“There is a great need in the Church for trained spiritual directors,” explains Kyle Kramer, director of the Lay Degree Program in Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. “Pope Benedict has said that every Christian wanting to grow in discipleship should have a spiritual director, and there aren’t nearly enough to meet that need.”

Spiritual directors listen actively to help their clients discover God’s presence in their lives and to aid them in discernment, spiritual growth and maturity.

There are no professional standards for becoming a spiritual director, but Kramer says Saint Meinrad’s new Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction program sets a high bar, giving potential directors the theological, spiritual, psychological and practical resources they need to do their work well.

The program begins on January 27 with 12 students. The three-year curriculum includes 12 credits of coursework and six in a supervised practicum. The program will follow a cohort model, where all 12 students will start the program together and move through it together.

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Director of Lay Degree Programs

“The experience of the program is so intense that it requires community support and accountability,” says Kramer. “We’re not about making individual soldiers; we’re about training people who know and understand the importance of community.”

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Monks’ Personals

Fr. Anthony Vinson was a facilitator for the Fund for Theological Education’s Leaders in Ministry Conference. The annual conference was held June 19-23 in Nashville, TN.

Fr. Joseph Cox represented Saint Meinrad Archabbey at the annual meeting of the American Benedictine Academy in Duluth, MN, August 1-5. The theme was “Seek Peace and Pursue It.”

Fr. Bede Cisco was honored by his elementary school, Little Flower Catholic School in Indianapolis, on November 3 as a Distinguished Alumnus.

Fr. Harry Hagan wrote a hymn for gatherings of priests and presbyterates titled “Lord and Teacher You Have Called Us.”

Fr. Patrick Cooney was elected to the Board of Governors of the Canon Law Society of America.

Fr. Christian Raab received the “Campus Partner of the Month” award for the months of August and September from the Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life at The Catholic University of America.

Fr. David Rabenecker was appointed as the program evaluation specialist for Chaplaincy Services, in the Federal Prison Bureau. The position will entail traveling twice a month and evaluating the Religious Services Programs in all of the federal prisons.

Br. Martin Erspamer is a member of an Environmental Stewardship Committee that has been established by the archabbot. The committee will review and exercise ways to continue respecting and conserving natural resources and the environment, which reflect both the Benedictine value of respect for material goods as well as the theological principles so often spoken of by Pope Benedict.

Archabbot Justin DuVall, Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, Br. Benjamin Brown and Br. Flavian Schwenk joined Bishop Charles Thompson and the current pastor, Fr. Gregory Chamberlin, at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville, IN, on December 2 to celebrate a year-long observance of its centennial.

Fr. Cyprian honored with three awards

Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, is the recent recipient of three honors.

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) gave its Lifetime Achievement Servant of Christ Award to Fr. Cyprian on July 21, during its conference in Indianapolis. Also honored with the award were Beverly Carroll and Jacquelyn Wilson.

The Servant of Christ Award is a new award developed by the leadership of NBCC to recognize those who personify Christian servant leadership in the African-American community.

On December 3, Fr. Cyprian received the 2012 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS).

The Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions over an extended period of time to the field of history and/or the affairs of IHS.

The American Catholic Historical Association awarded Fr. Cyprian the Distinguished Teaching Award on January 5. The honor is given annually to a college or university professor who has demonstrated a high commitment to teaching beyond the expected requirements of the position and, through his or her influence and skill, has promoted Catholic studies from one generation of scholars to another.

One of Fr. Cyprian’s major projects, his 1990 publication The History of Black Catholics in the United States, resulted from his search for the documents and stories of African-American Catholics. In 1991, this book received the prestigious John Gilmary Shea Award from the American Catholic Historical Association.

In collaboration with others, he wrote or edited many other notable publications, such
Fr. Cyprian has traveled internationally, giving presentations on the development of monastic archives at monasteries in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Togo. He also taught Church history at abbeys in Senegal and Nigeria. His commitment to historical education in Africa represents an effort to nurture the roots from which has grown the community whose life he has chronicled.

Fr. Cyprian is professor emeritus of Church history at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library and School of Theology.

Monk authors national paper on youth liturgy

Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, is the author of a new document that creates pastoral guidelines for dioceses and parishes to foster full, conscious and active participation of adolescents in all liturgical celebrations of the Catholic Church.

The paper, For Ages Unending: The Ministry of Liturgy with Adolescents, was recently approved by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) and now goes before the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) in February.

The FDLC received a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, under the auspices of the Lilly Endowment, to bring together members of FDLC and NFCYM to work on the project. Fr. Godfrey was a member of the 12-person task group.

