ministry assignment getting hands-on

experience serving others. During the fall semester, students will spend two to three hours a week on tele-ministry. All of Saint Meinrad's other school programs have moved to an online format.

“Priesthood education can be facilitated by online learning, but formation is a face-to-face enterprise,” explains Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of the Seminary and School of Theology. “Getting to know one another, even through masks, is essential. Supporting and caring about one another in person is, likewise, essential. That is the essence of priestly service and life.”

Due to challenges around the pandemic, seminary enrollment is down to 113 men from 122 in 2019. There were 19 new seminarians this fall. Eight men were unable to join the seminary as planned, due to immigration issues or other reasons.

Even with the pandemic challenges, the international community in the seminary remains strong. This year, there are 37 students who were born outside the United States. This represents 33 percent of the student body. Saint Meinrad students come from 15 countries of origin. Last year, there were 42 international seminarians, representing 34 percent of the student body.

The Graduate Theology Program started the fall semester strong with 74 students, up from 69 students last year. There are four full-time students, 56 part-time, 11 non-degree students and three auditing courses.

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—Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program continues to grow with 187 deacon candidates and 48 aspirants enrolled in the program. The men are in 13 cohorts, representing 13 dioceses. Also, seven wives of the men are taking courses for credit toward a master's degree in theology. Last fall, the program had 168 deacon candidates in 12 cohorts from 11 dioceses.



Br. John Glasenapp

The new school year brought several new appointments in the school. **Br. John Glasenapp, OSB**, returned to Saint Meinrad this summer after receiving his doctorate in musicology. He has been appointed director of the new Saint Meinrad Institute of Sacred Music and will be teaching in the school.



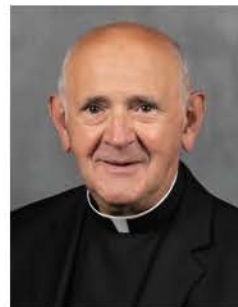
Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB

Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, is serving as associate director of pastoral formation. He replaces Sr. Rachel Geracitano, OSB, who returned to her monastic community in



▲ *Tyler Huber drives new seminarian Sam Rosko from his car to the school during move-in day on August 21.*

Ferdinand, IN. **Fr. Luke** also will continue his work as director of sabbaticals and administrator of nearby St. Isidore Parish.



Fr. Albert DeGiacomo

Fr. Albert DeGiacomo, a priest of Lexington, KY, joined the seminary formation staff as associate director of spiritual formation. **Fr. Albert** was pastor of St. Andrew

Catholic Church in Harrodsburg, KY, from 2015-2020. He retired on June 30.



Dr. Chris Hackett

Dr. Chris Hackett has joined the faculty as assistant professor of philosophy. Previously, he was a research fellow/lecturer in philosophy at the Australian Catholic

University (Melbourne) and adjunct professor of philosophy at Belmont University. ✝



▲ *Left, Jack Wright runs to catch a ball during the seminary kickball tournament on Sept. 5. Right, Michael Willey runs the bases during the seminary kickball tournament.*

HONOR YOUR INNER MONK

The Prayer App Is Back!

Saint Meinrad Archabbey has launched a new version of its smartphone prayer app. Honor Your Inner Monk is a free app that allows users to pray a different short prayer each morning and evening.

The new version of the prayer app includes morning and afternoon prayers, along with a text-to-speech feature that allows users to hear the prayers. The app keeps track of how many times the user has said the prayers that month. App users can also forward a prayer request to the monastic community.

The app is available from Google Play and the Apple App Store or you can visit www.honoryourinnermonk.org. Links are at the bottom of the page. ✚



Commemorative plates: A serving of Saint Meinrad history

By Fr. Meinrad Brune, OSB, and Br. Stanley Rother Wagner, OSB

The Abbey Press – one of Saint Meinrad Archabbey’s former apostolates, which closed in 2017 – printed special commemorative plates to generate publicity and attract donations for the annual summer picnics held for coworkers and their families.

A special committee – comprised of monks and coworkers – planned the picnics for those employed by the Archabbey, their families, and the monks. To garner interest in the picnics, the committee decided to give away plates by a raffle.

At the entrance to the picnic, attendees would register by writing their names on tickets. The tickets would be placed in a basket and a limited number would be drawn. Those whose names were on the winning tickets would receive a plate. The monastery donated the plates for the picnics.

