Moving ahead: St. Bede Hall almost ready for new occupants

With renovations to St. Bede Hall winding down, Fr. Ron Knott, director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates (IPP), says he is most looking forward to using the St. John Vianney Center. “It’s something I’ve been dreaming about,” says Fr. Ron.

The St. John Vianney Center, located on the third floor of St. Bede Hall, will have a living room with a fireplace and library area, a teaching kitchen with a U-shaped bar where participants can observe and participate in meal preparation, four ovens, a dishwasher, a microwave, a clothes washer and dryer, a wet bar, a dining table that will seat 12 and a large pantry.

“Everything will be in one close area, where IPP program participants will be able to pray together, cook together and eat together,” says Fr. Ron.

The IPP staff plans to move from the fourth floor of Newman Hall to the second floor of St. Bede Hall in mid to late July. An outdoor entrance at the back of St. Bede Hall will lead directly to the IPP office.

When complete, St. Bede Hall will feature added guest rooms with amenities, air conditioning for St. Bede Theater, a new St. Bede Chapel, a meeting room on the fifth floor that will hold more than 200 guests and two meeting rooms on the third floor.

“As with a conference center, we will be able to do almost everything in one building.” says Fr. Ron. The newly renovated space will allow the IPP to hold regional or national conferences without disrupting classes in the Seminary and School of Theology.

Another Saint Meinrad department that is happily anticipating the move to St. Bede Hall is the Office of Group Accommodations.

Every year, Saint Meinrad sees an increase in guests staying on the Hill. Last year, the department hosted 102 groups totaling 3,393 guests.
Monks’ Personals

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein celebrated his 25th anniversary of episcopal ordination on March 2.

Fr. Timothy Sweeney gave the annual oblate retreat on March 20-22. The title was “Come Away by Yourselves to a Deserted Place and Rest Awhile: Mark 6:31.”

Fr. Christian Raab received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology on May 12 from the Catholic University of America.

Fr. Cyprian Davis received an honorary doctorate from Xavier University in New Orleans on May 12.

Fr. Barnabas Gillespie returned to the abbey June 3, and the parishes of St. Michael (Cannelton) and St. Pius (Troy) will return to the pastoral care of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Fr. Mark O’Keefe will be returning to the abbey on August 10 and will teach full time in the Seminary and School of Theology.

Fr. Godfrey Mullen has been appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish, Huntingburg, IN, effective August 10. He will continue to teach part time in the Seminary and School of Theology.

Br. Zachary Wilberding will assume some new responsibilities in the Seminary and School of Theology for the Lay Degree Program. In addition, he will assist part time in the monastery infirmary and will be the editor of the Community Bulletin.

Br. John Glasenapp received a grant/graduate assistantship from Fordham’s London Centre. It is a five-week course offered by the theology department on “Medieval English Heretics and Mystics.”

Fr. Raymond Studzinski was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for the Seminary and School of Theology for a two-year term.

Fr. Denis Robinson was re-elected president-rector of the Seminary and School of Theology for a second term. The term will run from 2013-2018.

Archabbot Lambert Reilly will return to the abbey on August 15 and has been assigned to help with spiritual direction in the Seminary and School of Theology, as well as continue his retreat work.

Fr. Adrian Burke has a new position as pastoral liaison for co-workers, effective July 1. He also assists with spiritual direction and teaches courses in spirituality in the Seminary and School of Theology. He served as business manager/treasurer of the Archabbey since September 2009.

Fr. Rupert Ostdick has been appointed to assist in the Office of Monastery Vocations.

Fr. Colman Grabert has been assigned to work with Br. John Mark Falkenhain in establishing and maintaining the Praesidium, Inc. program at Saint Meinrad for abuse risk management. He will also continue his work with Archbishop Daniel Buechlein.

Banner presents
Gregorian chant

A display about how Gregorian chant is practiced daily at Saint Meinrad Archabbey is now part of a rotating exhibit featuring traditional arts and culture in Indiana.

The display was created by Traditional Arts Indiana, a partnership between the Indiana Arts Commission and Indiana University of Bloomington.

The colorful exhibit shows a group of monks chanting, along with photos of the Archabbey Church and chant authority Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB. The portable banner measures three feet by seven feet.