The new document was the culmination of a review of the previous paper issued in 1997, From Age to Age: the Challenge of Worship with Adolescents.

Fr. Godfrey is pastor of St. Mary Parish in Huntingburg, IN, and teaches sacramental and liturgical theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Longtime librarian Fr. Simeon dies

After several years of steadily declining health, Fr. Simeon Daly, OSB, age 90, monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died in the monastery infirmary on November 10. He was a jubilarian in profession and priesthood, and a participant in the Rush Religious Study on Aging and Alzheimer’s.

Fr. Simeon was born in Detroit, MI, on May 9, 1922, to Philip and Marguerite (Ginzel) Daly, and received the name Philip John at his baptism. After his elementary education in Monroe, MI, he enrolled in the minor seminary at Saint Meinrad. Invested as a novice in 1943, he professed his simple vows on August 10, 1944, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1948.

Fr. Simeon was appointed assistant librarian in the Archabbey Library in 1949, and that year received an STL degree from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Two years later, he received from that university a Master of Science degree in library science. On August 16, 1951, he was appointed head librarian, a position he would hold for the next 49 years.

Throughout his 51 years in the library, Fr. Simeon was a member of virtually every library association connected with the Church, seminary education and the Midwest. Among these was the American Theological Library Association, for which he served as president from 1979 to 1981.

Fr. Simeon was instrumental in the planning of Saint Meinrad’s new library, dedicated in 1982. Having already managed the library for over 30 years, he devoted the next 20 to introducing and integrating new technologies into the library’s holdings and procedures.

The history of Saint Meinrad Archabbey will identify Fr. Simeon most closely with his work in the library, but neither his contributions nor his interests ended there. He served as the monastery’s Master of Liturgical Ceremonies during the challenging 10-year period preceding, during and following the Second Vatican Council.

He was chair or a member of the monastery’s Liturgical Committee for many years, and served as subprior (third in leadership) from 1975 to 1978. He contributed to the monastery’s music with his clarinet, and was delighted that, at the age of 90, he made a cameo appearance on Facebook – a five-minute video posted by Saint Meinrad’s summer “One Bread, One Cup” participants, who applauded loud and long when he displayed his still-under-development keyboard skills with a sincere rendition of “Someone was There.”

Always having a personal project to attend to, Fr. Simeon had recently completed charting the graves of his almost-300 confreres in the monastery’s cemetery.

Convinced he had learned valuable lessons in his seven decades as monk and priest, he was determined that others benefit from his experience. His Finding Grace in the Moment: Stories and Other Musings of an Aged Monk was published in 2005, and he narrated much of its content onto a set of three audio CDs.

He wrote several pieces on aging for the various Notes series of the Abbey Press, including “Aging Gracefully to Make Dying Worthwhile.” Most recently, he assisted with writing projects in the Development Office.

The funeral liturgy was held on November 14, in the Archabbey Church, followed by burial in the Archabbey Cemetery.
Events on the Hill

February 8-10
Guest House Retreat: “Building Family Love” by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB.

February 26
Black History Lecture given by Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB.

March 1-3

March 8-10
Guest House Retreat: “Forgiven and Forgiving” by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB.

March 12
Thomas Lecture given by Matthew Levering, professor of theology at the University of Dayton.

March 15-17
Guest House Retreat: “Tuning up for Easter” by Fr. Joseph Cox, OSB.

March 27-31

April 12-14

April 19
National Players’ presentation of “Romeo and Juliet.”

April 20
National Players’ presentation of “Animal Farm.”

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New Abbey Press book authored by Br. Francis de Sales Wagner

“The Cross disturbs many; suffering and sin are realities we’d rather not think about,” says Benedictine monk Br. Francis de Sales Wagner. “However, viewed through the eyes of faith, it offers us not an escape from our troubles, but a means by which the unholy is sanctified and death is transformed into sure and certain life through the Resurrection.”

Beneath the artwork for each station is the English translation of the Latin inscription, provided by Fr. Simeon Daly, OSB. Both Fr. Simeon and Fr. Donald were monks of Saint Meinrad until their deaths in 2012.

“I have written each reflection in view of the corresponding artwork, but it is worth mentioning that Fr. Donald’s Stations of the Cross, which existed decades before this book, serve as a splendid meditation in and of themselves, and I hope the English translations are an aid in that respect,” says Br. Francis.

Published by Abbey Press, The Way to Eternal Life is available under the Path of Life imprint for $10.95 at the Scholar Shop bookstore, the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop and online at pathoflifebooks.com.

