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Cover: Deacon Brian Wideman, center, directed the choir during the Advent Lessons and Carols.



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Getting Through the Holidays When You’ve Lost a Loved One

by Darcie D. Sims

The holidays are coming and I’m not sure I’m ready. I’m not sure I’ll ever be ready again. It’s winter and I feel as frozen inside as the landscape is outside. I tried making out my gift list today, but the tears kept getting in the way. It is so hard to think about gifts and fun and the holidays when a loved one has died.

As I get out the dishes and



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Abbey Press’ successful line of CareNotes celebrates 25 years of spreading hope.

Monks’ Personals

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein attended a blessing of two new additions at the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis on October 21. One of them is a dining room and meeting space, which has been dedicated to Archbishop Daniel in gratitude for his founding and support of the seminary. **Fr. Denis Robinson** and **Fr. Tobias Colgan** also attended.

Archabbot Justin DuVall offered a pre-Advent Day of Recollection for priests of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at the Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis on November 19.

Br. Francis DeSales Wagner signed copies of his new book, titled *Grace in the Wilderness: Reflections on God’s Sustaining Word Along Life’s Journey*, on November 30 at the Catholic Supply Stores in St. Louis, MO.

Fr. Guerric DeBona and Dr. Richard Stern attended the National Academy of Homiletics in Louisville, KY, on December 5-7. The topic was on “difficult conversations” with texts.

Fr. Brendan Moss gave the annual Barth-Hamilton Retreat at Saint Meinrad December 6-8. The retreat focused on “Becoming Men of the New Evangelization.”

Br. John Mark Falkenhain and **Archabbot Justin DuVall** participated in a national meeting sponsored by the National Religious Vocations Conference (NRVC) on December 9-11. The meeting was hosted by Saint Meinrad Archabbey and brought together the vocation directors and major superiors of about 35 religious communities across the United States. The theme of the meeting was “Building an Internal Culture of Vocations.”

Fr. Guerric DeBona’s book, titled *Between the Ambo and the Altar: Biblical Preaching and the Roman Missal (Year A)*, was released in December. It was published by The Liturgical Press. Books on Years B and C will follow.

Fr. Edward Linton is enjoying his travels while on sabbatical. He has visited numerous places, including: Nazareth, Capernaum, Istanbul, Chalcedon, Armenia and Tblisi. He is now staying at Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem, where he will remain until after Christmas. ✝

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Saint Meinrad alumnus

elected 59th abbot of Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland



Abbot Urban Federer, OSB

Saint Meinrad alumnus Fr. Urban Federer, OSB, has been elected the 59th abbot of Saint Meinrad's mother abbey, Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland. He was elected by the monastic community for a 12-year term on November 23 and Pope Francis confirmed the appointment December 10, 2013.

Fr. Urban, 45, succeeds Fr. Martin Werlen, OSB, who resigned in 2013. He was born in Zurigo-Fluntern, Switzerland, in 1968 and was ordained a priest in 1994.

Fr. Urban studied at Saint Meinrad during the 1993-94 school year. He holds a licentiate in German literature and history, and a doctorate in medieval German studies, both from the University of Fribourg. He also studied music and Gregorian chant at the Fribourg Conservatory of Music.

He has served as a lecturer in religion, German language and history in the school at Einsiedeln Abbey and of spirituality and Gregorian chant in the theological institute of the same abbey. Fr. Urban was serving as the dean and vicar general of the territorial abbey at the time of his election.

The official installation took place on December 22, 2013. Saint Meinrad monks Fr. Subprior Gueric De Bona, OSB, Fr. Paul Nord, OSB, and Fr. Thomas Gricoski, OSB, attended the installation. ✚



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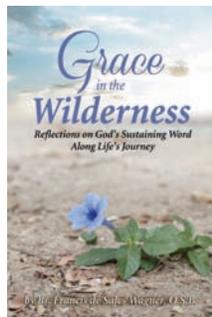
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Monk's book offers Scripture reflections



Grace in the Wilderness: Reflections on God's Sustaining Word Along Life's Journey was published in November by Abbey Press' Path of Life Publications.

Scripture's overall message is that God meets us in the midst of life's struggles to

A new book, written by Saint Meinrad Archabbey's Br. Francis de Sales Wagner, OSB, offers a collection of scriptural reflections revolving around the hope and promise of God's Word.

journey with us and lead us through what seems like forsaken territory. This is grace in the wilderness, as the prophet Jeremiah wrote to give hope to the exiled Israelites.

The reflections in this book are primarily adapted from posts on his personal blog (first, yokeofchrist.blogspot.com, and, later, pathoflifeblog.blogspot.com) from 2009 to 2013.

The 244-page paperback book is available at Abbey Press' pathoflifebooks.com, the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop (saintmeinradgiftshop.com) and at The Scholar Shop (store.saintmeinrad.edu). ✚

Prayer App

allows you to honor your ‘inner monk’

Have you honored your “inner monk” lately? Well, there’s an app for that.

