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Graduates ready to serve**



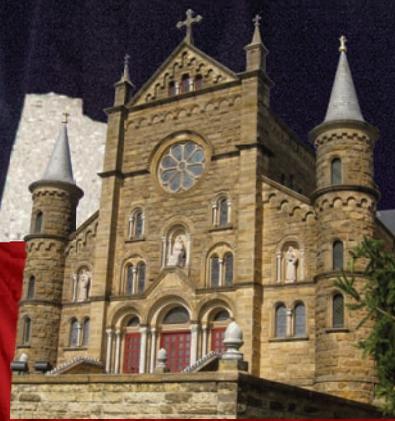
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Cover: Degree in hand, Joseph Stoverink smiles as graduates process from St. Bede Hall.



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Monks' Personals

Br. Giles Mahieu received the Indiana Senate Certificate of Achievement for 50 years of service to the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Volunteer Fire Department in April.

Fr. Julian Peters gave the Holy Week Day of Recollection retreat for priests from the Diocese of Shreveport, LA, on April 11.

Fr. Raymond Studzinski was appointed to a two-year term on the Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology Board of Trustees on April 19.

Fr. Denis Robinson was appointed to serve a third five-year term as President-Rector on April 27.

Br. Simon Herrmann and **Br. Nathaniel Szidik** attended the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio, TX, to study Spanish during the month of June.

Fr. Paul Nord was assigned to assist **Father Anthony Vinson** and **Father Prior John McMullen** with the nearby parishes of St. Meinrad and St. Boniface.

Fr. Luke Waugh assumed the duties of administrator of the parishes of St. Isidore and St. Martin. Fr. Barnabas Gillespie will assist him.

Fr. Julian Peters directed the ordination retreat for permanent deacon candidates

for the Diocese of Wilmington, DE, on June 7-11.

Fr. Christian Raab published a book review of Thomas Merton's *Charters, Customs, and Constitutions of the Cistercians* in the 2016 *Merton Annual*. His article, "How the Light Gets In: Leonard Cohen's Biblical Vision," was published in the May 5, 2017, issue of *Commonweal*. ✝

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Monastery News

Five Saint Meinrad monks celebrate anniversaries



▲ *The jubilarians are, from left, Fr. Germain Swisshelm, Fr. Aurelius Boberek, Fr. Sebastian Leonard, Fr. Ephrem Carr and Fr. Matthias Neuman.*

The Benedictine monks at Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated the jubilees of five of their confreres on May 28, 2017. Honored were Fr. Germain Swisshelm, 60 years of monastic profession; Fr. Sebastian Leonard and Fr. Aurelius Boberek, 60 years of priesthood ordination; and Fr. Matthias Neuman and Fr. Ephrem Carr, 50 years of priesthood ordination.

Fr. Germain is a native of Orrville, OH. He professed his vows on August 15, 1957, and was ordained on September 25, 1960. He completed a BA in philosophy and a BA in history at Saint Meinrad. He also did graduate studies at Indiana University, Oklahoma University and San Marcos University in Lima, Peru.

From 1960-62, Fr. Germain taught at Saint Meinrad's St. Placid Hall. In 1962, he was a founding member of Saint Meinrad's mission in Huaraz, Peru. He taught at the seminary and high school in Huaraz and was an associate pastor at San Juan de Lurigancho Parish in Lima. Fr. Germain served for four years as prior of Los Pinos.

While in Peru, Fr. Germain undertook Quechua studies and was founder of *Estudios Culturales Benedictinos*, which

produced a Quechua-Spanish dictionary and several other texts, including a nine-volume manuscript of the New Testament in Quechua.

Since 1979, Fr. Germain has been working in the carpenter shop and is custodian of Mass intentions.

Fr. Sebastian is a native of Indianapolis, IN. He professed vows on August 1, 1952, and was ordained May 3, 1957.

Fr. Sebastian earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Meinrad College and a baccalaureate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America. He has a master's from Georgetown University and a doctorate from The University of Oxford, both in history.

For 25 years, Fr. Sebastian taught modern Church history at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. During some of those years, he also taught history at Saint Meinrad College and served as choirmaster for the monastic community. In 1983, he was appointed associate pastor at St. David Church, Davie, FL.

In 1995, Fr. Sebastian became a chaplain and teacher at the Canterbury School in New Milford, CT. When he retired in

2015, he was the school's longest-serving chaplain.

Fr. Aurelius is a Brooklyn, NY, native. He professed vows on August 1, 1952, and was ordained on May 3, 1957. Fr. Aurelius received a master's in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and a master's from Indiana University.

Fr. Aurelius was a professor and dean of students at Saint Meinrad College for many years. Following graduate studies, he was a professor, pre-theology dean and vice rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He was also master of ceremonies and assistant director of the oblate program for the Archabbey.