The display is part of the Rotating Exhibit Network (REN), a program for libraries, historical societies, museums, galleries, visitors bureaus and other public venues throughout Indiana. The REN helps bring awareness of traditional arts and culture into Hoosier communities.
Three monks celebrate 50 years of monastic profession on May 27

The Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbe|y celebrated the 50-year jubilees of monastic profession of three of their confreres, Br. Angelo Vitale, Br. Flavian Schwenk and Fr. Matthias Neuman, on May 27.

Br. Angelo is a native of Connellsville, PA. He attended Cathedral Latin School from 1955-56, before attending St. Mary’s College in St. Mary, KY, from 1956-57. The following year, he came to St. Placid Hall at Saint Meinrad, a school for those interested in becoming brothers in the religious order.

He joined the monastery in 1960 and made his profession as a Benedictine monk on May 13, 1962. Since then, he has served in several capacities, including as a baker, barber, cobbler and tailor. Currently, Br. Angelo works in the tailor shop, where he sews and repairs the monks’ habits and fixes shoes and other leather goods.

Br. Flavian is a native of Jasper, IN. After graduating from Ireland High School in 1960, he came to Saint Meinrad and entered the monastery in 1961. He took his monastic vows as a Benedictine monk on May 13, 1962.

He has served in various capacities at Saint Meinrad, including as an assistant plumber, monastery house prefect, mail and delivery driver, and caretaker for the monastery rock garden. He also is an artist specializing in woodburning creations.

Fr. Matthias is a native of Huntingburg, IN. He came to Saint Meinrad in 1955 to attend high school. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Saint Meinrad College in 1964, a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1967, and licentiate and doctorate degrees in systematic theology at Sant’ Anselmo in Rome.

He joined the monastery in 1961, professing his vows as a Benedictine on August 15, 1962. He was ordained a priest on September 24, 1967. He taught theology at Saint Meinrad School of Theology from 1969 to 1981. The next year, he began an eight-year stint as professor of theology and director of the pre-theology program at Saint Meinrad College.

Other assignments have included director of the Summer Session Program, director of continuing education, and associate pastor and pastoral resource theologian for the Diocese of Nashville, TN. Currently, he serves as chaplain for Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, IN, and an adjunct professor for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

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people. Ten years earlier, in 2000-01, Group Accommodations hosted only 69 groups totaling 1,920 people. Group Accommodations also hosts individual guests and internal programs such as “One Bread, One Cup” participants and weekend lay degree students.

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Fr. Ron Knott
Director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates

The renovations to St. Bede Hall will aid the Office of Group Accommodations in its mission to set the bar higher and ensure that each visit is enjoyable.

Group Accommodations will be moving its office from the first floor of St. Anselm Hall into the new office on the first floor of St. Bede Hall by the end of July, and guest accommodations will be available August 12.

“The Office of Group Accommodations in St. Bede Hall will be inviting and open,” says Dawn Kleving, manager of Group Accommodations. “This type of atmosphere will create those ever-important first impressions of the Archabbey to new and returning guests.”

The newly renovated space will aid in the continued tradition of Benedictine hospitality, while providing more space for the Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology programs.

“In a day where institutions are shrinking and cutting back, we seem to be growing,” says Fr. Ron. “It’s a sign of great vitality and health of Saint Meinrad and a sign our donors believe in what we are doing and our vision in the future for the Church.”

See more photos on page 11.
Sr. Kateri Visocky, FSE, will take up the responsibilities of associate director of pastoral formation, working closely with Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB. Sister has been a student at Saint Meinrad for the past several years and received her Master of Theological Studies in May. She also has a master’s degree in music education and did graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Throughout most of her religious life as a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, she has been a music teacher. Other assignments have included catechetical work with the Filipino and Tlingit Haida cultures in southeast Alaska; teaching classes in conversational English to Japanese businessmen on campus in Duluth, MN; and a principal buyer for her community’s Little Portion General Store in the San Juan Islands.

Dr. Kimberly Baker will join the faculty as assistant professor of Church history, starting in the fall of 2012. Dr. Baker earned her PhD from the University of Notre Dame in 2008. She earned her Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1995, and completed her bachelor’s degree at Agnes Scott College in 1989. She served as assistant professor in the Department of Theology at St. Vincent College from 2008 to 2012.