Saint Meinrad’s Office of Monastery Vocations has developed a free prayer app that can be downloaded onto smartphones.

The new app allows users to pray a different short prayer each morning and afternoon for a month. The app is called “Honor Your Inner Monk,” and it revolves around the idea that everyone is called (at least a little) to be a monk.

Vocations Director Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, conceived the “Honor Your Inner Monk” idea. He describes it this way: “We believe that all Christians have an ‘inner monk’ – the part of each of us that wants to move a little to the side so we can develop a deep, intense and personal relationship with God.”

Br. William Sprauer, OSB, who developed the app, says the idea surfaced when the vocations office was looking for something to catch the attention of the thousands of youth who would be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), held in November at Indianapolis.

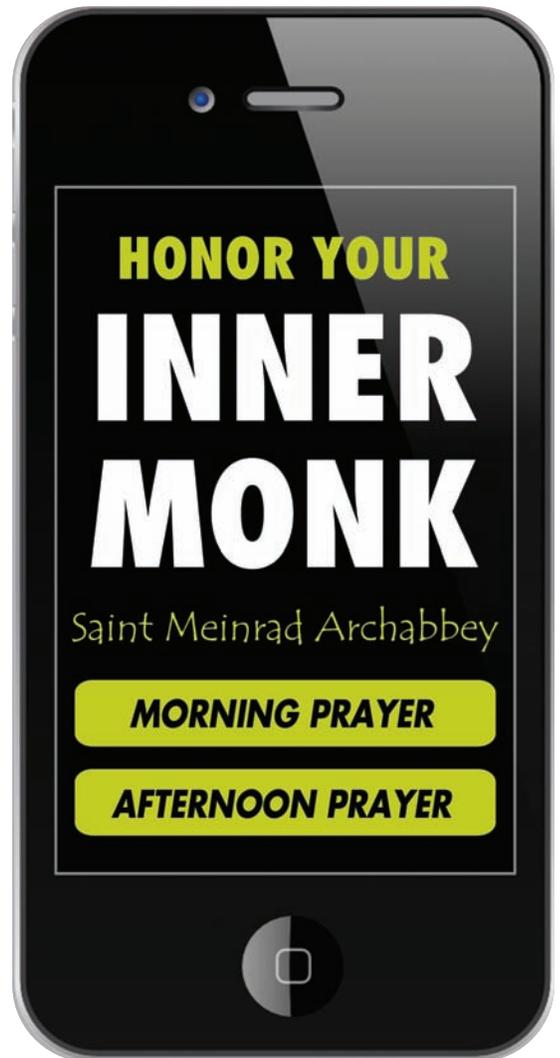
“Br. John Mark had the idea of actually creating a prayer app to offer people an easy and accessible way to pray every day,” says Br. William. “Utilizing my experience in software development, I was able to write a simple Android app that had a morning and afternoon prayer for every day of the month.”

Robert Barzilauskas of 3Wing Pro-Media, a lay degree student at Saint Meinrad, then developed the iPhone version of the app.

Reaction to the prayer app has been positive. When teens visited the Saint Meinrad booth at NCYC, Br. William, Br. John Mark and Br. James Jensen were there to demonstrate how the prayer app worked on a smartphone. Or, visitors could pick up a card that showed how to download it.

“The youth were so excited to download the app that they were able to do so before we even finished explaining it to them!” says Br. William. “We were completely taken aback by the immediacy with which our app was downloaded and shared among the youth. We were just happy to share a part of our lives with them, while packaging it in a familiar format.”

He says the app can be described as a rotating prayer card. “It’s like a prayer card that changes every day, and it’ll actually give you some feedback on how you’re doing.” The app tracks how often you pray in an effort to motivate you to get in the habit of prayer. ✚



Download the app at
www.honoryourinnermonk.org

Links to Google Play and the App Store are at the bottom of the page. A version is also available for iPad computers.

► *Br. William Sprauer, OSB, and Br. James Jensen, OSB, test out the Honor Your Inner Monk prayer app at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, November 21-23.*



▼ *Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, talks with students who stopped by Saint Meinrad's booth during NCYC.*



▲ *Temporary tattoos were distributed at Saint Meinrad's booth during NCYC. Several students stopped by to show off their new look.*

◀ *"Honor Your Inner Monk" was the theme of the Saint Meinrad booth, developed by the Office of Monastery Vocations.*

[Meet the Student]

Daniel Perryman

Residence: Litchfield, Illinois

Degree: Master of Arts (Theology)

Q. *When did you begin your studies?*
About three years ago.

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

The variety of learning has been very rewarding. I am able to take courses that are very diverse such as Thomas Merton, Foundational Theology and Ethics. I enjoy learning about different aspects of theology.

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

Finding the time to complete all the readings and papers sometimes is challenging.

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

I enjoy spending time with my children and working out. Occasionally, my

daughter and I volunteer at the hospital's food pantry.