He taught at the American College in Belgium, from 1997 to 2008, as director of liturgy and professor of homiletics, as well as two years as vice rector. When he retired, he was awarded the college's first Archbishop Fulton Sheen Medal.

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

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EVENTS ON THE HILL

July 31-August 2

Alumni Reunion

August 18-20

Guest House Retreat: "Benedictine Spirituality" by Br. William Sprauer, OSB

August 22-24

Guest House Retreat: "Pray Your Way to Happiness" by Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB

August 25-27

Guest House Retreat: "Beauty as a Pathway to God: Religious Art and Symbol in the Spiritual Life, Part 1" by Br. Martin Erspamer, OSB

September 12

Dolle Lecture, Mr. Ben Nicholson

September 15-17

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

September 22-24

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

September 29-October 1

Guest House Retreat: "The Bellinis: Artists of the Renaissance in Venice" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

October 3-4

Marten Lecture and Workshop, Fr. Brian Daley, SJ

October 3-5

Guest House Retreat: "Hail Mary Full of Grace: Pray with Mary" by Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB

October 13-15

Guest House Retreat: "Reading the Scriptures" by Fr. Harry Hagan, OSB

October 28

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Recollection

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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.

Fr. Ephrem, a native of Toledo, OH, professed his monastic vows on August 15, 1963, and was ordained a priest on September 24, 1967. He received a licentiate in Eastern Church studies in 1970 from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. In 1978, he received his doctorate in theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome.

In addition to teaching at Saint Meinrad from 1970-78 and 1981-87, he served as academic dean of the School of Theology for six years. He also served as subprior (third in leadership) of the monastery from 1978-86.

Fr. Ephrem was on the faculty at Pontifical Athenaeum Sant' Anselmo from 1986-2013, where he taught courses in Oriental liturgy, Oriental monasticism and Syriac. He is also the author and editor of many scholarly articles and books. From 2008-12, he served as president of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy in Rome.

Currently, he is on the faculty of Institutum Liturgicum in London, England. †



▲ *Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, paints the paschal candle during Holy Week.*



▲ *Eddie Jarboe prays with classmates in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel during morning prayer on May 1.*

Staff hired for Young Adult Initiative program at Saint Meinrad



Michal Horace

Michal Horace of Portland, OR, and Audra Mathies of Jasper, IN, have joined the staff of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Michal is the director of a new program called the Young Adult Initiative, and Audra is the program's administrative/ research assistant.

In December, Saint Meinrad was awarded a \$1.38 million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. to begin an initiative intended to improve parish outreach to young adults and better engage them with the Catholic Church. The Lilly Endowment is based in Indianapolis and awarded this grant as part of a \$19 million ecumenical project involving 12 Christian organizations.

During the initial phase of the five-year project, a group of parishes will be

selected to collaborate with and to identify and engage young adults (ages 23-29) in parish life.

Most recently, Horace served as director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Portland. From 1997 until 2001, he served as associate director, and then director, of the Office of Youth Ministry at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. He also worked for Assumption Catholic Church in St. Louis as coordinator of youth ministry.

Other experience in youth ministry includes serving as chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' World Youth Day-Krakow Advisory Committee, as a member of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Board of Directors, and as a board member of Catholic Youth Foundation-USA.

Horace received a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the University of Portland. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from Saint Louis University.



Audra Mathies

Mathies graduated in May 2017 from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis with a bachelor's degree in tourism, conventions and event management.

Most recently, she worked at Finishing Touches in Jasper. ✚



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▲ Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, presents Mundelein seminarians John Honiotes and Isaac Coulter (not pictured) with a second-place trophy during the Disc Golf Tournament in April.

[Meet the Student]

Deacon Mark Tracy

Diocese: Springfield, IL

Hometown: Mount Sterling, IL

Q. *What attracted you to the priesthood?*

What attracted me first to the priesthood was a desire to make a self-gift of my life back to God our Lord and his Church for all the love and mercy that I received from both. I first thought about this self-gift as possibly being the priesthood, marriage or religious life while I was in college. Ultimately, after some discernment with my pastor in college, I felt that priesthood seemed to be the path for me.

Q. *Who or what influenced you to begin study for the priesthood?*

Two people in particular influenced me to begin study for the priesthood. Travis Todd, of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), helped me to develop a more regular prayer life and to connect faith and life more. He also influenced me to first think about my vocation, either to the priesthood, marriage or religious life. The second person was Msgr. Greg Ketchman. He was my pastor during college and helped me to discern what vocation God was inviting me to.