Saint Meinrad monk Br. Francis is an editor and writer for Path of Life Publications at Abbey Press. He also serves as a conference presenter for the Benedictine oblate program and as a spiritual director. He is the author of several pastoral care publications and spirituality articles, and is editor of the book Sacred Rhythms: The Monastic Way Every Day.

A hot, dry summer gave way to a beautiful autumn on the Saint Meinrad campus.
Saint Meinrad blog launched

A new blog launched in early November on the Saint Meinrad website. “Echoes from the Bell Tower” features reflections on Christian faith, spirituality and everyday events, by authors with a connection to the Benedictine values found at Saint Meinrad Archabbey and the Seminary and School of Theology.

Contributors include students, permanent deacons, alumni, Benedictine oblates and Saint Meinrad monks.

“The goal is to tell the story of Saint Meinrad (the place) in a very human and very natural way,” says Tim Herrmann, director of alumni relations. “We aim to give readers a glimpse into the lives of those who have been educated here or who have encountered something meaningful in their time spent on the Hill.”

A new article from a different author will be posted every week, and the last week of every month will feature a post of photographs that highlight the events and daily happenings on the Hill for that month.

The blog can be read at http://www.saintmeinrad.org/seminary-blog/echoes-from-the-bell-tower/. If you would like to be a contributor to the blog, please contact Mary Jeanne Schumacher at mschumacher@saintmeinrad.edu.

Sign up for the e-newsletter

If you’d like to receive brief updates on what’s happening at Saint Meinrad, you can sign up for a free e-newsletter. Every few weeks, you will receive a newsletter in your email’s inbox.

To sign up, go to the “Newsletters” link on the bottom of the front page of the website: www.saintmeinrad.edu. Or, send an email to news@saintmeinrad.edu
Meet Student:
Ned Berghausen

Hometown: Louisville, KY
Degree studying for at Saint Meinrad:
Master of Theological Studies

Q. When did you begin your studies?
August 2009

Q. What influenced you to begin studying for a master’s degree in theology?
I started my studies because I wanted to deepen my knowledge of theology. I teach Social Justice and World Religions at Mercy Academy in Louisville, and my students always have tough questions. I also deeply love learning and no doubt will always be studying something.

Q. What else are you doing besides seeking a master’s degree (work, family, volunteer work)?
I teach an undergrad class at Bellarmine University on peacemaking and genocide. I am also an assistant instructor of Taekwondo and a second-degree black belt.

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Q. Favorite Scripture verse and why?
“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love....” I John 4:7-8
This verse reminds me of the essentials of the faith – the law of love – and that the Gospel and Christian message are open to all people. It is sometimes tempting to think that my knowledge of theology gives me a privileged knowledge of God; however, it is love and not learning that pleases God.

Q. Hobbies?
I read a lot of science fiction and fantasy novels, and play video games and strategy games like Risk. I am also a big Red Sox and Notre Dame fan.

Q. What aspect of your coursework has been most rewarding?
I have most enjoyed digging deep into research projects. Dr. Alvis’ Church history courses have been a particular joy for that reason.

Q. What aspect of your coursework has been most challenging?
I took four courses one summer. That was a challenge!

Q. What plans, if any, do you have after you receive your degree?
I am considering applying for a PhD in theology.

Fr. Ron Knott’s book Intentional Presbyterates: Claiming Our Common Sense of Purpose as Diocesan Priests is available in three languages: English, Spanish and Swahili. By offering the book in more languages, Fr. Ron believes he can reach out to more people from different cultures and internationalize the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates program.

The books are available at the Saint Meinrad Scholar Shop, the National Federation of Priests’ Councils website and as an e-book from Amazon.com. Fr. Ron is the director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates.

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Former Blue Cloud monks return to Saint Meinrad Archabbey

Two new members have joined the monastic community at Saint Meinrad, but they’re far from novices. In fact, both monks are in their 90s.

Benedictines Fr. Cletus Miller and Abbot Alan Berndt are actually returning to Saint Meinrad, after being members of Blue Cloud Abbey in South Dakota for more than 60 years.

Blue Cloud was founded by Saint Meinrad in 1950 to serve the Native American missions of the area. Both Abbot Alan (he served as the community’s second abbot from 1970 to 1986) and Fr. Cletus are founding members of the abbey.

Fr. Cletus, 94, a native of Evansville, IN, professed his vows as a Benedictine monk at Saint Meinrad in 1939. He attended the seminary and was ordained in 1944. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to work in the missions in South Dakota. Schools and parishes there served the Sioux tribes.