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

I developed an interest in theology about 10 years ago. As a hospital administrator in a Catholic hospital, my interests in theology grew even more. I find the bigger questions in life very interesting and mind provoking.

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

No plans at this time. I am doing it to make me a better person and Christian.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe. I like him because he is a modern-day saint and his willingness to die for a total stranger mirrors Jesus on the cross. I also love the



idea of his efforts to promote consecration and entrustment to Mary. He is a great role model for all of us.

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

John 6:53-58. "Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.'"

I think these verses sum up the purpose and reasons for being a Catholic. It shows that the Eucharist must be the center of our faith and life.

Q. *Hobbies?*

I enjoy working out and learning about different subjects. †

◀ *Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, professor emeritus in Church history, joins students listening to a talk by Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph Tobin on October 22.*



Abbey Press' CareNotes booklets celebrate 25 years

"Take one – and take heart. Give one – and give hope." That tagline has graced the front of every CareNotes booklet for the last 25 years.

The eight-page inspirational – and informational – booklets have been published by Abbey Press since 1988. Tackling tough topics such as depression, losing a child, facing cancer and others, CareNotes booklets have sold more than 122 million copies since then.

Some of the original titles became best sellers. Titles like *Losing Someone Close*, *Doing Your Best as a Single Parent* and *When Your Prayers Go Unanswered* remain popular 25 years after their first appearance. Since the idea for CareNotes was conceived, more than 680 titles have been published.

Linus Mundy, Abbey Press' publications editor at the time, came up with the idea of CareNotes after struggling to find God during a difficult time in his life. He wanted to publish a booklet that would be short and easy to read. He believed that people dealing with drug addiction,

sickness, divorce or other issues often couldn't focus on lengthy, dense material.

However, he knew that those who were hurting didn't want platitudes or clichés. They needed the wise words of experts and those who had been through difficult times, yet they also needed words that were practical, hopeful and reassuring.

As times have changed, the topics for CareNotes stayed up to date. Among the 238 titles available today are *When Someone You Love Is Gay*, *Dealing with Autism as a Family* and *When Alzheimer's "Steals" the Loved One You Knew*.

More than 50,000 institutions and organizations worldwide have used CareNotes in their work. Hospital chaplains, hospice workers, palliative care professionals, social workers, bereavement coordinators, pastoral care ministers and funeral directors provide the booklets to those they counsel.

For more information about CareNotes booklets, visit www.onecaringplace.com. †

▼ *Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, presides at the Candidacy Mass on November 7.*



EVENTS ON THE HILL

February 7-9

Guest House Retreat: "Be Angry But Do Not Sin" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB.

February 14-16

Guest House Retreat: "Love is Here to Stay" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB.

February 18

Black History Lecture given by Greg Adams of the Smithsonian Institution.

March 7-9

Guest House Retreat: "A Beginner's Guide to Understanding the Psalms" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB.

March 11-13

Guest House Retreat: "Preparing for Easter: Using the Gospels for the Sundays of Lent (Cycle A)" by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB.

March 11

Thomas Lecture given by Dr. Kevin Hart on "Contemporary Continental Theology."

March 24-28

Guest House Retreat: "Biblical Spirituality and the Contemporary Priesthood" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB (Priests Retreat).

April 4-6

Guest House Retreat: "Peace, the Benedictine Way" by Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB.

April 11-13

Guest House Retreat: "The Cross of Jesus and the Life of Virtue" by Fr. Mark O'Keefe, OSB.

April 16-20

Guest House Retreat: "Psalms in the Liturgy of Holy Week" by Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB (Holy Week Retreat).

For more information, contact Mary Jeanne Schumacher at (812) 357-6501 or visit our website www.saintmeinrad.org

Five Steps to a successful will plan

Everyone reading this article needs a will. Without a will, you forfeit your legal right to control the disposition of the property you have accumulated with a lifetime of effort. A carefully planned will can and should reflect your individual needs and objectives. These five steps can assist you in the important task of creating your will.

Step 1: Careful Reflection – Deciding how to dispose of an estate is never a simple matter. Desires often conflict with necessities; practical considerations may differ from ideals. It is important to think carefully about your true objectives.

Step 2: Consultation – Talk over your objectives with your advisers and get their advice on what your will should provide. You will need to provide

information about your assets, income and obligations, as well as your sentiments and objectives. Once a plan for your will is made, you can decide on the specifics.

Step 3: Skillful Drafting – Drafting your will is not a do-it-yourself project. Your attorney will make sure that your will is drafted, signed and witnessed as required by state law.

Step 4: Review Your Will – Factors involved in the drafting of your will may change from time to time. It's important to take time at least once a year to review your will in light of present circumstances.

Step 5: Safekeeping – Your will may be meaningless unless it can be found at

your death. Always leave word with responsible people, or make a note in your personal records, as to where your will can be found.