Dr. Baker specializes in historical and spiritual theology. Her interest in theology first developed during her two-year post-college service experience as a campus minister in Cote d’Ivoire, West Africa. She continues to be involved in cross-cultural mission and learning experiences and has traveled in recent years to Haiti and India.

Ms. Debra Dyko will join the Saint Meinrad staff as the director of liturgical music. She comes with a number of years’ experience working in parishes and at St. John’s Seminary in California. She will be responsible for the daily musical life of the seminary while Sr. Bernardone Rock, FSE, will continue to direct the schola.

Ms. Dyko started playing for church services when she was 13 years old, and has played for churches ever since. In addition to being a church musician, she also writes music, and is published by GIA Publications. A Colleague of the American Guild of Organists, she also completed a master’s in organ performance.

Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB, after several years serving as associate director of pastoral formation, will take up new responsibilities in the Lay Degree Program. Working with Kyle Kramer and Agnes Kovacs, he will be responsible for developing programs in the area of pastoral formation.

Br. Zachary earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from the University of Iowa and worked as a nurse from 1975-1996. He joined St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville, MN, in 1996 and professed his final vows in 2000. He served as director of field education,
Fr. Peter Marshall will join the staff as associate director of spiritual formation. He will work at Saint Meinrad every other week while maintaining a position in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Fr. Peter graduated from Saint Meinrad and was ordained in 2009. He served from 2009 to 2010 at St. Barnabas Parish as associate pastor and is currently an associate pastor at St. Pius X Parish.

Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, succeeds Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, as vice rector. Fr. Godfrey will become pastor at St. Mary’s Parish in Huntingburg, IN. Fr. Godfrey will continue to teach in the area of liturgy and work with the summer youth liturgical leadership conference, “One Bread, One Cup.” Fr. Tobias spent 13 years as prior of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and will use that experience as he pursues the responsibilities of vice rector. Fr. Tobias will continue his work as a formation dean in the seminary.

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 link on the bottom of the front page of the website: www.saintmeinrad.org. Or, send an email to news@saintmeinrad.edu

Variety of new books unveiled

In recent months, three new books written by authors with ties to Saint Meinrad have been published.

DECIDING TO BE CHRISTIAN: A DAILY COMMITMENT

“Our lives are full of decisions,” says Fr. Mark O’Keefe, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. “Although we may not often think about it, the Christian life also is a decision, a life commitment.”

Deciding to Be Christian: A Daily Commitment, a new book by Fr. Mark, is a reflection of the Christian life and the foundation to a life following Jesus: its shape, scope, demands, unfolding, obstacles, supports, contexts and goals.

It’s easy to go through the motions of being a Christian or give in to worldly temptations, but deciding to live a Christian life daily will offer a deeper sense of joy in possessing something more important and enduring.

Fr. Mark states there is a difference between being transformed internally by Christ through baptism and actually living out that transformation in daily life. “If we have been baptized as infants, we must decide to embrace our new life in Christ daily,” he writes.

The book is based on Fr. Mark’s observations and experience as a pastor, teacher and his personal experiences as a Benedictine monk.

Deciding to Be Christian is offered to those who feel ready to embrace their Christian faith or want to know what that commitment would look like.

Each chapter ends with discussion questions that can be used by individuals, groups or retreats to reflect.

Published by Liguori Publications, Deciding to Be Christian is available for $12.99 at Saint Meinrad’s Scholar Shop bookstore and online at liguori.org and amazon.com.

Fr. Mark is an associate professor of moral theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and the pastor of St. Mary’s Parish in Huntingburg, IN. Deciding to Be Christian is his eighth book.

FROM SEASON TO SEASON: A BOOK OF SAINTLY WISDOM

Men, women and children who have been honored with the title of Saint or Blessed had lives comparable to our own, according to Br. Silas Henderson, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

The witness of their faith, courage, perseverance and dedication can help an individual recognize that everyone is called to the same union with God.

From Season to Season: A Book of Saintly Wisdom by Br. Silas combines words of wisdom from a variety of saintly men and women across six continents and representing nearly 2,000 years of Christian thought and prayer. The book was published in March by Abbey Press.

Br. Silas included original reflections and extended meditations on the solemnities and feasts of the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar.

“My hope is that these extended meditations will complement and expand the words of the saints themselves,” says Br. Silas.


