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Fr. Barnabas**

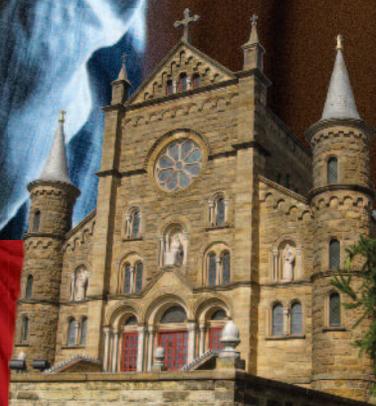
**Alumni Reunion
reconnects classmates**

**Fall Semester:
New students, staff, faculty**

Cover: Maria Perez-Ramirez from Tiffin, OH, processes into Mass during a “One Bread, One Cup” conference this summer.



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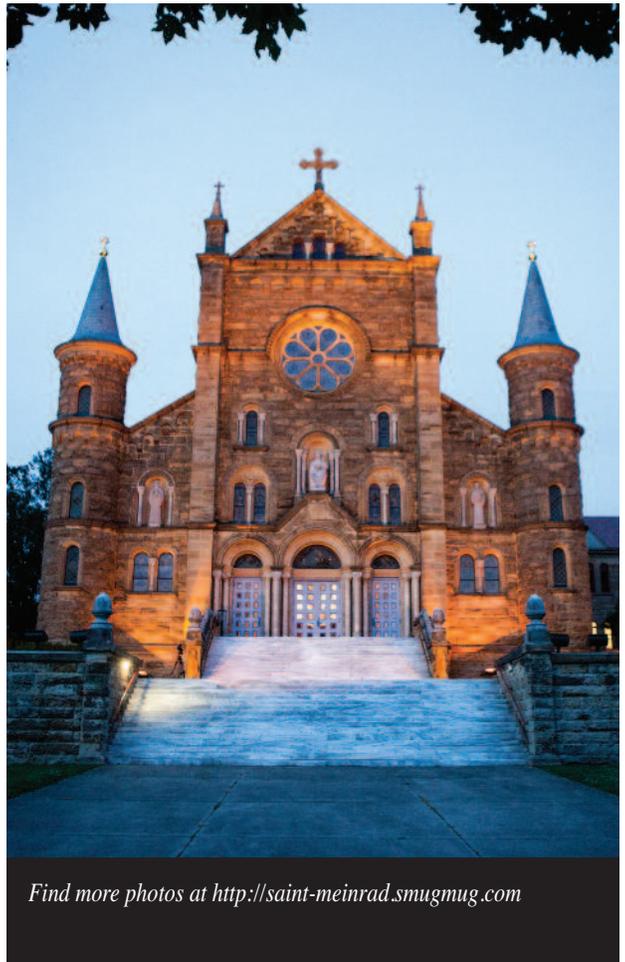
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Monastery News

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, Fr. Prior John McMullen, Fr. Justin DuVall, Fr. Adrian Burke and Br. John Mark Falkenhain traveled to Conception Abbey, Conception, MO, to attend the 46th General Chapter of the Swiss American Benedictine Congregation on June 22. Br. John Mark Falkenhain presented a workshop on vocations with Fr. Michael Casey, OCSO.

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, Fr. Subprior Gueric DeBona, Fr. Harry Hagan, Fr. Justin DuVall and Fr. Denis Robinson attended the installation for Archbishop Charles Thompson at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, IN, on July 27-28.

Fr. Denis Robinson, Fr. Tobias Colgan, Fr. Brendan Moss and Fr. Thomas Gricoski, along with Fr. John Kang of the seminary staff, attended a two-week

meeting in Rome hosted by the Congregation for Clergy on the new *Ratio Fundamentalis*, the international document that governs seminary formation for the universal Church.

Fr. Anthony Vinson has been appointed monastic liaison/intercommunity relations. He will oversee operational aspects, including infrastructure, institutional systems, and operating policies and procedures.

Fr. Luke Waugh has been appointed administrator at St. Isidore the Farmer Parish in Bristow, IN, and St. Martin of Tours Parish in Siberia, IN.

Fr. Paul Nord was appointed associate pastor at St. Meinrad Parish, St. Meinrad, IN, and St. Boniface Parish, Fulda, IN.

Fr. Patrick Cooney began working for the Diocese of Owensboro as judicial vicar on August 2.

Fr. Meinrad Brune has been appointed the new archivist. **Novice Joseph Wagner** will assist him after completing the “Archives and Records Management” class at Indiana University.

Novice Noel Zamora has been appointed custodian of Mass intentions. ✝

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Novice joins Saint Meinrad community



Novice Noel Zamora

In a brief ceremony, Novice Noel Zamora was clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey on August 5. He now undertakes a year of monastic formation, including study of

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

Novice Noel, 40, most recently served as a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, KY.