The tradition began in 1987, and the first plate featured a drawing of the Archabbey Church. Through the years, the designs on the plates ranged from drawings of nature on the Hill to various buildings and statues. The Press had one plate made each year until 2008.

For those 21 years, the process was much the same: An artist at Abbey Press developed that year’s plate design, another coworker arranged for the plates to be made, and then the plates were shipped back to the Press in time for the picnic. Eventually, it was decided to give plates to all the coworkers who signed up and attended the picnics.

For many years, a collection of these plates was on display at the Human Resources office, and an identical set was displayed in a cabinet in the Business Office. In July 2020, both offices donated their plate collections to the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Archives.

The plates are currently on display in the Swiss-American Congregation Archives in the basement of St. Gregory Hall, on a beautiful shelf made by Br. Lawrence Shidler, OSB.

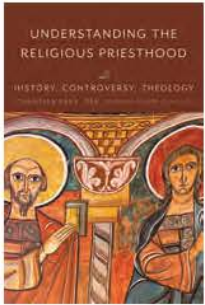
The plates – while not being used for their intended purposes – still serve as a reminder of the rich history of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and its many coworkers and benefactors, past and present. ✚



▲ A collection of commemorative plates featuring points of interest at Saint Meinrad are housed in the archives.

New books explore religious priesthood, spiritual direction

Two Saint Meinrad monks have published new books recently.



Fr. Christian Raab, OSB, has written *Understanding the Religious Priesthood: History, Controversy, Theology*. It was released in October by The Catholic University of America Press.

In *Understanding the Religious Priesthood*, Fr. Christian provides a history and theology of religious priesthood that contributes to the understanding of this vocation's identity and mission. It uncovers what religious

priesthood shares with diocesan priesthood and non-ordained religious life and what makes it different from those other vocations.

Fr. Christian is assistant professor of systematic theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.



Fr. Mark O'Keefe, OSB, has written a new book, *Learned, Experienced, and Discerning: St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross on Spiritual Direction*. It was released in August

by Liturgical Press.

Fr. Mark's book, *Learned, Experienced, and Discerning*, explores the writings of Saints Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross on the characteristics of a good spiritual director (learned, experienced, and discerning) and how their insights are valuable today for spiritual directors and those seeking spiritual guidance.

Their insights are the fruit of their own prayer, reflection, and rich personal experience as guides and as people guided by others.

Fr. Mark is a professor of moral theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and the resident chaplain of the Carmelite Nuns of Terre Haute, IN. †

Two members join Board of Overseers

The Board of Overseers has added one new member and a returning member to the advisory board for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. The board advises President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, on matters related to the school's programs and performance and addresses strategic questions regarding the future of the school. Each member serves a three-year term.

New to the board is Mary A. Sheets of Greenwood, IN. Returning is Dr. Corazon Veza of Elizabethtown, KY.



Mary A. Sheets

Mary A. Sheets serves as registrar at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. Previously, she was director of medical and surgical nursing at St. Francis Hospital Center, as well as in other

nursing positions.

She is a graduate of Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove, IN, and earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing and a

Master of Science in nursing administration from Indiana University in Indianapolis.

She and her husband Paul have four children and are members of SS. Francis and Clare Parish.



Dr. Corazon Veza

Dr. Corazon Veza is a retired hematologist/oncologist and a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American College of Physicians.

She attended Immaculate Conception Academy and the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in preparatory medicine and a doctorate in medicine. She did her fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

She and her late husband Gregorio have three children. She is a member of St. James Parish in Elizabethtown. She is beginning her seventh year on the Board of Overseers. †



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Emerging with grace:

Ministry workshop looks at hope during a pandemic

By Agnes Kovacs



Agnes M. Kovacs

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended life as we knew it. None of us can shut our eyes to the impact it has had, and still has, on our physical health and economic well-being.

Practitioners have warned about its effects on mental health, the loneliness and isolation that accompanies a quarantine that lasts, and lasts, and lasts.

We have named and recognized losses weaving through the fabric of life, leaving us grieving for certainty and safety, for sacramental life and religious engagement, for proximity and community. Yet, for those of us in pastoral ministry, the burning question remains: How do we minister in this time of disruption? How do we engender a spirituality of hope in an age of fear?

At a recent workshop led by alumnus Dr. Tom Malewitz on post-pandemic pastoral ministry and a spirituality of hope, I realized how much I needed a day of reflection and learning so my own ministry and work might continue to bear fruit.