With an entry for every day of the year, Br. Silas provides inspiration and understanding to serve as a starting point

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Br. Simon Baker, OSB  
Diocese/Religious Community: St. Benedict’s Abbey in the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS  
Hometown: Atchison, KS

Q. **What attracted you to the priesthood?**  
The attraction began when I first realized in college that Jesus Christ is not just some people’s concept of morality but a real person, a verifiable fact within history. From that point, I wanted to do everything I could to be close to this man who claimed to be God, was put to death and then rose from the dead. The same Jesus’ real, personal presence in the Eucharist was my awareness that I could do as I desired in a tangible way through the priesthood.

Q. **Favorite saint and why?**  
St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) stands out among the many of our saintly siblings who are dear to me, particularly for the humanity she exuded and the intensity of her spirit. She strikes me as a good conversation partner about everything from music preference to the highest of theological realities. Anyone who can discourse with God so familiarly and so humorously wins my admiration any day.

Q. **Favorite Scripture verse and why?**  
This question is even harder than the last! St. Peter’s confession, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68) has always resonated with me. It reminds me that when nothing else in life makes sense, Jesus does and that is enough.

Q. **Hobbies?**  
I am a big outdoors kind of guy: hiking, eating wild edibles, primitive camping, practicing fire by friction techniques, fishing, making sandals out of old tires, and the list goes on. I like spending time doing anything athletic, not watching so much but playing. Also, I am getting into reading in a big way – theological works certainly, but also recreational reading.

Q. **What aspect of seminary life has been most rewarding?**  
The camaraderie. You meet some of the best people on the planet in a seminary, the kind you can be lifelong friends with.

Q. **What aspect of seminary life has been most challenging?**  
Finding and maintaining a proper balance. Appropriate engagement in seminary life demands juggling a full-time, graduate-level, academic workload, fidelity to communal and personal prayer, many meetings and conferences, active involvement in pastoral ministry, commitment to making and maintaining friendships, time spent with hobbies for the sake of keeping sanity, etc. Because this aspect of seminary life is the most challenging, it has been simultaneously the area of greatest growth. Challenge stretches our capacity and induces us to rise to the occasion.

Q. **Best advice you have heard in seminary?**  
Pray your classes.

Q. **Other comments?**  
For those discerning a call to the priesthood and/or consecrated life, there are worse ways to spend a year or two than learning intensely about your faith, deepening your intimacy with God and making fantastic friends – all of which take place in seminary and religious formation. Why not give it a try?
NEW BOOKS

for one’s own journey of faith, following in the footsteps of saints.

“Although these quotations are drawn from men and women representing the Roman Catholic tradition, I believe that all people of faith will recognize the truth in their words and can benefit from their admonitions, advice and prayer,” he says.

Published by Abbey Press, From Season to Season is available under the Path of Life imprint for $14.95 at the Scholar Shop bookstore, the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop and online at www.carenotes.com/season.

Br. Silas is the managing editor of Abbey Press Publications and Deacon Digest magazine.

JUST FOR ME BOOKS™

Four books in the new Just for Me Books™ series offer children ages 4-8 advice on how to handle grief, fear, anger and making friends in healthy ways. The books, written by various authors, feature artwork from acclaimed illustrator Anne FitzGerald. The series was released in April by Abbey Press, with plans to release two more books in mid-December.

Death can be hard to understand, especially for children who are new to the experience. Being Sad When Someone Dies: A Book About Grief ... Just for Me! by Linus Mundy offers practical coping skills to help young readers understand their feelings of grief and reassures them things will get better. Mundy attempts to speak directly to the child in words he/she can understand.

Children face a lot of difficult things in life including fear. Sometimes I’m Afraid: A Book About Fear ... Just for Me! by Michaelene Mundy helps young readers understand what it means to be afraid and how to find courage and support in their friends and loved ones.

Anger is normal and everyone gets angry, but children often respond to anger by throwing tantrums, yelling or hitting. Being Mad: A Book About Anger ... Just for Me! by Molly Wigand helps children learn to understand and accept their anger and to express it in healthy ways.

Psychological studies show strong friendships lead to long, healthy and happy lives, but making friends isn’t a skill taught in schools. How To Be A Friend: A Book About Friendship ... Just for Me! also authored by Molly Wigand, introduces children to the values that make good friends and how they can become a good friend to others.