Q. *What were you doing before you came to the seminary?*

I was finishing up classes at the University of Illinois for my bachelor's degree in recreation, sports and tourism management and working for a program called Back on My Feet in Indianapolis. Back on My Feet is a national program, but in Indianapolis it is part of Homeless Veterans Assistance Foundation located in downtown Indy. I worked mostly with homeless veterans recovering from

addictions. I also walked across the United States with Crossroads Pro-Life directly before seminary.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

So many saints inspire me. St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius of Loyola are two of my favorites. Both of their lives inspired me when I was in college facing major decisions. Do I follow the secular culture in my life or do I follow Jesus Christ? Both St. Francis and St. Ignatius faced this question in their 20s, so during college I looked to them for guidance and inspiration in my life for what it meant to follow Jesus Christ.

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

Gospel of John 20:19-21, "When it was evening of that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"

I love this passage because, so often in my life, I let fear, doubts, struggles, sin, etc. slow me down from following Jesus Christ confidently in my life. This passage reminds me that the Risen Jesus is the source of our joy and confidence. Our task is to receive his peace and to share it with others.

Q. *Hobbies?*

I have quite a few hobbies. I enjoy hiking in the woods or the mountains, trying



different craft beers and bourbons, and I also love a meal, either home-cooked or at a restaurant, with friends. I've loved playing sports since I was young. I cannot even remember a time that I did not play basketball, baseball or football. I also love watching those sports.

Q. *What aspect of seminary life has been most rewarding?*

The most rewarding aspect of seminary life is the overwhelming support and formation I have received here to aid me in discovering myself more and accepting myself more. I came to seminary as a 22-year-old young man looking for purpose and mission. Saint Meinrad's formation has helped me discover who I am so that I can give of myself to the mission of the Church. The most rewarding part now for me in seminary life is giving back to others in my ministry what I received here at Saint Meinrad.

Q. *What aspect of seminary life has been most challenging?*

The most challenging aspect of seminary life has been juggling what seems like six or seven jobs at one time. As a seminarian, you have many demands on your schedule from your diocese, ministry placement, seminary formation, seminarian jobs, etc. From what I hear from my family, this is the juggling act of life. We all have demands on our time that seem to stretch us in a thousand directions, but somewhere in that tension, Christ Jesus is there to hold us all together.

Q. *Best advice you've heard in seminary?*

“Try it on.” During my second year of seminary, a priest told me to try on priesthood. He explained that if you want to know if you desire to say yes to the call of priesthood, then start living a priestly lifestyle as a seminarian. Try it on and see if it fits. If the priesthood does not fit, then you move on trusting that God’s call is taking you somewhere else.

Q. *Other comments?*

I am deeply grateful to everyone who is part of the Saint Meinrad community for all the support and formation that I have received. The seminary community at large and the parishes of St. Boniface and St. Meinrad will always be my home away from home. ✝



Photos, starting at top, clockwise: The Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology Board of Overseers celebrated its 50th anniversary in April. Among those attending were members of the current board. From left, front row: President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, Jon Dilts, John Pulcini, Linda Budney, Cecile Blau, James Muehlbauer, Sr. Jane Becker, OSB, and Fr. Christopher House; second row: Deacon Mark Rougeux, John Chappell, Don Mucci, Bonnie Graham, Suzanne Yakimchick, Maura Robinson, Michael Schwenk and John Lueken; third row: Robert McNamara, M. Diane Murphy, C. Anne Wilmes, Corazon Veza, Deacon Marc Kellams, Fr. Anthony Chandler, Fr. Andrew Syberg and Fr. Stephen Giannini; fourth row: Thomas Weintraut, Mary Kay Wolford and Jay Paradis III.

Jerry Pratt, center, serves as deacon during Mass on the Feast of St. Benedict.

Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB, gives the Oblate Retreat in March.

Two members of the Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology Board of Overseers were honored at the April meeting as they completed their terms. From left are Ms. M. Diane Murphy and Fr. Stephen Giannini.

Celebrating 50 years of English chant

On the first Wednesday in May, the Saint Meinrad monastic community celebrated a unique anniversary – 50 years of praying the Liturgy of the Hours in English.

That first experience took place on May 3, 1967, at Vespers. It was the day before Ascension. The change from Latin to English was an outcome of the Second Vatican Council, when permission was given to celebrate Mass and the Divine Office in the vernacular.

During Vatican II (1962-65), Saint Meinrad's Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB, was studying music in Rome under renowned Gregorian chant scholar Dom Eugene Cardine. Fr. Columba returned to Saint Meinrad with his degree in 1964 to find a note from the abbot, which said, "You are now the choirmaster."

His job would be to review all the music and texts the monks had been singing since they first arrived in the 1850s and figure out how to make the chant work in English.

Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, a three-time choirmaster for the monastic community, reflected on this situation on the day of the 50th anniversary. (He did not join the community until a few years later.) "I try to imagine what it must have been like during the days leading up to May 3, 1967," he said.