In this gathering, I was reminded that while this pandemic is new to us in the 21st century, pandemics have been part of human existence and part of the history of the Church. By looking back, we can draw parallels to the present and find inspiration for the future.

Scriptural wisdom is rooted in the understanding that life is communal in nature, that there is order, a structure greater than our will, and that growth in wisdom is possible because individuals are not perfect. What might scriptural wisdom teach us? It can impress on us that, despite forced separation,

maintaining relationships is an essential component of faith.

It can remind us that our own will and convenience are superseded by the common good; that all of us are trying to survive as best we can; and that that effort will forever be imperfect, flawed, and in need of the redemptive power of love.

The cloud of witnesses – the saints and blessed among us – lived in times of great turbulence and trial. They can model for us a way of responding to our own struggles with faith. With so many witnesses throughout history, we can safely claim that there is no one “right” way, that fidelity to the Good News will take varied expressions, shaped by historical circumstances.

The story of Vietnamese bishop, theologian and philosopher Francois-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan (1928-2002) moved me to look at freedom and living each day in a new way. He was imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for 13 years – nine of which he spent in solitary confinement – before he was exiled to Rome. He wrote: “While in prison, everyone waits for freedom, every day, every minute. We must live each day, each minute of our life as though it is the last.”

How can we do that? Only by finding God in the mundane, in the ordinary that creates the warp and weft of life, and by responding to that presence accordingly. Finding God and emerging with grace are two sides of the same coin: For what is grace if not the presence of God?

So I ask: Would it make a difference if we acknowledged with the poet that our world is charged with the splendor of God? How can our ministry to and with others proclaim with a clear and authentic voice that we – in the midst of suffering humanity – are holy ground?

St. Augustine’s words challenge me to break down the vestiges of idolatry lurking in our categories of sacred and profane:

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you.

For me, a spirituality of hope is steeped in what the Church calls sacramental imagination: the ability to recognize the divine presence in created reality, both now and in the past.

We are aided in nurturing sacramental imagination by visual arts, literature, poetry, architecture, music – by beauty, reflection and community. A spirituality of hope is rooted in God’s faithfulness evidenced throughout human history and bolstered by accepting that God-with-us is also God-for-us.

On that day in mid-August, a group of ordinary men and women decided to engage with one another and form a community, albeit a temporary one. Through common prayer, reflections and conversations, our eyes and hearts were opened to seek and find, to respond to the Spirit’s guidance in our life.

At the end of the day, I was exhausted but thrilled that God’s presence was palpable – even via Zoom – and we all had a chance to emerge with grace.

Kovacs is director of continuing formation and associate director of the Graduate Theology Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. ✝



Photos clockwise from top left: Deacon Corey Bruns prays during his ordination to the diaconate on June 20 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, KY.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, and Br. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, bake pizza for the monastic community on August 8. They are among the monks who have spent extra time baking treats during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The monastic community prays during the priesthood ordination of Fr. Lorenzo Penalosa on August 30.

President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, blesses the seminary faculty during a school-wide prayer service in St. Bede Theater on August 31. Deacon Brian McCaffrey holds the book.

Geese rest by a pond on the Saint Meinrad campus as the sun rises on August 24.



STATUES:

Stone carver brought his talents to Saint Meinrad

By Fr. Meinrad Brune, OSB, and Br. Stanley Rother Wagner, OSB

St. Benedict reminds his monks in Chapter 57 of the *Rule* that the artisans of the monastery should “practice their craft with all humility” (*RB 57:1*). Here at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, many artisans have used the gifts and talents God gave them – creating works of art from stone, wood, metal and glass.

One artist who left examples of beauty around our Hill is Herbert Jogerst (1912-1993). Probably most famous for his statue of “Christ of the Ohio,” which looks over the Ohio River at Troy, Indiana, Jogerst was born in Munich, Bavaria, and studied sculpture in the French city of Strasbourg.

At the start of the Second World War in 1939, he was drafted into the German Army, despite not belonging to any Nazi societies. During the war, he was captured by Allied soldiers and sent as a prisoner of

war to Camp Breckenridge in nearby Kentucky.

Fr. Peter Behrman, OSB (1896-1991), a monk of Saint Meinrad, ministered to the prisoners at Camp Breckenridge because he spoke German. It was there that Jogerst came to Behrman’s attention. Behrman saw a clay crucifix – which eventually made its way to a Lutheran church in Tell City, Indiana – Jogerst had made.