The Just for Me Books™ series is published by Abbey Press and is available for $7.95 each at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop and online at www.carenotes.com.

Linus Mundy has written several books for children and adults and has provided articles for religious publications. Mundy was the publisher of Abbey Press for several years and founder of the highly acclaimed series of CareNotes and Elf-Help Therapy books offered through Abbey Press. Mundy and his wife, Michaelene, wrote the Bringing Religion Home newsletter for several years.

Dr. Xi Lian of Hanover College spoke about the growth of Christianity in China, at the Thomas Lecture on March 13.

Michealene Mundy has written a number of books for children. She is a school and community counselor and has taught elementary school children. Mundy is the author of Sad Isn’t Bad and Mad Isn’t Bad, both books in the Elf-Help Books for Kids series offered through Abbey Press. She and her husband, Linus, live in Jasper, IN.

Molly Wigand is a writer and editor from Lenexa, KS. She has taught creative writing to adults and children. Wigand is the author of numerous children’s books including the Elf-Help Book for Kids Help is Here for Facing Fear offered through Abbey Press.

Anne FitzGerald is an internationally known artist and has written and illustrated over 200 children’s books. FitzGerald works from her studio in Limerick, Ireland, where she also teaches art at Liberty Christian School.

Abbey Press is operated by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

Dr. Carol Ruth Wiley, pastor of the United Methodist Church, Spiceland, IN, talks with Fr. Prior Kurt Stasiak, OSB, during Oblate Study Days.
Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were awarded master’s degrees on May 11 and 12. They accepted their diplomas from the Rt. Rev. Justin DuVall, OSB, archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and chairman of the school’s Board of Trustees.

The unavailability of Newman Theater due to renovations in St. Bede Hall and a larger-than-usual class of graduates led to scheduling two graduation ceremonies, both in the Archabbey Church.

The graduation address was given by Bishop Paul Etienne of the Diocese of Cheyenne, WY. A Tell City, IN, native, Bishop Etienne served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis until his appointment as bishop in 2009.

“Our challenge today, your challenge today as you go forth from this ‘holy hill’ as leaders in the Church, particularly as catechists, teachers and preachers, is to help people, first and most importantly, to have this encounter with the living Christ,” he told the graduates. “The great challenge in our Church today is to help our people live with a strong coherence between faith and every aspect of life.”

Receiving Master of Divinity degrees were:
Crispine Adongo and R. Aaron Wessman, Glenmary Home Missioners;
Anthony Baker, OSB, Assumption Abbey;
Romain Botta, OSB, Monastere de l’Incarnation, Togo;
Drew Braun, Seth Gogolin and Brian Lederer, Diocese of Duluth;
Jerry Byrd, Archdiocese of Indianapolis;
Mauricio Carrasco, Juan Manjarrez and Alejandro Puello, Diocese of Little Rock;
Dustin Collins, Diocese of Knoxville;
Brian Emmick and Jeffrey Read, Diocese of Evansville;
Patrick Hirtz and Dexter Noblefranca, Diocese of Memphis;
Guerric Letter, OSB, Conception Abbey;
Jacob Niemand, Diocese of New Ulm;
Dominic Petan and Travis Stephens, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana;
Stuart Priddy, Archdiocese of Louisville.

Receiving Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies degrees were:
Jose Caballero Andrade, Joseph Chan and Paul Goergen, Diocese of Little Rock;
Jeremiah Carter, Archdiocese of Mobile;
Charles Dunn, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau;
Kelly Edwards, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City;
Anthony Hollowell, Douglas Hunter and Matthew Tucci, Archdiocese of Indianapolis;
John Lijana, Diocese of Lexington;
Alexander McGauley, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana;
R. Sean Raley, Archdiocese of Louisville;
Adam Royal, Diocese of Knoxville;
Matthew Solyntjes, Diocese of Sioux City;
Philippe Tchalou, OSB, Monastere de l’Incarnation, Togo.