"I think I would have been wondering what the texts of the antiphons and responsories would be like. How close to the Latin – or how different from the Latin – would they be? ... Would it just be all the same notes from the Latin carried over and fitted into the English texts? Or would it be something else? At that point, it was still an unknown."

The challenge for Fr. Columba was to adapt the familiar music of chant to a new language. He explains, "The rhythm starts with how people speak the language, which is something that people had

overlooked." That school of thought was coming into its own when Fr. Columba was in Rome, so he used that foundation to build Saint Meinrad's English chant.

The chant notes are designed around eight modes. "Each of them has a different mood that it sets, and the composer has to decide which of those eight he wants to use," he says.

But besides just getting the chant to sound good in English, Fr. Columba understood that chant can enhance (or distract) from the spirituality of those singing.

He recalls the first year he was composing English chant. The Advent season was beginning – the start of a new liturgical year – and Fr. Columba needed the chant compositions to have the right "feel."

When the first Vespers of Advent was over, Fr. Columba went to his office and,

soon after, one of the monks came stomping in. Unsure of the community's reaction to this new Advent music in English, Fr. Columba waited to hear the feedback. "He looked at me and said, 'You know, by God, that was Advent!'"

"I had captured the spirit of the original Latin chant and it meant the spirituality that he hoped he wouldn't lose – and there it was, but in his own language."

As Fr. Tobias would recall 50 years later, it was Fr. Columba's emphasis on the centrality of the text – that the music should serve the text – that resonated with the monastic community.

Writing text and composing music for English chant has been the work of many monks through the years. Fr. Tobias and Fr. Jeremy King, OSB, assisted Fr. Columba in the early days and each held the position of choirmaster at three different times.

Ant.
Mode 2

— WIS-DOM, * who came forth from the mouth of

the Most High, reach-ing from end to end might- i- ly,

and gent-ly gov-ern-ing all things: Come to teach us the way

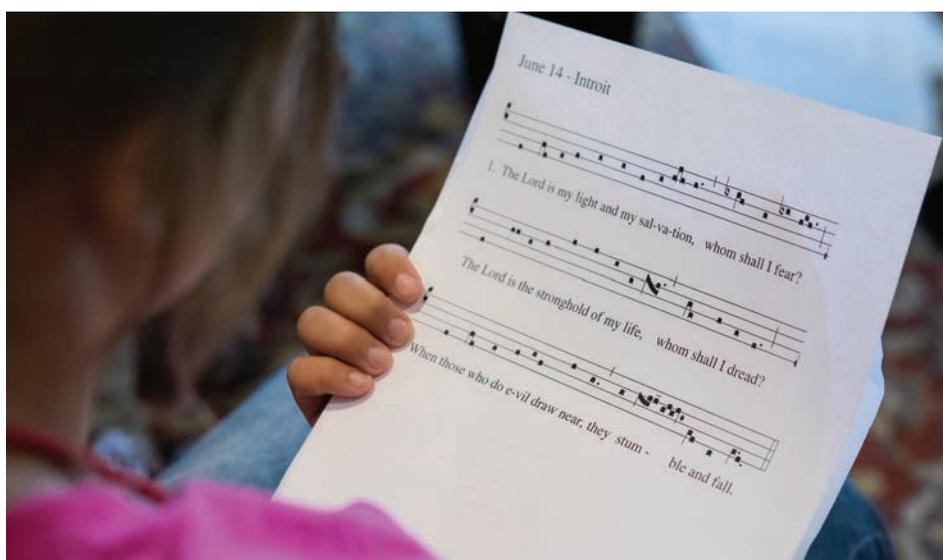
of pru-dence.

▲ Chant notation for one of the O Antiphons sung during Advent.

Others who have been instrumental in Saint Meinrad's success with English-language chant include Fr. Samuel Weber, Fr. Aurelius Boberek, Fr. Colman Grabert, Fr. Harry Hagan and Fr. Vincent Tobin. Today, the next generation of musicians is beginning to take up the work. One of those is Br. Joel Blaize, OSB. "The main thing we do to keep chant relevant and alive is to sing it well," he says.

"Sometimes chant can be performed and it's very robotic and kind of lifeless," he says. "We strive to make it very dynamic and have a nice rolling flow to it.... It is a prayer, and to put the text first that way helps us to treat it as a prayer and to sing it as a prayer."

Note: You can hear more about chant at Saint Meinrad by listening to the June 22 podcast, "Echoes from the Bell Tower," available here: www.saintmeinrad.edu/chantepisode. ✝



Top and bottom: A chant schola is used during funerals and special occasions to perform more elaborate chants.

Middle: Youth participants in the "One Bread, One Cup" conferences learn about chant every year.



59 earn degrees

from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology



▲ *Graduating students process to St. Bede Hall for commencement.*

Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were awarded master's degrees on May 13. Graduates accepted their diplomas from the Rt. Rev. Kurt Stasiak, OSB, archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and chairman of the school's Board of Trustees.