As you reflect on the preparation of your will, you may find it personally satisfying to help Saint Meinrad Archabbey continue its mission of serving the Church. We encourage you to reflect on the possibility of continuing your lifetime support of our programs through your estate plan.

For more information, please contact Barbara Balka, director of planned giving, to request a copy of our free brochure on including Saint Meinrad in your will. She can be reached at (800) 682-0988 or via email at bbalka@saintmeinrad.edu. ✝



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

Website

On The Hill is also available on the Web: www.saintmeinrad.edu/onthehill

◀ *Snow blanketed the Archabbey grounds on December 6.*

Sabbatical Grants

can help mission priests take time away

A limited number of grants that will pay the cost of the “Stoking the Fire” sabbatical offered by the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates (IPP) are now available to United States priests serving in foreign mission dioceses.

“Stoking the Fire” is Saint Meinrad’s four-week mini-sabbatical for priests who need a quiet place and a focused program to prepare themselves for the next challenges of ministry.

IPP Director Fr. J. Ronald Knott established the Patricia Kirchdorfer Fund in 2013 to assist some priests who might otherwise not be able to afford a sabbatical.

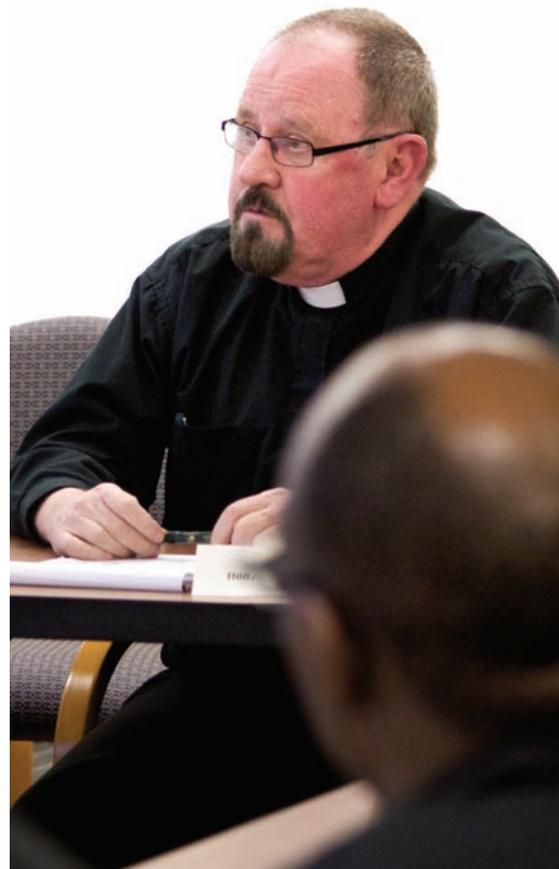
The \$3,950 cost of the mini-sabbatical could be prohibitive for those priests who

work in foreign mission dioceses. Depending on available funds and the number of applicants, international priests doing mission work in U.S. mission dioceses (as defined by the Catholic Extension Society) may also apply.

The successful applicant would be responsible for only his transportation costs to Saint Meinrad.

Interested priests can contact the IPP by email at smipp@saintmeinrad.edu or call (812) 357-6439 for information on how to apply. Details about the sabbatical can be found at IPP’s website, ipp.saintmeinrad.edu.

The dates of the next “Stoking the Fire” sabbatical are July 7-August 2, 2014. ✝



▲ Fr. J. Ronald Knott listens to a speaker during a Seasoned Pastor workshop hosted by the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates November 11-14.

New Director and Administrative Assistant named for ‘One Bread, One Cup’ youth program



Tammy Becht

Tammy Becht of Floyds Knobs, IN, has been selected as the new director of the “One Bread, One Cup” (OBOC) youth liturgical leadership program in Saint

Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Tammy served as coordinator of youth ministry at St. Mary of the Knobs Parish, Floyds Knobs, for 13 years. For nine of those years, she also served the parish as coordinator of religious education for youth in grades 6-12.

While serving as coordinator of youth ministry, Tammy was introduced to the

OBOC program. Over the past 12 years, she has brought about 50 teens to the summer conferences. She has also served as a member of the OBOC advisory board for the past two years.

Tammy has had responsibilities involving youth ministry at the deanery, archdiocesan and national levels.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in theology from Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY, in May. This past summer, she enrolled in Saint Meinrad’s Lay Degree Program and is working toward her Master of Arts in pastoral theology.

Susan Isaacs, of Lanesville, IN, has joined the “One Bread, One Cup” staff as administrative assistant. She has experience in youth/parish ministry and adult faith formation.



Susan Isaacs

She has been coordinator of adult faith formation at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville and St. Mary of the Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs, where she was also catechetical

assistant for youth ministry.