Receiving Master of Arts (Theology) degrees were:
Edward Berghausen, Stephen Bowling and Joshua Kusch, Louisville, KY;
Catherine Diaz, Mt. Vernon, IL;
Brian Edwards, Nashville, TN;
Steven Eischens, Alma, IL;
Maureen Grant, Indianapolis, IN;
James Huberman, St. Peters, MO;
Kevin Johnson, Roswell, GA;
David Miller, Mt. Carmel, IL;
George Rahman, West Terre Haute, IN;
George Sanders, Hot Springs, AR;
Donna Wenstrup, Bloomington, IN;
Jeffrey Wethington, Borden, IN.
Receiving Master of Theological Studies degrees were:
Arlene Bowyer, Rossville, IN;
Mary Chasteen, Greenwood, IN;
Minh Duong and Hai Nguyen, Epworth, IA;
Shayne Duvall and P. Stephan Phelps, Louisville, KY;
Adam Edwards, OSB, and Francis Wagner, OSB, St. Meinrad, IN;
John Evans, Depauw, IN;
Lisa Foster, Evansville, IN;
Neil Galbraith, Ann Arbor, MI;
Nancy Greenwell, Owensboro, KY;
William Hill, Nashville, TN;
Philip Johnson, Monteagle, TN;
Gregory Karn, Antioch, TN;
Michelle King, Morton, IL;
Stephen Mattern, Brimfield, IL;
Andrew Proctor, Indianapolis, IN;
Barry Reinholz, Hillsboro, OH;
Margaret Schroeder, Alexandria, MN;
Bevery Schweiss, Newburgh, IN;
Leonardo Soncaire, Nassau, Bahamas;
Kateri Visocky, FSE, Meriden, CT.

The Seminary and School of Theology also awarded certificates in supervision in homiletics to Therese Brennan, Louisville, KY; and Donna Schueler Murphy, Owensboro, KY. Philip Johnson, Monteagle, TN; Michelle King, Morton, IL; and Dr. Damian Zynda, Webster, NY; received certificates in supervision in the area of pastoral care and counseling.

Graduates are all smiles after the commencement ceremony, including Margaret Schroeder of Alexandria, MN, and Deacon William Hill of Nashville, TN.

Sr. Diano Pharo, SCN, laughs with faculty members as they line up for the procession into the Archabbey Church.

Deacon Scott Carroll, of the Diocese of Toledo, center, leads a prayer at the graduation Mass, with President-Rector Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB, left, and Bishop Paul Etienne of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Dr. Clayton Jefford leads the procession of faculty and students down the Memorial Lobby steps to the Archabbey Church.
A look at recent activities on the Hill

The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne presides at the diaconate ordination of John Kamwendo, kneeling, on April 14.

Seminarians John Kamwendo and Todd Nance lie on the church floor prior to being ordained deacons by Bishop Christopher Coyne.

Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, gave high-fives to the college ministerial interns after they scored a goal in the Ultimate Frisbee game against “One Bread, One Cup” participants on June 14.

Br. Thomas Fassler, OSB, gave a sermon titled “Einsiedeln: Life At a Marian Shrine” during a pilgrimage to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine on May 6.

Fr. Brice Bahouamio, a Congolese priest serving in the Diocese of Lexington, presides at Mass during the World Priest Program workshop held in April.
St. Bede, Newman renovations almost complete

New tables and chairs are ready for placement in the large conference rooms on the fifth floor of St. Bede Hall.

A small lounge on the third floor of St. Bede Hall offers lovely views of the surrounding area.

The Office of Group Accommodations will move into this space on the first floor of St. Bede Hall, providing easy access for visitor check-in.

Guests will be able to load and unload their belongings at the entrance to St. Bede Hall.

The St. John Vianney Center, on the third floor of St. Bede Hall, will serve participants in the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates.

The new location of the Scholar Shop bookstore will be on the first floor of Newman Hall.
AAGP kicking off

Alumni will be given several opportunities throughout the 2012-13 Alumni Annual Giving Program to pledge financial support to their alma mater.

Through annual gifts, Saint Meinrad alumni make possible classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities, upkeep of buildings and grounds, guest lectures and many other day-to-day operations that give students the same opportunities that alumni had when they attended Saint Meinrad.

“Our alumni have always been very generous in supporting Saint Meinrad,” says Duane Schaefer, director of development. “We couldn’t offer the quality programs we have without their support.”

The amount Saint Meinrad charges students for tuition covers only about 63 percent of the cost of their education. Annual unrestricted gifts through the Alumni Annual Giving Program help make up the difference between the school’s actual expenses and student charges. “This enables us to keep our tuition rates competitive with other seminaries,” says Schaefer.