The commencement address was given by Archabbot Kurt.

Receiving Master of Divinity degrees were:

Charles Aketch, Glenmary Home Missioners;
Brandon Bigam, Diocese of Lexington;
Michael Bower and John Nguyen, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana;
William Burmester, Stephen Hart, Michael Johns, Ramses Mendieta, Martin Siebold and J. Lucas Womack, Diocese of Little Rock;
Kelly Edwards, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City;
Colby Elbert and Joseph Stoverink, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau;
Christopher Floersh, Diocese of Knoxville;
Br. Linus Klucsarits, OSB, St. Bernard Abbey;

Br. Stephen Lawson, OSB, St. Anselm Abbey;
Hyeonggyu (Joseph) Lee and Sangbeom (Joseph) Park, Diocese of Busan;
Ryan McCandless, Diocese of Salina;
Nicholas Napolitano, Archdiocese of Mobile;
Br. David N'Djam, OSB, Monastère de l'Incarnation;
Dua Nguyen and Tam Nguyen, Archdiocese of Hanoi;
Br. Lorenzo Peñalosa, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey;
John Pfister and Jerry Pratt, Diocese of Evansville;
Matthew Schmitz, Diocese of Crookston;
Matthew Solyntjes, Diocese of Sioux City.

Receiving Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies degrees were:

Br. Kodjo (Cajetan) Agouvi, OSB, and Br. Gbedevi (Justin) Ayanou, OSB, Abbey of the Ascension of Dzogbegan;
Joseph Augustin, Archdiocese of Nassau;
Garrett Braun, Diocese of Evansville;

Br. Joel Blaize, OSB, and Br. Simon Herrmann, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey;
Christopher Kight, Diocese of Owensboro;
Casey Weber, Diocese of Memphis.

Receiving Master of Arts (Theology) degrees were:

Robert Cekay and Paul Gaylo, Greenwood, IN;
W. Joseph Dunbar, Slidell, LA;
Elizabeth Escoffery, Indianapolis, IN;
Thomas Gallagher, Holland, MI;
Thomas Konechnik, Danville, IN;
Patrick Muriithi, Lafayette, TN;
Kevin Panameño, Memphis, TN;
Brandon Reams, Louisville, KY.

Receiving Master of Theological Studies degrees were:

Keith McKenzie, Louisville, KY;
Joy Roose, Cincinnati, OH.

Receiving Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology) degrees were:

Sr. Dina Bato, SP; Andrea Fleak and Emily Hitchens, Indianapolis, IN;
Jeffery Childers, Lexington, KY;
L. Erin Dwyer, Palmyra, IN;
Mark Fontana, Newark, DE;
Sr. Rachel Geracitano, OSB, Ferdinand, IN;
John Harvey, Dover, DE;
John Huether, Jasper, IN;
Stephanie Kornexl, Clarksville, IN;
Mary Sue Reutebuch, Whitewater, WI;
Debra Schmitt, Huntingburg, IN. ✝

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Supporting one another and our *alma mater*



Joe Pfennig

In 2015 I was invited to serve on the board of our Alumni Association due to a vacancy. At that time, it seemed to me my only qualification for service was a love of Saint Meinrad and a

heart full of gratitude for my experience there and friendships developed over the years.

As it turns out, that was enough! However, as with all service, we get more than we give! The Alumni Association is an amazing community of dedicated priests, deacons, lay women and men ministering around the globe.

Service on the Board has allowed me to pray and work alongside humble, faith-filled and gifted individuals. Throughout my time of service, I have come to better understand the vision of our Alumni Association. Simply put, we exist to support one another and our *alma mater*!

A closer look at that vision reveals the many ways we see it through. From Alumni Reunions to local dinners, Days of Service and the new *Voices from the Vineyard* e-magazine, our Saint Meinrad band of brothers and sisters are able to stay connected and enjoy the fellowship and support needed to proclaim the good news of God's love and mercy to all.

In whatever season of our life we find ourselves, it's always good to know others care about what we are doing and how we are doing. Our Alumni Association is a gift from God that provides us and our *alma mater* the support to carry on.

I encourage us all to visit the alumni website at <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/> and enjoy the benefits of our association, as we pray and work together to support our *alma mater* and each other! ✝



▲ Top: Deacon Colby Elbert is congratulated by professor Nury Nuila-Stevens after graduation on May 13. Middle: Seminarians Marc Bentley, left, and Tim Pick fist bump after the Mass for graduation. Bottom: Deacon Keith McKenzie receives his diploma during the commencement ceremony on May 13.

Alumni named to diocesan leadership posts

Thompson will lead Archdiocese of Indianapolis



Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson

He will be the seventh archbishop of Indianapolis, filling the vacancy left when Cardinal Joseph Tobin, CSsR, was named to head the Archdiocese of Newark in November.