She has been an adult participant in the “One Bread, One Cup” conference and a chaperone at the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Susan earned a bachelor’s degree in English from Indiana University Southeast and a master’s degree in Catholic Thought and Life from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. ✝

A snapshot of events on the Hill this fall

Seminarians, from left, Omar Davila, Mario Jacobo and Jesus Guerrero Rodriguez prepared Mexican food during the "Around the World" event October 4. ➤



Fr. Jerry Eifler of Louisville, KY, attended a Seasoned Pastor workshop at Saint Meinrad in November. ➤

◀ Deacons David Marcotte, left, and Juan Guido, dressed as St. Nicholas, waited for the show part of the St. Nicholas Banquet to begin on December 6.



◀ Deacon Brian Wideman directed the choir and played the organ during the Advent Lessons and Carols on December 9.

You can find more photos of Saint Meinrad events at <http://saint-meinrad.smugmug.com>

A snapshot of events on the Hill this fall

Seminarian Taryn Whittington participated in morning prayer with his classmates in early December.



◀ Dr. Charles Campbell presented the John S. and Virginia Marten Lecture in Homiletics on October 1.

▼ Seminarian Stephen Hart, left, dribbled the ball down the field during the Seminary soccer tournament in October.



▲ The Most Rev. Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Indianapolis, spoke during a dinner with the Seminary and School of Theology on October 22.

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Alumni Column

Greg Ernstberger C'75 ('71-75; '93)

Member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

Saint Meinrad teaches that change is necessary for growth

As I begin this reflection, I am reminded of attending last summer's 85th Alumni Reunion at Saint Meinrad. It was evident that a great deal of time and planning had been done to ensure that everything went well, and on schedule.

The only minor glitch was with the weather. Go figure. During the Reunion Mass, it rained so no reunion photo again this year! At least the temperature was cooler and less humid than normal at the end of July on the Hill.

The genius of Saint Meinrad is in its ability to adapt and grow to meet the needs of the ever-evolving Church.

As an Alumni Board member, I get the opportunity to see firsthand the details of the behind-the-scenes work that goes into the planning for each reunion. It is a big job! Many thanks and congratulations to the entire Development Office staff and reunion faculty for all your efforts in making this year's reunion a tremendous success! I look forward to seeing the agenda for 2014.

Each time I visit Saint Meinrad, my first thoughts are usually about those memories surrounding the years that I spent as a college seminary student here. For me, the memories of my past experiences at Saint Meinrad are a great gift – those lived and shared experiences of time spent here learning and developing from teenager to young adult.

The many friends I made, the quality of the teaching, an appreciation for Benedictine spirituality, liturgy and much more. Saint Meinrad had and continues to have a profound effect on my life.

For many of us, the Saint Meinrad where we lived and studied no longer exists in the same form (high school, college), but has been transformed into something new. The mission remains the same, but the way it is delivered has significantly changed over the years.

The genius of Saint Meinrad is in its ability to adapt and grow to meet the needs of the ever-evolving Church, so succinctly described by President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, during his address at this year's Alumni Association meeting.

Adaptation and growth are evident not only in the sandstone and steel buildings (the newly renovated St. Bede Hall and St. Martin Center, for example), but also in the addition of new programs.

The success of the "One Bread, One Cup" summer program for high school students and the Master of Arts degree in theology for lay students are examples of innovation to meet the needs of the current and future Church. Saint Meinrad continues to be a place, an institution, dedicated to enriching the lives of Catholic men and women, providing well-rounded priests, deacons and lay leaders for the Church of today and tomorrow.

No one knows what changes the next century will bring, but it is certain that change will come. Saint Meinrad is poised

to adapt and grow to meet whatever challenges the future Church presents.

Seasons change, memories endure, buildings are razed and restored, but the heart and soul of Saint Meinrad remains in the Benedictine community. The stability of the monastery and the dedication of the monks to daily living the Benedictine ideal of prayer and work are the foundation for all that happens at Saint Meinrad.

I remember my first visit to Archabbey Church (the old church); it was 1959 and I was in first grade. I was immediately drawn to the image of the risen Christ that looms over the nave. It wasn't until a few years later that the daily rhythm of prayer and work of the monastic community became real to me when I experienced life on the Hill as a college student.

As an alumnus, I am very grateful for the blessings I have received from the dedication to prayer and service of many Benedictine priests and brothers from Saint Meinrad Archabbey. In this I am not alone!

Ora et Labora! ✝

Save the Date!

February 3, 2014

Phoenix Area
Alumni & Friends Dinner

Alumni Invited

Dates have been set for the 86th annual Alumni Reunion

The 86th annual Alumni Reunion will be held Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30. Events will include a golf scramble; a day of recollection given by President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB; workshops presented by Bishop Charles Thompson T'97 of the Diocese of Evansville, Academic Dean Dr. Robert Alvis, the Alumni Board and more.

There will also be a banquet honoring this year's anniversary classes of 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989 and 2004; an alumni Mass with Bishop Peter Libasci O'77 of the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire presiding; and various opportunities for socializing.