Alumni whose gifts qualify will receive this year’s premium, a Saint Meinrad swivel desk clock. The clock features an analog display in modern black finish and the Saint Meinrad logo.

Alumni will qualify for the clock by making a gift of $200 or more or by making a first-time gift of $100 or more.

Alumni Eternal

Fr. Ivo E. Cecil O’54 (’50-54), of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died January 30.

Mr. Robert F. Comte Sr. O’50 (’42-44), of Toledo, OH, died January 6, 2011.

Mr. John E. Day O’68 (’55-58), of Indianapolis, IN, died December 20, 2011.

Mr. Stanley F. Drutis Jr. O’68 (’57-60), of Dormont, PA, died January 22.

Mr. Francis J. Elsner O’54 (’42-46), of Seymour, IN, died February 6.

Mr. Robert Frisz O’48 (’37-39), of Vincennes, IN, died April 16.

Mr. Bartholomew C. Fuerst O Feb. ’45 (’35-45), of Indianapolis, IN, died April 30.

Mr. Austin F. Groden O’58 (’50-52), of Cleveland, OH, died August 12, 2011.

Mr. Loras J. Hartung O’55 (’46-49), of Bellevue, IA, died September 18, 2011.

Fr. Everett Hemann O’71 (’69-71), of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, IA, died April 24.

Mr. Paul D. Horne O’80 (’73), of Toledo, OH, died January 24.

Fr. Edwin H Kastner O’51 (’47-51), of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, died May 1.

Fr. Charles J. Kraeszlig O’52 (’41-52), of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died May 10.

Mr. David J. Kwiat O’68 (’59-62), of Hummelstown, PA, died March 27.

Fr. Daniel R. Leeuw O’57 (’53-57), of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN, died March 17.


Fr. John E. Magel O’60 (’56-60), of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died April 15.

Mr. Philip Mauser O’69 (’57-59), of Pittsburgh, PA, died on February 23, 2001.

Mr. Robert J. Morris O’81 (’75-78), of Charlotte, NC, died October 7, 2011.

Sr. Eleanor Mueller, OSB SS’80 (’75, ’77-80), of Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, Crookston, MN, died April 3.

Mr. James P. McNulty O’48 (’37-41), of Indianapolis, IN, died December 7, 2010.


Mr. Paul E. Pearson O’57 (’45-46), of Indianapolis, IN, died March 15.

Mr. Gysbert Quaadman O’56 (’47-48), of West Brighton, NY, died March 20.

Mr. Edward F. Ramesh O’60 (’54-60), of Southlake, TX, died January 30.

Mr. Samuel E. Redlinger O’75 (’63-65), of Carmel, IN, died November 5, 2010.

Mr. Paul T. Reinitz O’71 (’59-62), of Evansville, IN, died May 10.

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Fr. Walter J. Seekamp O’79 (’72-75), of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, died February 24.

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Mr. Edmund W. Vanden Bush O’58 (’52-53), of Humboldt, WI, died January 31.

Mr. David L. Weintraut O’71 (’59-60), of Elizabethtown, IN, died December 18, 2002.

Sr. Ann Weller, CSJ SS’76 (’70, ’72-74), of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton, IN, died February 17.

Mr. Roger A. Worman O’57 (’45-46), of Teutopolis, IL, died February 26.
An invitation for a first-time visit

By Tim Herrmann
Director of Alumni Relations

“We were driving on the highway and decided to stop by.” I encountered a couple in their mid-40s, and they shared with me that this was their first time at Saint Meinrad. Then, to see the look in their eyes, they were in awe of Saint Meinrad. It reminded me of my first encounter with Saint Meinrad.

Everyone has their story of encountering Saint Meinrad for the first time – the awe, the peace, the questions they had.

Alumni remember their first time coming to the Hill. For some, it might have been with their parents in high school, or maybe it was from train stop to train stop, finally settling in on the Hill.

Yet others, such as our lay alumni, may have made an anxious drive to Saint Meinrad for their first weekend course, curious about what to expect.

Permanent deacon candidates likely encountered Saint Meinrad through a person, be it a monk or professor, in their diocese. Then, they, too, trekked here for a homiletics course, truly encountering the spirit of this Holy Hill in person.

Some flew across the ocean, landed at a nearby airport and then journeyed here for four to six years before returning home.