Archbishop-designate Thompson was born April 11, 1961, in Louisville, KY. He

holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Bellarmine College, a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and a licentiate in canon law from St. Paul University in Ottawa.

Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson T'87 ('83-87) was named to head the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on June 13. He has served as the bishop of the Diocese of Evansville for six

years. He was ordained a priest for the Louisville Archdiocese in 1987. His pastoral assignments include serving as associate pastor of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Louisville; pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Lebanon and Holy Trinity Parish in Louisville; metropolitan judicial vicar and director of tribunals; and administrator of St. Peter Claver Parish in Louisville, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Rita parishes.

He also was a visiting professor of canon law at Saint Meinrad and served as promoter of justice and judge of the archdiocesan tribunal and vicar general before being named the bishop of the Evansville Diocese.

As a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, he is currently a member of the Administrative Committee, the Committee on Priorities and Plans, and the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

The installation Mass will be July 28. ✝

Mueggenborg named auxiliary bishop of Seattle



Most Rev. Daniel Mueggenborg

He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Tulsa in 1989, and since then, has served as associate pastor to St. John before the Latin Gate in Bartlesville and to St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Tulsa, teacher and chaplain at Bishop Kelley

High School, and parish administrator at St. Pius X.

Other assignments included pastor of the Church of the Madalene and of St. Clement in Bixby; and director of admissions, vice rector for administration, and vice rector for seminary life at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

He attended Oklahoma State University, where he earned a B.S. in geology (1980-1984). He began his priesthood studies at Saint Meinrad and completed them at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he received a Bachelor in Sacred Theology and a Licentiate in Biblical Theology, both at the Gregorian University.

He also served as director of clergy education; director of the diocesan synod; director of pastoral renewal; adjunct professor in the Religion Department at The University of Tulsa and has served on multiple boards in the diocese.

He was ordained to the episcopacy on May 31. ✝

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July 31-August 2, 2017

Alumni Reunion

August 10, 2017

Louisville Alumni & Friends Dinner

September 19, 2017

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October 3, 2017

Toledo Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 12, 2017

Indianapolis Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 25, 2017

Jasper and Lincoln Hills Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

November 7, 2017

Phoenix Alumni & Friends Dinner

Alumni Board elects president, vice president

The Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors have re-elected Fr. Alan Carter as president of the board and elected Fr. Michael Williams as vice president. They will begin their two-year terms on September 1. Both have been members of the Alumni Board since 2013.



Fr. Alan Carter

Fr. Alan Carter T'13 ('07-13) is the director of vocations for the Diocese of Lexington and pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Danville, KY. He is also an adjunct spiritual director

at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Fr. Carter earned his master's in Catholic philosophical studies from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 2009 and received his Master of Divinity in May 2013, before being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lexington. Upon graduation, Fr. Carter earned certificates in supervision for both pastoral care and homiletics.

In 2016, Fr. Carter earned a certificate in spiritual direction from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

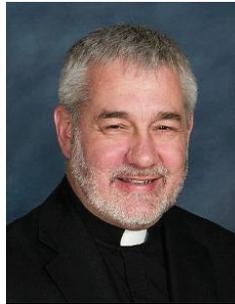
A native of Lexington, Fr. Carter earned a bachelor's degree from Washington & Lee University, studying politics, religion and philosophy. He was the director of an information technology practice at a management consulting firm for more than a decade before entering the seminary.

Fr. Carter served as associate pastor at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington from 2013-14. From 2014-15, he was pastoral administrator at Sts. John and Elizabeth Parish in Goshen and Prince of Peace Parish in West Liberty. From 2015-2016, Fr. Carter served as associate pastor

at Holy Spirit Parish and Newman Center at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

This is Fr. Carter's second term as president.

Fr. Michael Williams T'97 ('90-97, '01)



Fr. Michael Williams

serves as chaplain at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

He has studied at the University of Louisville, Brescia

University and Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Fr. Williams was ordained in 1997.

His first assignment was at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, where he served as parochial vicar. In 2000, he was assigned as parochial vicar at St. Mary of

the Woods Parish in Whitesville, where he served for one year. During that assignment, he taught senior religion at Trinity High School in Whitesville.

Fr. Williams served as pastor of St. Edward Parish in Fulton, Sacred Heart Parish in Hickman, and St. Jude Parish in Clinton for three years. He then was pastor of St. Leo Parish and director of the Newman Center at Murray State University in Murray, KY, from 2004-09.