Abbot Alan, 92, is from South Bend, IN. He professed his vows at Saint Meinrad in 1940 and was ordained a priest in 1945. Then-Fr. Alan joined his confrere in South Dakota as a missionary priest.

At that time, Saint Meinrad oversaw four mission communities: two in South Dakota and two in North Dakota.

Since its establishment, Blue Cloud continued that mission work until the 1970s, when the missions became parishes of the Catholic dioceses of Sioux Falls, SD, and of Fargo, ND. Subsequently, the monks continued their life of prayer and operated a popular retreat center. They also provided assistance at local parishes.

In recent years, the Blue Cloud community had not seen signs of renewal. Younger men were not joining the monastery and there had not been a solemn profession in more than 10 years. In August, the monastery decided to close and the remaining 15 members took up residence at other Benedictine monasteries.

For Abbot Alan and Fr. Cletus, that meant coming home to Saint Meinrad, where they began religious life more than 70 years ago. Both had visited Saint Meinrad over the years, but now have been warmly welcomed as they again become full-time members of the community.

NEW PROGRAM

A new program is planned to start every two years and individuals who graduate will receive a Certificate in Spiritual Direction.

The spiritual direction program will follow the same holistic approach as the other graduate programs offered at Saint Meinrad and embody its Benedictine values.

“Overall, the program aims for holistic formation: academic, spiritual, pastoral and human,” says Agnes Kovacs, associate director of the Lay Degree Program.

The development of the program is indicative of the strength of the Lay Degree Program. As a need in the Church is recognized, Saint Meinrad tries to respond with its available resources. “We have strong degree programs, but we are also branching out to fulfill other needs in the Church,” says Kramer. “We are expanding in new ways and it’s very exciting.”

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If you’ve made a gift to Saint Meinrad, your employer may offer a matching gift program that can double, or even triple, your gift.

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If you have questions about matching gifts, please contact Duane Schaefer or Doris Klem at Saint Meinrad at (800) 682-0988 or email dschaefer@saintmeinrad.edu or dklem@saintmeinrad.edu.
Kleber Gym renovation makes room for new UnStable

Work is now under way to renovate Kleber Gym, the yellow brick athletic facility built in 1930. When it’s finished, it will become the new home of the student pub, the UnStable.

The project, expected to be completed in March, includes the addition of a new heating and air conditioning system, energy-efficient windows, insulation and restrooms.

The UnStable has been located in Marty Gym since students built the rustic pub in 1970. However, that building is not as structurally sound as Kleber Gym, according to Saint Meinrad’s Director of Physical Facilities Pat Clark.

When the exercise and weight equipment in Marty Gym was moved into the new fitness area on the ground floor of Newman Hall, it was decided to move the UnStable to a new home as well.

Here’s how the improvements will look:

**Lower Level:** What used to be the two-lane bowling alley will become the main location for the UnStable with a kitchen and serving area, tables and benches, TVs, a pool table and restrooms.

**Second Level:** The basketball court will remain and the porch area will be enclosed to make room for additional tables and chairs, a bandstand area and restrooms.

Clark expects that Marty Gym will be demolished when the Kleber Gym renovation is complete and the UnStable has moved.

**St. Bede Theater**

The final work on St. Bede Theater is nearing completion. The theater was used as the staging area for the renovation work done in St. Bede Hall.

With that work complete, workers are reinstalling theater seats, repairing the ceiling, installing lighting, painting the walls and carpeting the aisles. According to Clark, the work should be done in early January.

As with the rest of the building, the theater will be cooled and heated with a new system that will allow events and performances to take place year round.

A platform is being installed near the stage that will make the theater more functional for lectures and other speaker presentations. Enhanced lighting and sound systems also will improve the theater experience, Clark said.

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**St. Bede Theater**

The UnStable will have an overflow section on the second level.

**Basketball games are suspended while the renovation is under way.**

The renovated theater in St. Bede Hall is almost complete.
Welcome to Ravens house

A new residence on the Saint Meinrad campus called Ravens is available for use by visiting families of monks or by monks who wish to stay there for vacation or retreat.

Ravens is located across the road from the Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center on the site of the former Ritter and Esser houses, which were torn down in March.

Br. Martin Erspamer, OSB, chose the interior furnishings and décor. The house is furnished with original paintings, woodcuts, handmade pottery and metalwork, reflecting the importance of the handmade object in an understated monastic aesthetic.

Br. Angelo Vitale, OSB, fashioned the drapes and other materials for the house and Novices Matthew Sprauer and Bradley Jensen helped unpack, move and set up the furniture.