In 1949, Behrman invited Jogerst to Saint Meinrad to contribute his talent of stone carving for the expanding monastery and its seminary.

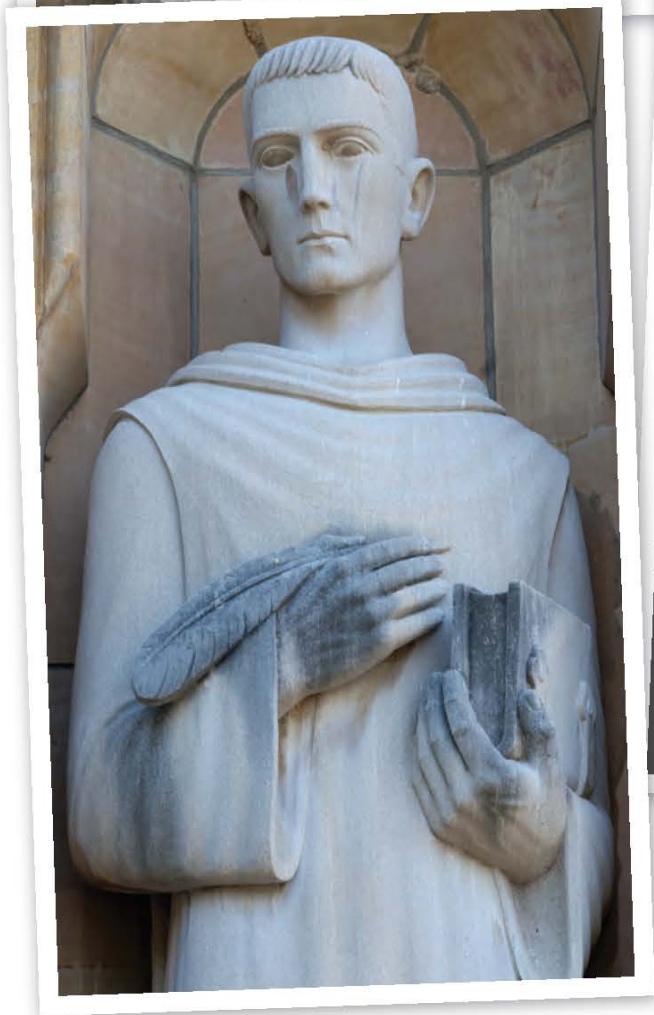
Jogerst’s work can still be seen on the Hill. He sculpted the statues of Our Lady of Einsiedeln, St. Benedict, and St. Scholastica on the west façade of the Archabbey Church; the prominent statue of St. Bede on the west side of St. Bede

Hall; and the life-size effigy of Christ the King along the south wall of the Guest House. Jogerst also created the motifs on the front façade of St. Bede Hall.

The statue of Bede was carved from Indiana limestone. The statues of Mary, Benedict, and Scholastica were carved from pink Tennessee marble. Fr. Rupert Ostdick, OSB (1921-2017), the monastery treasurer during this time, wrote that Jogerst was industrious, loyal and honest.

After Jogerst completed his work for Saint Meinrad, he headed south to sculpt statues for the newly established St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama.

If you wish to learn more about Herbert Jogerst and his artistic work at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, please contact the Archives at archives2@saintmeinrad.edu or at (812) 357-6740. ✚



Clockwise, from top left: Some of Herbert Jogerst's work includes statues of St. Benedict, Our Lady of Einsiedeln, and St. Scholastica, all on the front of the Archabbey Church.

A collage of old photos shows works in progress.

St. Bede is depicted holding a quill and book.

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Mr. Richard E. Berndt O'52 ('41-43), of South Bend, IN, died on April 25, 2019.

Mr. William Bohnert O'58 ('54-58), of Louisville, KY, died on July 25, 2020.

Mr. Thomas H. Breidenbach O'56 ('44-56), of Phoenix, AZ, died on January 4, 2020.

Mr. Douglas M. Emerine O'72 ('64-65), of Johns Island, SC, died on May 10, 2015.

Mr. Lawrence D. Foushee O'64 ('58-61), of Louisville, KY, died on July 19, 2020.

Mr. Edward G. Galluzzi O'77 ('69-70), of Strongsville, OH, died on August 7, 2020.

Mr. Richard V. Grannan O'63 ('52-53), of Evansville, IN, died on August 12, 2020.

Mr. Ronald Hopkins O'70 ('58-62), of Indianapolis, IN, died on September 22, 2019.