Fr. Williams has worked with the Christian Leadership program, Campus Life, Teens Encounter Christ and is currently part-time chaplain at the Gasper River Youth Camp and Retreat Center. ✝

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Alumni Giving Program benefits today's students

The 2016-17 Alumni Annual Giving Program came to an end on June 30. Once again, the alumni of Saint Meinrad have proven to be generous to their *alma mater*. Last fiscal year, alumni gifts to Saint Meinrad totaled \$729,976.28 with an overall participation rate of 25.3%.

"I'm so grateful for the support Saint Meinrad receives from its alumni," says Duane Schaefer, director of development.

"Nationwide, only 8%-9% of alumni give to their *alma mater*. Here, our

participation rate is always close to 25%. That's phenomenal. It speaks to the generosity of our alumni and their belief in the mission of Saint Meinrad. It also continues a long tradition of our alumni investing in the work Saint Meinrad does for the Church."

By giving to the Alumni Annual Giving Program, Saint Meinrad alumni help pay for classroom instruction, spiritual formation, guest lecturers, ministry opportunities and other ongoing operating expenses of the seminary and school of theology. ✝

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Mr. George C. Barker O'58 ('49-55), of Whitefish Bay, WI, died on March 6, 2017.

Mr. Louis A. Basile O'65 ('55-58), of San Jose, CA, died on July 24, 2016.

Mr. Raymond S. Bussing O'50 ('40-41), of Greencastle, IN, died on April 26, 2009.

Dr. Richard F. Cole PD'08 ('05-08), of Salem, IL, died on June 7, 2016.

Msgr. James A. Comiskey O'50 ('45-46), a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, TX, died on April 1, 2017.

Fr. Edward F. Dhondt O'69 ('65-69), a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, died on March 14, 2017.

Mr. Albert "Jack" Diehl O'69 ('57-63), of Evansville, IN, died on March 3, 2017.

Ms. Connie V. Dopierala SS ('79; '80), of Erie, PA, died on October 27, 2016.

Mr. John Dourneen O'59 ('53-59), of Pekin, IL, died on October 3, 2015.

Mr. Elden A. Early O'65 ('53-54), of New Albany, IN, died on November 29, 2014.

Fr. Henry B. Groover III, OP, O'81 ('73-77), of Savannah, GA, died on January 17, 2017.

Mr. Peter T. Grout O'73 ('61-63), of Bisbee, AZ, died on July 31, 2016.

Mr. Robert A. Haas O'73 ('69-70), of Waterloo, IL, died on March 21, 2017.

Fr. Bernard Head O'52 ('42-46), a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died on May 10, 2017. ✂

Mr. Hank Herpel O'61 ('52-61), of Greensburg, IN, died on January 17, 2017.

Mr. Joseph T. Johantges O'48 ('37-40), of Franklin, IN, died on March 30, 2009.

Fr. Theodore A. Keller O'46 ('39-43), a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, KY, died on March 18, 2017.

Mr. Robert F. Kern SPH ('35-36), of Indianapolis, IN, died on April 21, 2015.

Fr. Vito R. Lopardo O'55 ('49-55), a priest of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, died on March 28, 2017.

Fr. Duncan W. "Rusty" Monohan O'77 ('73-77), a priest of the Diocese of San Diego, CA, died on April 23, 2017.

Sr. Marie Moore, RSM, S'94, of Knoxville, TN, died on March 18, 2017.

Fr. Joseph F. Orloski O'68 ('59-62), a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, PA, died on May 15, 2017.

Mr. Norman R. Poplawski O'64 ('52-56), of Johnson City, TN, died on March 9, 2017.

Mr. Clement B. Potelunas Jr. SPH ('62-63), of Idaho Falls, ID, died on January 7, 2017.

Mr. Raymond H. Reno O'46 ('37-42), of Alexandria, VA, died on August 8, 2006.

Mr. Allen V. Rinderly O'47 ('40-41), of Las Vegas, NV, died on June 23, 2009.

Mr. James E. Robertson O'71 ('59), of Ramsey, IN, died on March 1, 2017.

Fr. Daniel J. Rogers O'53 ('49-53), a priest of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, IA, died on April 8, 2017.

Dr. Richard H. Rupp O'60 ('48-52), of Boone, NC, died on March 27, 2017. ✂

Mr. Lawrence M. Schick O'63 ('51-57), of Decatur, AL, died on April 18, 2017.

Mr. Frederick J. Schwenk O'72 ('60-63), of Washington, IN, died on June 4, 2017.

Mr. Edward P. Seckinger O'65 ('53-63), of Evansville, IN, died on May 17, 2017.

Mr. Joseph F. Sedlak O'58 ('52-58), of Raleigh, NC, died on June 13, 2012.

Mr. John F. "Jack" Sievers SPH ('43-46), of Vincennes, IN, died on December 24, 2015.

Sr. Mary Lois Speaks, OSU, SS'84 ('73-84), of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, KY, died on May 6, 2017.

Ms. Barbara A. Stonebraker GTP ('09), of Louisville, KY, died on March 14, 2017.