Archabbot Justin DuVall, OSB, blessed The Ravens in a simple ceremony on November 1.

Fr. Stephen Snoich gives a reading at the blessing of the new Ravens house.
Photos tell the story of a busy fall

Monks process to the cemetery for the All Souls ceremony on November 2.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain and Sr. Mary Lee Hillenbrand joined dozens of youth and young adults on the first Benedictine Hills Pilgrimage from Ferdinand’s Monastery Immaculate Conception to Saint Meinrad Archabbey on October 13.

Seminarian Julio Barrera, right, decorates Mario Jacobo, center, with a red, green and white mohawk while Frank Lona cuts up avocados before the start of the Around the World party at Saint Meinrad on October 18.

Archbishop James Keleher of Kansas City, Kan., left, says goodbye to Archbishop Daniel Buechlein with Bishop William Higi of Lafayette, Ind., center, and Archbishop John Vlazny of Portland, Ore., right, following a visit on October 31.

Fr. Ron Knott enjoys ice cream with Marea and Tom Clark of Prospect, KY, in Jack’s Coffee Shop. The Clarks donated a soft-service ice cream machine for use by students and visitors to the coffee shop.

Fr. Jess Ty participates in a healthy cooking session at a “Gearing up to be a Pastor” workshop. He is a priest from the Philippines serving in the Diocese of Phoenix.
Fr. Joe Moriarty blesses the Marian Hall on the third floor of Newman Hall on September 20.

Dr. Lucy Lind Hogan of Washington, D.C., presents the John S. and Virginia Martin Lecture in Homiletics on October 2. At left is Dr. Richard Stern.

Seminarians pose for a portrait after playing a soccer match on October 20.

The runner-up trophy from the Conception Seminary volleyball tournament is presented to Saint Meinrad Vice Rector Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, by the team’s coach, Jerry Pratt of Evansville, IN.

Seminarians present the Advent Lessons and Carols service in the Archabbey Church on December 4.

Seminarians Martin Siebold, left, and Patrick Friend, dressed as Mario and Luigi, provide music for the Halloween Party in the UnStable on October 30.

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Fr. James F. Atkins O’75 (‘69-75), a priest of the Eparchy of Parma, died on October 9, 2012, in Copley, OH.

Mr. Robert N. Bell O’65 (‘53-58), of Indianapolis, IN, died on September 29, 2012.

Mr. J. Bernard Buren O’58 (‘55-56), of Louisville, KY, died on November 2, 2011.

Mr. Robert F. Cunningham O’57 (‘45-49), of Indianapolis, IN, died on October 19, 2012.

Fr. Timothy R. Davern O’78 (‘74-78), of the Diocese of Phoenix, AZ, died on August 30, 2012.


Mr. Joseph Eisenman O’57 (‘45-48), of Prescott, AZ, died on November 4, 2012.

Fr. Tom Fix, SCJ (S ’00), of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, died in Indonesia on April 21, 2012.

Mr. Robert A. Fowler O’75 (‘63-66), of Bethel Park, PA, died on December 22, 2004.

Mr. John L. Grenough O’55 (‘51-55), of Louisville, KY, died on October 12, 2012.


Fr. Robert P. Herald T’89 (‘85-89), of the Diocese of Austin, TX, died on October 7, 2012.


Mr. Harold Lents SPH (‘54-55), of Loogootee, IN, died on June 18, 2012.

Mr. Charles C. Macke O’58 (‘48-49), of Villa Hills, KY, died on December 24, 2011.


Mr. Michael Justin Mayer O’78 (‘71-72; ‘73-78), of Hazel Green, AL, died on September 5, 2011.

Mr. David P. McCaa O’66 (‘57-59), of Louisville, KY, died on April 24, 2012.

Mr. John A. McGinnis O’65 (‘55-57), of Bend, OR, died on August 29, 2012.

Fr. J. Joseph McNally O’58 (‘46-58), of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died on October 10, 2012.


Mr. Aloysius Preske SPH (‘45-46), of Evansville, IN, died on September 16, 2012.

Mrs. Rose Ranno (S ’00-09), of Chestnut Ridge, NY, died on November 3, 2012.


Mr. Paul D. Wiechart O’70 (‘62-63), of Defiance, OH, died November 25, 2011.

Mr. G. Thomas Woodward SPH (‘57-60), of Wadesville, IN, died on June 2, 2012.

Former college professor Dr. Steven Scheer, 71, died on May 26, 2012, at his home in Newburgh, IN.

Dr. Scheer taught English literature at Saint Meinrad College from 1972 to 1998. He also taught part time at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, IN, for about 20 years. In the mid-1990s, he taught for several years in the Liberal Studies Program at the University of Evansville.