In addition, the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association will bestow the Distinguished Alumnus Award on Mr. John A. Buche O'61 ('49-55, '95) and Rev. Msgr. Michael Hohenbrink O'74 ('62-74).



Mr. John Buche

Mr. Buche is retired from the U.S. State Department after more than 45 years of service. His work with the Foreign Service took him to Canada, Ethiopia, Malawi, Niger, Zambia, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and the Philippines.

Among the issues he dealt with were humanitarian aid to refugees and displaced persons from the civil wars in west Africa, the Congo, Rwanda and in the Balkans; the airlift of Kurds from northern Iraq to the United States; and the status under the Geneva Conventions of detainees held by the U.S. government in Iraq, Afghanistan and at Guantanamo.

His assignments included directing U.S. relief efforts in drought-stricken areas of Africa and heading a special mission to the Philippines to process Vietnamese refugees for resettlement in the United States.

Mr. Buche received his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1957 after completing six years of minor seminary at Saint Meinrad. He also studied at Tuebingen University in Germany and at Northwestern University. He was a visiting lecturer in history at Saint Meinrad College from 1993-1995.

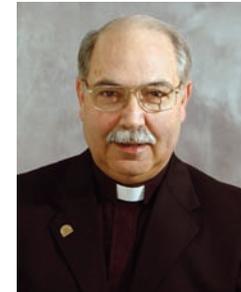
He and his wife Anike have two children, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Msgr. Hohenbrink is a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, currently serving as pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay, OH.

He also served as the diocese's vocation director and vicar for seminarians for 15 years. During this time, he served on various boards and committees, including

the Executive Board of the National Conference on Diocesan Vocation Directors.

Previous to vocation work, he was a chaplain and teacher of religion at St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Fremont, OH.



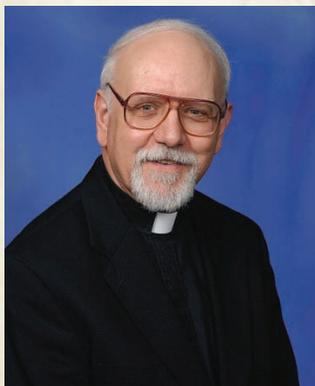
Msgr. Mike Hohenbrink

Msgr. Hohenbrink served for 19 years as a member of the Board of Overseers for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and is now an emeritus member. He is a former chair of the board.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Meinrad College and a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He also studied at Indiana University and earned a master's in human development from St. Mary University, Winona, MN.

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

Details will also be available on the website, <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu>, and the alumni Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SaintMeinradAlumni. ✚



Fr. Paul Scaglione

Fr. Paul Scaglione O'73 ('69-73, '92), a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, has co-authored the book *The Spiritual Lives of Dying People: Testimonies of Hope and Courage* with Rev. John Mulder. It was published in April 2013 by Cascade Books.

Fr. Paul, pastor of St. Barnabas Church in Louisville, relates the deaths of 15 people in his book. His ministry to dying and chronically ill people began while serving as a parish priest in New Jersey. A parishioner invited him to join in visits to dying church members, some of whom were alone.

He later began retreats for terminally and chronically ill patients called Gennesaret Retreats, which have been attended by nearly 1,000 people.

In 2000, he transferred to the Archdiocese of Louisville, where he also serves as a member of the archdiocesan Sexual Abuse Review Board.

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Mr. James E. Burns O'47 ('36-40), of St. Francisville, IL, died on September 29, 2013.

Mr. Christopher Catlett PDP'03 ('99-03), of Mechanicsville, VA, died on March 23, 2013.

Dr. Benito J. "Ben" Cerimele LD'08 ('02-08), Greenwood, IN, died on September 4, 2013.

Mr. Michael L. Cook O'75 ('67-71), of St. Petersburg, FL, died on September 21, 2013.

Mr. Elmer C. Dilger O'66 ('54-58), of Santa Claus, IN, died on August 21, 2013.

Br. Guy Joseph Eckels, CSC S'97, of the Brothers of Holy Cross, died in Gates Mills, OH, on August 10, 2013.

Fr. Stephen H. Gratto S'06, of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY, died on May 26, 2012.

Fr. Quintin T. Heck C'96 ('89, '94-96), of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, died on August 30, 2013.

Fr. Lawrence S. Heeg O'57 ('51-57), of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on October 6, 2013, in Chesterton, IN.

Mr. Richard A. Hutchison O'56 ('44-47), of Vincennes, IN, died on September 21, 2010.

Fr. James Keane O'55 ('50-55), of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, died on October 29, 2013, in Muncie, IN.

Fr. Francis R. Kerscher O'55 ('49-55), a priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, WI, died on October 4, 2013, in Manitowoc, WI.

Ms. Judith Krese LD'96 ('94-96), of Evansville, IN, died on October 7, 2013.

Mr. Ronald Lambert O'63 ('51-53), of Hayward, WI, died on September 5, 2013.