Mr. Paul F. Horlander Jr. O'72 ('60-67), of Tell City, IN, died on May 25, 2020.

Mr. Wayne Thomas Huff O'65 ('53-56), of Portsmouth, VA, died on July 5, 2020.

Mr. Matthew Kalo O'68 ('56-58), of Riverview, MI, died on November 1, 2019.

Dr. David L. Kissel O'62 ('50-58), of Newburgh, IN, died on May 18, 2020.

Fr. Joseph A. "Doc" Lyon O'50 ('41-50), a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on June 1, 2020.

Fr. John O'Keefe O'68 ('62-68), a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, MI, died on May 28, 2020.

Sr. M. Gertrude Anne Otis, CSC, SS'80, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, IN, died on February 17, 2019.

Fr. Leo C. Schmitt O'56 ('50-52), a priest of the Diocese of Covington, KY, died on June 6, 2020.

Mr. John Schoettelkotte O'60 ('48-60), of Cincinnati, OH, died on May 29, 2020.

Mr. Lawrence C. Sennish O'51 ('43-47), of Sandusky, OH, died on August 3, 2020.

Fr. James E. Steinle O'53 ('48-49), a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, OH, died on May 23, 2020.

Fr. Thomas T. Tibbs O'73 ('65-69), a priest of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on May 20, 2020.

Ms. Jane Frances Till MTS'88 ('83-88), of Fort Wayne, IN, died on June 24, 2020.

Mr. Robert B. Vollmer T'97 ('92-97), of Evansville, IN, died on May 20, 2020.

Mr. Charles E. Wyeth O'68 ('60-64), of Indianapolis, IN, died on June 18, 2020.

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 Board members approved

Six alumni were approved to join the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors.

- **Deacon Mark H. Desmond O'77 ('73-76)**, former vice president of mission integration for Mercy Health (formerly Catholic Health Partners) and permanent deacon for the Diocese of Nashville, TN. He lives in Wildwood, MO.
- **Mr. Todd B. Gungoll C'97 ('93-97)**, principal of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Grade School in Oklahoma City, OK.

Four current board members will serve second terms on the board:

- **Dr. Jared Bryson C'97 ('94-96)**, is vice president of mission and church relations at Mercy Health System in St. Louis, MO.
- **Mr. Christopher Carr C'94 ('91-94)** serves as chief of staff/program manager at Cardinal Health in Dublin, OH.
- **Mr. Kevin McNamara O'78 ('70-72)** is a retired airport executive in Orlando, FL.
- **Mrs. Carrie Williamson MTS'14 ('11-14)** is pastoral associate at St. Patrick Catholic Parish in Louisville, KY.

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Dr. Charles Binkley C'89 ('85-89) has been named director of bioethics at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. Previously, as a surgeon at Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco, he was chairman of the Medical Center Ethics Committee, president of the professional staff, and chief of inpatient quality.

Deacon Allen Boedecker SS'90 ('87-90), of St. Louis, MO, will be studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA, starting this fall.

Mr. Michael Gramelspacher C'76 ('72-76), of Jasper, IN, retired on May 1, 2020, from Saint Meinrad Archabbey. He served as director of human resources for most of his 37 years of employment.

Fr. Doug Hunter T'16 ('09-16), pastor of St. Roch Parish and School in Indianapolis, IN, was a member of a panel of black Catholic school educators who participated in a discussion, "The Catholic School Response to Systemic

Racism," on June 10. The event was sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association.

Fr. Joseph LaBelle, OMI, T'87 ('82-84) is on the faculty of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He recently published a book, *From Strength to Strength: Seven Timeless Virtues for Christian Discipleship* (Wipf and Stock).

Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, MTS'97 ('90-96), of Mount St. Joseph, KY, was featured in *The Record*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, for her work in donating water filters to the Navajo Nation. During COVID-19, Native Americans have been infected at higher rates than elsewhere in the country. Adding to the problem is that a third of households do not have safe drinking water. She is director of the nonprofit, Water With Blessings.