A native of Hungary, Dr. Scheer left his homeland in 1959 at the age of 18, following the revolution in 1956.

After graduating from John Carroll University in Baltimore with a BA in 1967 and an MA in 1968, he earned a PhD in English from The Johns Hopkins University in 1974.

His first published book was a monograph on a Hungarian novelist (Kálmán Mikszáth). In 1990, he published Pious Impostures and Unproven Words: The Romance of Deconstruction in Nineteenth-Century America. Other books included Hollywood Values, Dancing with the Daffodils and The Heart Ages, But Doesn’t Grow Old.

Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery in Evansville in September.

College professor
Steven Scheer
dies in May

Save the Date.
July 27, 2013
Homecoming
July 29-31, 2013
85th Annual Alumni Reunion
Giving Thanks
By Marty Stout

Martin Stout ’88 (’84-’88) is a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

I admit it. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite civic holidays. I think it is one of my favorite holidays because retailers have not figured out how to commercialize it to the extent that they have the other holidays. In fact, the best the retailers can seem to do is to use Thanksgiving as a jumping-off point to Christmas. In short, Thanksgiving baffles the retailers.

Thanksgiving for me serves two purposes. The first, of course, is to look back and reflect on those things that God provides and to give thanks. However, I also think that Thanksgiving is planted nicely within the calendar to coincide with the beginning of Advent. Thus, not only is it a time to look back, but also a time to look forward and enter into Advent with grateful hearts open even more fully to God’s presence in our lives.

As I look back over the past year, I am thankful for so many experiences. As I was reflecting on the past year, I was surprised at how many of the experiences were rooted or connected to my time at Saint Meinrad. Twenty-four years after graduating, Saint Meinrad continues to find its way into my life and continues to impact me in so many ways.

I attended the Alumni Reunion in July and enjoyed all aspects of the program. As an Alumni Board member, I have come to appreciate the work and dedication that is needed to plan and coordinate the reunion, and those in the monastic community and the associates who work at Saint Meinrad are to be thanked for their efforts.

Although the programs were tremendous, I would have to say the highlight for me was the ability to engage with older alumni and listen to their stories about their time on the Hill. I enjoy the details and specifics they are able to recall about their experience and I gain a better understanding about our connectedness as alumni and our sacred responsibility to keep the story going.

In October, I had the distinct honor of attending the re-dedication ceremonies held to celebrate the completion of the Newman Hall and St. Bede Hall renovations. The weekend was a fitting tribute not only to the proud service that the two buildings have given the Saint Meinrad community, but also to those whose toils made the buildings possible in the first place.

Admittedly, the weekend was an emotional one for me, as I recalled walking the halls of Newman and Bede when I was a student and to realize that my experience of Meinrad somehow shaped those buildings to what they are today in a small, but significant way. In other words, my experience has now become part of the history that is Saint Meinrad.

Lastly, my Meinrad experience continues to impact me daily through my life in my friendships. I maintain a close circle of Meinrad friends whose friendship I cherish. Those friendships began at Saint Meinrad and remain strong today because of our common experiences and shared principles.

So, I give thanks for my Meinrad experience and the impact it has on my life today. I recognize that I have a sacred obligation to take my role seriously as being a part of the history of Saint Meinrad and in sharing the Meinrad story. I look forward with a grateful heart, confidently knowing that Meinrad has prepared me well to walk my journey.

Phonathon

Phonathon connects alumni

With the increased seminarian enrollment and the completed renovations to St. Bede and Newman halls, students will have plenty to talk about when they participate in this year’s Phonathon.

Every member of the student body will take part in at least one of the eight evenings in February and March that are dedicated to the Phonathon. They’ll take time off from their studies for an evening of connecting with alumni and others. For many of the newer students, this will be their first fund-raising event of this type.

“The annual Phonathon gives students an opportunity to share first hand with our alumni and friends the exciting news from the Hill,” says Associate Director of Annual Giving John Huether ’74, who organizes the event. “Students also have a chance to thank alumni for their past generosity and invite them to continue their support of our work of preparing future leaders for the Church.”

Through their annual gifts, Saint Meinrad alumni support classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities, library resources, upkeep of buildings and grounds, wellness activities and many other day-to-day operations.

Alumni whose gifts qualify will also receive this year’s premium, an attractive desk clock with Saint Meinrad’s logo.

The Phonathon will take place on the following dates: Feb. 19, 21 and 25 and March 4, 5, 11, 18 and 19.