Mr. Charles V. Lundstrom O'57 ('45-53), of Terre Haute, IN, died on August 15, 2013.

Fr. Randy Miller C'83 ('79-83), a priest of the Diocese of Lansing, MI, died on March 28, 2011, in Jackson, MI.

Mr. Anthony J. Osburn O'80 ('72-75), of Oakland, TN, died on July 28, 2013.

Mr. David P. Otto SPH ('62-64), of Mankato, MN, died on May 12, 2010.

Mr. Stephen A. Pfaff O'65 ('53-54), of Sarasota, FL, died on April 8, 2013.

Mr. Joseph W. Retzner O'76 ('64-66), of New Palestine, IN, died on October 21, 2013.

Fr. John Rietti O'57 ('51-57), of the Archdiocese of Mobile, AL, died on August 28, 2013.

Mr. Francis N. Riggs O'65 ('59-65, '74), of Louisville, KY, died on October 2, 2013.

Sr. Mary Monica Riordan, RSM SS'72 ('69-72), died on October 30, 2013, in Orchard Park, NY.

Fr. Patrick J. Shields O'64 ('56-58), of the Diocese of Cleveland, OH, died on October 16, 2013.

Mr. Fredrick J. Schoettle III O'65 ('53-54), of Greenwood, IN, died on September 20, 2013.

Mr. Thomas R. Stratman O'54 ('45-50) of Surprise, AZ, died on July 30, 2013. ✚

Fr. Jerry Wirth O'68 ('62-68), of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, died on September 30, 2013. ✚

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Phonathon connects alumni and friends

The annual Alumni Phonathon gives current students on the Hill a chance to talk with alumni and friends of Saint Meinrad from around the country. Five evenings will be devoted to calling alumni. On two evenings, calls will be made to non-alumni friends.

"Taking time off from their studies for an evening of connecting with alumni and others is a worthwhile activity for the students," says Associate Director of Annual Giving John Huether O'78, who organizes the event. "It's an experience that helps them understand and appreciate

the breadth and diversity of our alumni and other benefactors."

The annual Phonathon also gives students an opportunity to share firsthand news from the Hill, to thank alumni and friends for their past generosity, and invite them to continue their support of Saint Meinrad's work of preparing future leaders for the Church.

Every member of the student body will take part in at least one of the Phonathon evenings. For most of the newer students, it is their first fund-raising event of this type.

Gifts to the Phonathon help make possible classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities, library resources, upkeep of buildings and grounds, wellness activities and many other day-to-day operations.

Alumni whose gifts qualify will also receive this year's premium, a 14-oz. ceramic mug with the Saint Meinrad logo imprinted on it.

The Phonathon will take place on weeknights during February and March. ✚

ALUMNI NEWS

Fr. John Appiah C'94 ('90-94), a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, TN, was commissioned a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force on May 30, 2013.

Br. Matthias Balz, OSB T'18 ('12-13), made his solemn profession on November 1, 2013, at Münsterschwarzach Abbey in Germany.

Fr. E. Gray Bean T'03 ('98-03), pastor of St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, AL, was featured in an article in *The Gadsden Times*. The article notes that his hobbies include music, literature, painting and writing.

Msgr. Jack Bendik O'67 ('59-67, '95) received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Greater Pittston (PA) YMCA for mobilizing hundreds of volunteers to serve in St. John the Evangelist Parish Community's many outreach services. The Wyoming Valley Inter-Faith Council also honored him for the parish's ecumenical outreach to needy persons through free health clinics, food pantry, kids' clothes closet and other ministries.

Fr. David Boettner C'90 ('87-90), a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, is a member of Leadership Knoxville 2014.

Msgr. Jim Buerster O'79 ('75-79), Fr. Leo Hayes O'61 ('55-61), Fr. Andy Knopik O'83 ('75-79), and Msgr. Carl Scherrer O'73 ('69-73), of the Diocese of Belleville, were among the participants in the 40th annual Msgr. John T. Fournie tennis tournament held in Shiloh, IL, on June 24, 2013.

Br. Bernard Cissell, OSA T'05 ('00-02) professed his first vows in the Order of St. Augustine on August 11. He has been assigned to St. Augustine Friary in Chicago while he completes his studies.

Mr. Daniel Conway O'75 ('67-75) has written a second novel in his Father Turiddu series, *Father Turiddu Returns: The Cardinal and the Inquisitor*. He is senior vice president for planning, marketing and advancement at Marian University, Indianapolis, IN.

Fr. Toan Do C'99 ('95-97), a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, has been named both a regional and a national winner for a paper on New Testament

textual criticism he presented at the Midwest Region meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in February 2013.

Mr. Brian Doyle C'95 ('92-95) has been named the director of development for the Diocese of Palm Beach, FL.