Dr. Thomas Malewitz T'07 ('05-07), of Louisville, KY, has written a book that explores adolescent spirituality through

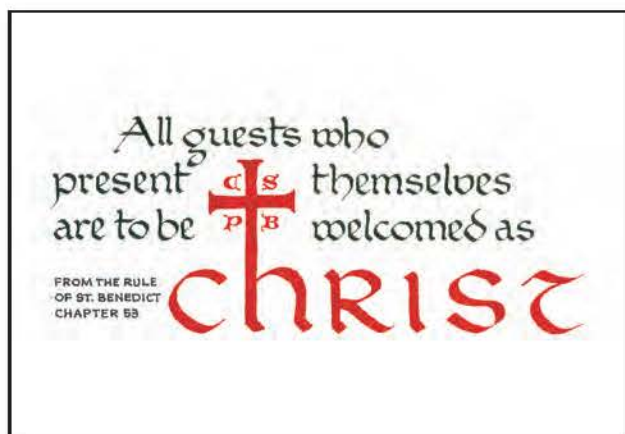
the lens of Thomas Merton's writings. *Authenticity, Passion, and Advocacy: Approaching Adolescent Spirituality from the Life and Wisdom of Thomas Merton* was published in July by Wipf & Stock. The author teaches at St. Xavier High School in Louisville.

Fr. Alan Phillip, CP, O'67 ('65-67), of Sierre Madre, CA, has published a booklet to bring people back to church, *The Many Facets of Sunday Mass*. It is available on Amazon, but it is discounted by emailing yes2life@prodigy.net.

Fr. Mason Wiggins O'83 ('76-77) was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of St. Augustine, FL, on June 20. Previously, he had a career in law and politics before entering the seminary four years ago.

Sr. Jean Anne Zappa, OSU, SS'84 ('80-84), a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, KY, was elected president of the Leadership Circle that will guide the community from 2020 to 2026. **Sr. Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU, T'04 ('98-03)** was chosen as a councilor. ✝

Alumni Annual Giving Program supports the future leaders of the Church



To supporting ministry opportunities, spiritual formation, and world-class theological education, alumni gifts to Saint Meinrad help prepare the future leaders of the Church in many ways.

As in years past, alumni showed their passion for supporting their alma mater with gifts totaling \$774,732.43 during fiscal year 2019-20 – an impressive 23.3% response rate.

“Year after year, alumni show they are committed to providing exceptional formation opportunities for today’s students,” says Christian Mocek, director

of annual giving. “Their generosity is one of Saint Meinrad’s greatest blessings. And they can be proud of the work they help make possible.”

Giving every year continues a long tradition of alumni supporting the formation of future ministers of the Church. Alumni can give to Saint Meinrad online, by phone, or by mail in response to the kickoff of the 2020-2021 Annual Alumni Giving Program mailed in late August.

Those who make a gift of \$200 or more to the Alumni Annual Giving Program, or are first-time donors making a gift of \$100 or more, will receive an 8x10 print of original calligraphy by Saint Meinrad’s Fr. Mateo Zamora, OSB, printed on high-quality paper and embellished with red foil (see photo). ✝



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Virtual Alumni Reunion Presentations are available on website

On August 1 and 2, the 2020 Alumni Reunion was hosted with virtual events for the first time in its history. More than 200 alumni registered for the livestream opportunities at no cost. All events were recorded and can be viewed on the alumni website, <https://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/reunion>.

The reunion began with Vespers in the Archabbey Church on Saturday evening. During the intercessions, Fr. Jeremy King, OSB, O'75 and Fr. Justin DuVall, OSB, O'78 read the names of the deceased alumni since the 2019 Alumni Reunion.

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, gave a live update on Saint Meinrad. Chris Carr C'94, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Joe Oliveri, director of alumni relations, presented on the state of the association. Afterward, Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB, director of Graduate Theology Programs, hosted a virtual happy hour for alumni of the program.

Sunday included livestream presentations from faculty and alumni of Saint Meinrad on a range of interesting topics. Presenters were: Dr. Kimberly Baker, Dr. Jared Bryson C'97, Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB, Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, and Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB.

The live events concluded with the keynote address by recent alumnus and Catholic musician Steve Angrisano MA'19. He spoke about ways to cultivate "a culture of grace" in the Church. He remarked on how the Benedictines model this: "When the *Rule of St. Benedict* says, 'treat all visitors as Christ,' it's irresistibly radical, but it's also powerfully intimate."

To view any of the presentations, go to <https://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/reunion/presentations>.

A collection of virtual tours also is available on the alumni website. These include the Archabbey Church, St.

Thomas Aquinas Chapel, Abbey Caskets workshop, Monte Cassino Shrine, and The UnStable.

If you have questions about the Alumni Reunion, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@saintmeinrad.edu. ✝

Saint Meinrad
DAY OF SERVICE
has been set for
March 13, 2021
Watch for more details!