Saint Meinrad, for others, was in their back yard, and they grew up with Saint Meinrad as a major part of their lives.

Countless stories could be told about that first encounter.

No doubt, this took you back a few weeks, months or years to the first time you set foot on this 158-year-old Benedictine establishment high on a hill in southern Indiana. Your story is very unique, but it’s worth sharing with others.

My challenge to our alumni and our readers is to share your Saint Meinrad story with your friends, your family, fellow parishioners, those with whom you work or volunteer or others seeking a place for a retreat or an opportunity to grow in their faith through personal prayer and reflection.

Encourage families to take a weekend trip here for family renewal. Encourage individuals or married couples to look into one of our many retreat opportunities. Encourage a high school student to attend “One Bread, One Cup” or a college student to apply to be an intern for the program. Encourage a friend who is thirsty for theology to consider applying to the lay degree program. Encourage men who may be seeking more to consider visiting in order to discern a monastic vocation.

Your invitation and encouragement could lead to someone to becoming an oblate, a monastic, priesthood or diaconate vocation, a completed theology degree or the peace someone needs in his or her life.

Many first-time stories have been created by the many guests who have visited this Hill, and you have the opportunity to help others write their first-time Saint Meinrad story, too.

Who in your life might benefit from stopping by Saint Meinrad?

Save the date.

August 9, 2012
Gary Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

August 19, 2012
Louisville & New Albany Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

September 20, 2012
Evansville Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 16, 2012
Toledo Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

Three retiring members of the Board of Overseers were honored on April 27. From left are Bernie Niehaus, Vincennes, IN; Mary Kay Wolford, New Albany, IN; and Don Mucci, Louisville, KY.
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Fr. Thomas Bailey, OSB T’04 (’96-98, ’00-04), an instructor at Conception Seminary College, Conception, MO, presented a paper at the 2012 Mid-America Medieval Association annual conference at Kansas State University on February 25. He has been accepted into the doctoral program at the University of Missouri-Columbia to begin studies in the history of Medieval Slavic Christianity in the fall.

Mr. David A. Bower C’71 (’67-71), of Evansville, IN, gave a reflection on stewardship at the weekend Masses on January 14-15 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville, IN. He drew on principles from his booklet, You, God & Money: A Guide of Catholics, which he authored in 1993. He was there at the invitation of Dr. Mark J. Ambre O’77 (’69-73).

Br. Anthony J. Canterucci, CPPS O’56 (’47-48), of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, has been head of the mission office in Toronto, Ontario, since 1973. Mission projects have constructed over 500 windmills, supplying more than a million people of Tanzania, Africa, with water each day.

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Dr. Matthew Alan Gaumer T’08 (’06-07), of Leuven, Belgium, is research lead for The International Donatist Studies Series, sponsored by the Fund for Scientific Research, Flanders, as a project of the Catholic University of Leuven’s Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies. Further, his article, “The Apostle of the Sioux: Martin Marty and the Beginning of the Dakota Church,” will appear in the journal South Dakota History, v. 42/3.

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Fr. John Hollowell T’09 (’04-09), of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, is administrator of Annunciations Parish, Brazil, and Holy Rosary Parish, Seelyville, and sacramental minister of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Terre Haute. He is also chaplain for a new organization, Indy Catholic Artists, which he helped to establish.

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Saint Meinrad adds new website

Saint Meinrad has doubled its Web presence by adding a new website for the monastery.

The new monastic website is at: www.saintmeinrad.org. The website for the Seminary and School of Theology remains at www.saintmeinrad.edu.

Those who visit the Seminary and School of Theology website will still find the “Archabbey” tab, but it will now take them to the new site. Visitors who have bookmarked pages on the other site will automatically be taken to a similar page on the new site.

“The new design, along with the separation of the monastery and school sites, puts the user and the mission of Saint Meinrad first,” says Kris Wilson, Saint Meinrad’s coordinator of interactive communications. “Our Web patrons will now be able to find and use the information they’re looking for with ease, while allowing us to highlight aspects of Saint Meinrad that might have been lost before.”

On a related note, a few monastery offices now have email addresses that end in “org” in addition to the “edu” email address – to be consistent with the new website’s address. Both email addresses will send email to the correct office.

Work is now under way on a new site for the Seminary and School of Theology.