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pastor of Holy Redeemer from 1984 to 1990 and then as pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago from July 1990 until October 1991.

Archbishop Tobin served as general consultant of the Redemptorist congregation from 1991 to 1997 and as its superior general from 1997 to 2009.

Archbishop Tobin speaks several languages including Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese and reads several other languages.
Mr. David Beckman O’63 (’51-57), of Louisville, KY, was honored recently as a 50-year member of the Kentucky Bar Association. He remains active as a labor arbitrator and, since 1969, has heard more than 3,000 labor arbitration cases.

Msgr. Jack Bendik O’67 (’59-67, ’92), of the Diocese of Scranton, PA, was honored recently with a street named in his honor in Pittston, PA.

Fr. Clyde Bonar T’84 (’80-84), of the Diocese of Orlando, FL, had an article published in Homiletic & Pastoral Review, titled “E Pluribus Unum: The Church’s Role.”

Fr. James Bromwich T’98 (’93-96), of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, has been appointed chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Nov. Bernard Cissell T’05 (’00-02), of Racine, WI, entered the Augustinian Novitiate with the Order of St. Augustine on August 10.

Mr. Mark Collins O’76 (’70-75) and his wife, Linda, of Madison, WI, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on November 26.

Dr. Michael F. Conrad O’66 (’55-66), of Tallahassee, FL, has published his 22nd book on applied spirituality, Resolving Spiritual Conflicts: Spirituality for Split-Religion Moms and Dads.

Mr. Charles Finkbiner O’68 (’57-60), of Carmel, IN, was honored as an outstanding alumnus at the all-class reunion of Little Flower Catholic School in Indianapolis, IN, on November 3.

Mr. Sean Gallagher T’01 (’95-03), of Indianapolis, IN, received a first place award from the Catholic Press Association in the Best Sports Photo category for a picture published in the July 1, 2011, issue of The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Fr. Francis M. George C’83 (’79-83), of the Diocese of Lansing, MI, celebrated his 25th jubilee of ordination with a special Mass at St. John Catholic Church in Howell, on September 16. He is in his 13th year as pastor of the parish. He also serves as chairman of the diocese’s Committee for Liturgical Design, ex-officio member of the Diocesan Worship Commission and a newly elected member of the Diocesan Assignment Commission.

Fr. John Giel O’78 (’74-78), of the Diocese of Orlando, FL, has been appointed vicar general and chancellor of canonical affairs for the diocese. He also serves as pastor of The Catholic Community of St. Paul in Leesburg and is executive producer of the Catholic Community Television Network.

Dr. Richard Gries O’73 (’62-64), of Haubstadt, IN, served as the grand marshal of the 2012 Sommerfest parade on June 23 in his hometown.

Fr. Kevin R. Huber T’91 (’83-91), of the Diocese of Gary, IN, was named dean of the LaPorte Deanery, while remaining administrator of Queen of All Saints Parish in Michigan City and director of the Office of Priestly Life and Ministry.

Fr. David W. Kime C’92 (’88), of the Diocese of Gary, IN, has been appointed dean of the Gary-Hobart Deanery. He is also pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Lake Station and chaplain of Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond.

Fr. Terry Langford C’88 (’76-88), of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, has returned to the VA chaplain ministry and currently is the lead Catholic chaplain at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center.

Fr. Michael O’Mara T’88 (’81-88), of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, and his garden near the St. Mary Parish rectory were featured in the archdiocesan newspaper The Criterion in July 2012. He believes growing tomatoes and raising chickens has helped him better connect with his parishioners.

Mr. James Paquette C’97 (’93-97), of Santa Claus, IN, began work as the coordinator of interactive communications for Saint Meinrad Archabbey on August 27.

Dr. Richard Poss O’70 (’58-64) has retired as professor of mathematics at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, where he taught for 42 years. He is past president of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national honorary mathematics society, and was editor of its journal.

Fr. Venantius “Vincent” Preske O’52 (’39-44), of the Diocese of Little Rock, AR, was profiled in the diocesan newspaper The Arkansas Catholic in August. He worked for 23 years as a Glenmary Home Missioners priest and then became a diocesan priest for the Little Rock diocese. A priest for 60 years, he is also a gardener and beekeeper.

Fr. Richard Puetz O Feb. ’45 (’39-44), of the Diocese of Lafayette, IN, was honored in 2012 for his 20-year service as spiritual director of the Kokomo St. Joan of Arc Legion of Mary.

Fr. John C. Reynolds T’90 (’82-90), of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, is the pastor of three parishes: St. Patrick in Corning, St. Bede in Kelly and St. Vincent de Paul in Onaga.