Fr. William R. Vath, O'72 ('67-72), a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, died on April 6, 2017.

Abbot Brian Wangler, OSB, O'70 ('67-70), of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND, died on May 25, 2017.

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A key to the initials behind the names of alumni:

C: College

GTP: Graduate Theology Programs

HS: High School

MAT: Master of Arts (Theology)

MAPT: Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology)

MTS: Master in Theological Studies

O: Ordination

PD: Permanent Deacon Formation Program

S: Sabbaticant

SPH: St. Placid Hall

SS: Summer Session

T: Theology ✂

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ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. Joseph Bland MA'06 ('03-06) was appointed the director of the newly formed Office of Evangelization for the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, in March.

Fr. John Boeglin O'76 ('68-72), pastor of Holy Family Parish in Jasper, IN, spent a month visiting India and gave a talk about his experiences at his parish in March.

Mr. Charles Coomes T'95 ('87-92), of Evansville, IN, is a financial professional with Wells Fargo Advisors in Evansville.

Deacon John Cord PD'17 ('13-17) was featured in an issue of *The Criterion*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, for his work in prison ministry. He has been working with inmates for more than three years as part of his permanent deacon formation.

Mrs. Lisa DeJaco Crutcher GTP ('15-17) has been named chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of Louisville, KY. Before that, she was a partner with the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs.

Fr. Joseph Erbacher O'71 ('59-62) has begun a new assignment as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Ireland, IN.

Fr. James Flynn O'55 ('51-55), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, remains active in Hispanic and Latino ministry. Several days a week, he keeps vigil outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office to prayerfully support those who have been detained.

Fr. Dominic Garramone, OSB, T'92 ('88-92) was the special guest at a recent fundraiser for *The Messenger*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Belleville, IL. Known as the "Bread Monk," he demonstrated his baking skills, shared samples and signed cookbooks.

Br. Silas Henderson, SDS, T'10 ('06-08; '11) is the author of a new book, *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, S.J.: With an Undivided Heart*, published by Ignatius Press.

Ms. Christine Hoehn MTS'94 ('92-94), director of the Newman Center at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, was one of 10 women

honored by the university as 2017 Phenomenal Women.

Fr. Macario Martinez, OSB T'14 ('07-09; '11-14), of Conception Abbey, Conception, MO, has been named director of development for the abbey.

Mr. Michael Perigo MAT'14 ('05; '07-13) has been named executive director of Newman Regional Health Foundation in Emporia, KS.

Fr. Alan Phillip, CP, O'67 ('65-67; '69) was honored for his 50th year as a priest by students and staff at Mayfield Junior School in Pasadena, CA.

Fr. Brent Shelton T'01 ('97-01), pastor of St. Mary Parish in Oak Ridge, TN, received the 2016 Community Service Award from the NAACP for his work with two other local pastors to promote a Community Matters forum.

Dr. Carney Strange O'73 ('61-69), of Bloomington, IN, and his wife Dorothyann volunteered at the Mercy Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, for two months earlier this year.

Mr. Marty Stout C'88 ('84-88), of Fort Wayne, IN, was elected chair of the Howard County Republican Party in March. He also is business manager for Stout Funeral Homes and Crematory and works part time as operations manager for St. Patrick Parish.

Fr. Tyler Tenbarger T'16 ('12-16), a priest of the Diocese of Evansville, IN, will begin studies in Rome this fall toward a degree in canon law. He has been serving as chaplain at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville and associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh.

Mr. Pete Werner O'69 ('57-69) was honored by the Indiana state legislature on March 28 for his 49 years of service in the Diocese of Evansville, IN. He was also honored on April 30 upon his retirement from St. Benedict Cathedral School, where he taught for 47 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jennings White MA'07 ('05-07) is director of the Office for Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Chicago.



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Alumni website offers better ways to stay connected

If you haven't visited the Saint Meinrad Alumni website recently, you may have missed:

- Online registration for the 2017 Alumni Reunion
- Information about the 2018 Saint Meinrad Day of Service
- Alumni resources, such as online access to academic theology journals through the Archabbey Library
- Details on how to nominate a classmate for the Distinguished Alumnus Award

- The list of upcoming tours and pilgrimages hosted by Saint Meinrad's Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB
- The online alumni directory, where you can search for classmates.

Some items on the website are open to all, but make sure to register for full access. Just follow the on-screen prompts to sign up.

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Two ordained deacons at Saint Meinrad



▲ *Newly ordained deacons Br. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, left, and Jeffrey Dufresne exchange the sign of peace after their ordination.*

Two seminarians received the order of deacon from the Most Rev. Charles Thompson, bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, IN, at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church on April 22.

The newly ordained deacons are Jeffrey Dufresne of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Br. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. 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. ✝

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