Fr. William Fichteman O'81 ('77-81) and **Fr. J. Ronald Knott O'70 ('64-70)**, priests of the Archdiocese of Louisville, were honored at the FeedMyNeighbor fund-raising event on June 8 for their work 10 years ago that was instrumental in creating the Sandefur Dining Hall, which provides a free daily lunch to about 140 people.

Ms. Tammy Flippo LDC ('11-13) has been named the director of religious education for St. Anne Catholic Church in Columbus, GA.

Most Rev. Gerald Gettelfinger O'61 ('49-61) spent a month this past summer serving as a chaplain at the Boy Scout ranch Philmont in New Mexico.

Jerry Griffith O'62 ('50-52), of Hazelwood, MO, is a co-author of the book *Why We Walked Away*. He teaches Latin and Greek at Forest Park Community College in St. Louis.

Mr. James Keefe C'92 ('88-92) of Arlington Heights, IL, is an insurance field agent for the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Brad Kluesner C'01 ('97-98) has been named the principal at St. Ambrose Catholic School in Anderson, IN.

Fr. Gueric Letter, OSB T'12 ('07-12) has been named kitchen master at Conception Abbey, Conception, MO.

Dr. Kent E. Lewis O'68 ('66-68, '70) is a Lutheran pastor of Christ Church in Shelbyville, TN.

Deacon George Mills PDP'08 ('04-08) was appointed executive assistant to the Rev. Msgr. John W. McEvelly, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Belleville, IL.

Mr. Barry Reinholz Jr. LD'12 ('10-12) is the associate director of youth and

young adult ministry for Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in Albuquerque, NM.

Mrs. Mary Schaffner LD'10 ('06-09) is associate director of spirituality ministries at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, IN.

Fr. Victor Schinstock, OSB T'13 ('10-13), of Conception Abbey, Conception, MO, has been named socius to the novice master.

Deacon Sean Smith PDP'07 ('03-07), chancellor of the Diocese of Knoxville, TN, was knighted in the Order of the Fleur de Lis in 2013.

Fr. Robert Traub O'39 ('35-39), a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN, was honored at a special Mass on August 23, 2013, in celebration of his 100th birthday.

Fr. Peter Ullrich, OSB T'87 ('84-87), of Conception Abbey, has begun an assignment in the seminary after nine years as director of The Printery House in Conception, MO.

Mr. Richard Van Slyke C'90 ('86-90), of Geneva, IL, is a field technical specialist for Toyota Motor Sales in Aurora, IL.

Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen C'82 ('78-82), of the Diocese of Joliet, IL, is the new pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Minooka. He settled in Illinois after escaping South Vietnam in a small fishing boat in 1975.

Mr. Ricky Warnken C'84 ('81-82) is an accountant with Ray Cheely, Chartered in Great Bend, KS.

Msgr. Peter Wells C'87 ('85-8) is one of five members appointed by Pope Francis to the Institute for the Works of Religion to investigate the Vatican bank. He is the assessor to the Vatican's Secretariat of State.

Fr. Robert Wilhelm O'59 ('53-55) was honored on September 28, 2013, with the St. Clare Award from the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, OH. A priest of the Diocese of Toledo for more than 50 years, he has served as chaplain for the sisters since 2005. ✚



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New Day of Service

will be hosted by the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association

The board of directors of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association will host its first Day of Service on March 15, 2014, in the Diocese of Evansville.

In collaboration with the Alumni Office, the Alumni Board has been brainstorming unique ways to engage alumni. Currently, the Alumni Office plans the annual Alumni Reunion and

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— Alumni Director Tim Herrmann

helps support the regional dinners for alumni to connect and have fellowship. They also communicate with alumni through email, Facebook, personal touch cards and solicitations.

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology’s mission statement aims to

instill in its students “a sense of hospitality that welcomes Christ in each person and in the community of disciples gathered in Christ's name.”

“We know our alumni carry forward this principle, and we want to provide for them the opportunity to again work with one another to seek Christ in others and in their communities, cities and

dioceses,” says Tim Herrmann, director of alumni relations for Saint Meinrad.

Board members came to the conclusion that their ideal vision is to have a Saint Meinrad Day of Service annually all over the world. The Alumni Office would coordinate

with lead volunteers, who would oversee the service projects and volunteers for their communities.

There are no concrete plans set yet for the March 15 event, but the board hopes to incorporate Mass, evening or morning prayer, and a meal, along with service

opportunities throughout the community.

All alumni in the Evansville, IN, area are invited to participate with their friends, families, youth groups and parishes. There will be several different types of service opportunities that volunteers can sign up for.

The Alumni Board plans to present their findings from the Saint Meinrad Day of Service in the Diocese of Evansville at the Alumni Reunion this year. They will share the strengths and challenges from the event, provide a “how-to” for others to follow, and seek alumni who might be interested in expanding the idea to their community, city or diocese.

“I think what is on the heart of every alumnus, regardless of how they studied here (seminary, summer session, lay, permanent deacon), is the idea of service to one another and seeking Christ in one another,” says Tim. ✝



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