Very Rev. Samuel Russell, OSB, O’79 (’73-75), of Conception Abbey, Conception, MO, is president of the National Association of College Seminaries.

Fr. Keith Stripe T’96 (’90-96), of the Diocese of Toledo, OH, blessed the new iPods that were given to sixth, seventh and eighth graders at St. Joseph Maumee Preparatory School on August 24. He asked students to use the technology to gain knowledge that they can use to help and serve others.

Dr. Gene Tempel O’74 (’66-69) has been named a senior fellow in philanthropy and will lead the planning and organizing of the new School of Philanthropy at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus. It is believed to be the world’s first school dedicated to the study and teaching of philanthropy.

Mr. James G. Waldon O’82 (’74-78) was inducted into the Southeastern Indiana Musicians Hall of Fame on October 3. He is a teacher at St. Mary’s School in Aurora, IN; music director at
Deborah Hopkins LD’05 (’03-05), of Owensboro, KY, became the 15th recipient of the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award on May 14, 2012. The honor is presented annually to recognize a catechetical leader who has enhanced the catechetical ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro or in his or her parish.

Deborah is the director of religious education at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho, KY. In addition to her Master of Theological Studies degree from Saint Meinrad, she graduated in 2002 from Brescia University with a bachelor’s degree in pastoral ministry and completed ministry certification with the Ministry Formation Program.


Mr. Frank Zolvinski O’76 (’68-72), of LaPorte, IN, completed the rite of candidacy for the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Gary on September 26. He is one of seven men scheduled to be ordained in June.

At the fall meeting of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association, Dr. Darren Sroufe C’90 (’86-90, ’97-01) of Boonville, IN, was elected as the next board president. He will take office on September 1, 2013, and hold that position until August 31, 2015.

“The Alumni Association will greatly benefit from Darren’s leadership as president due in large part to his expansive background in law enforcement, chaplaincy, public affairs and family life,” says Tim Herrmann, Saint Meinrad director of alumni relations. “I am continually humbled by our alumni and their dedication to their alma mater, and I am excited to work with Darren and the Alumni Board to further strengthen the bridge built between our students and our alumni.”

Dr. Sroufe earned a bachelor’s degree in natural science from Saint Meinrad College and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He has a Doctorate of Divinity from Ashwood University and a PhD in law enforcement administration from Madison University.

A former police chief for Dupont, OH, Sroufe has 18 years of service on the Evansville (IN) Police Department, serving as chaplain and holding the rank of sergeant. He is the current commander of the Records Section and a crisis negotiation team professional. In 1999, he was the Evansville Police Department Officer of the Year. He was honored with the American Legion Citation of Exemplary Service in 2000.

He previously served on the Alumni Board from 1995-2001 and 2009-2011 and his current term began in 2011.

The Alumni Homecoming will be held Saturday, July 27, and include tours of the campus, Mass, and special events for both adults and children.

Also at the reunion, the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association will bestow the Distinguished Alumnus Award on Fr. Joseph Voor O’50 (’46-50) of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY.

Fr. Voor has served in various positions during his 60-plus years of priesthood, including as the first psychology professor at Bellarmine University, a national committee member of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and president of the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy. He currently serves as senior associate pastor at St. James and St. Brigid parishes in Louisville.

The next issue of the newsletter will outline the full program of events, along with registration information.

New leader named for Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR, was installed as the new archbishop for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on December 3 in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Pope Benedict XVI made the appointment on October 18.

Most recently, Archbishop Tobin served as the archbishop secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Archbishop Tobin, 60, succeeds Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, who was granted early retirement by Pope Benedict on September 21, 2011, for health reasons. Since that time, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne has served as the archdiocese’s apostolic administrator.

A Redemptorist priest, Archbishop Tobin is a native of Detroit. He was born May 3, 1952, and is the oldest of 13 children. He studied at Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, WI, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1975. He attended Mount Saint Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, NY, where he received a master’s degree in religious education in 1977 and a master of divinity degree in 1979.

Archbishop Tobin professed perpetual vows as a member of the Redemptorists on August 21, 1976, and was ordained a priest on June 1, 1978. He was ordained an archbishop on October 9, 2010, in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome following his appointment on August 2, 2010, by Pope Benedict as the archbishop secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

In that position, he worked in the Vatican to oversee the more than 1 million men and women in the world’s religious orders.

Archbishop Tobin has served as a parish priest in the inner city in Detroit and Chicago. As associate pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit from 1979 to 1984, he was responsible for ministering to the Hispanic community. He served as

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