A native of Angeles City, Philippines, he earned a bachelor's degree in

communication from Ateneo de Manila University in 1998. For two years, he was a college instructor at the University of Assumption before deciding to study for the priesthood.

He earned a Master of Arts in Catholic thought and life in 2004 and a Master of Divinity in 2007, both from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lexington on May 19, 2007.

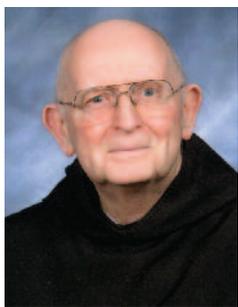
Fr. Zamora's parish assignments have included Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, Holy Spirit Parish and University of Kentucky Newman Center, all in Lexington; St. Andrew Parish, Harrodsburg, KY; St. Mary Parish, Perryville, KY; Jesus Our Savior Parish,

Morehead, KY; St. Julie Parish, Owingsville, KY; and Morehead State University Newman Center.

He also was a guest columnist for the *Harrodsburg Herald* from 2012 to 2015 and chaplain of the Morehead State University football team during the 2016-17 season.

As a novice, he takes a year off from formal studies and trades. The novitiate is a time of prayer and learning intended to help a novice discern his vocation as a monk. At the end of this year, a novice may be permitted to profess temporary vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community of Saint Meinrad. ✚

Fr. Timothy Sweeney, OSB, former abbot and pastor, dies



Fr. Timothy Sweeney

Fr. Timothy Sweeney, OSB, 82, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died at 4 a.m. on August 17, 2017, at the monastery. He was a jubilant both of profession and

priesthood. He served as archabbot of Saint Meinrad from 1978 to 1995.

Fr. Timothy was born in Indianapolis, IN, on July 24, 1935, and given the name Robert Joseph at his baptism. He enrolled in Saint Meinrad High School seminary in 1949. Graduating from high school, he was invested as a novice on August 14, 1955. He professed his simple vows on August 15, 1956, and his solemn vows in 1959.

Fr. Timothy received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from Saint Meinrad College and a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 7, 1961.

After ordination, Father Timothy earned a licentiate in sacred theology at the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant' Anselmo in Rome. He then attended the Institut Catholique in Paris, France, and earned a licentiate in philosophy.

In 1968 he returned to Saint Meinrad as a member of the philosophy faculty of the college. He taught philosophy for 10 years, during which time he also served the monastic community as subprior (1970-1975) and as master of novices and juniors (1972-1975). In 1975, he was appointed prior of the Archabbey.

On June 2, 1978, the monastic community elected him as the seventh abbot and fourth archabbot.

Under his leadership as abbot, Saint Meinrad built a new monastery and new library; renovated the former monastery (now St. Anselm Hall) for seminary and graduate theology use; began the four-year process of completing the renovation of the Archabbey Church begun after the Second Vatican Council; expanded and formalized the missions of the College, School of Theology, and Abbey Press; and enjoyed the significant growth of its endowment.

After resigning as abbot, Fr. Timothy served in parishes, including St. Bridget Parish, Liberty, IN; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Hammond, IN; Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro, KY; and St. Paul Parish, Tell City, IN.

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He returned to the monastery to teach philosophy in the seminary for the 2009-2011 academic years, and then served as administrator of St. Charles Parish, Bloomington, IN, for six months. He then spent nine months at Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, SD, assisting with their archives and facilitating their discussions resulting in the closure of the Blue Cloud community.

Returning to Saint Meinrad in September 2012, he maintained and managed the archives of Saint Meinrad and of the Swiss-American Congregation, while also serving the parishes of St. Isidore, Bristow, IN, and St. Martin, Siberia, IN, as their administrator.

The funeral Mass was held on August 22, followed by burial in the Archabbey Cemetery. †



▲ Fr. Timothy Sweeney, OSB, was buried in “abbots row” in the Archabbey Cemetery—the first time a former abbot had died since 1989.

Fr. Barnabas Gillespie dies unexpectedly



Fr. Barnabas Gillespie

Fr. Barnabas Gillespie, 70, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died at 12:30 a.m. on July 28, 2017, at the monastery. He was a jubilant both of profession and priesthood.

He is survived by three brothers, Timothy, Patrick and Kevin. Fr. Barnabas was born in Cincinnati, OH, on April 13, 1947, and given the name Michael David at his baptism. He attended St. Francis High School Seminary in Cincinnati. He attended Duns Scotus College, Cincinnati, for a year before transferring to the University of Cincinnati.

Fr. Barnabas joined the monastery at Saint Meinrad in 1972 and professed his simple vows on August 24, 1973. He graduated from Saint Meinrad College in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in history.

During his years in the juniorate, he responded to various needs of the community, serving as assistant manager

of the Guest House, working in the Development Office, editing the monastery’s *Community Bulletin*, and overseeing the physical condition of the monastery as house prefect.

Fr. Barnabas professed solemn vows on August 24, 1977. He received a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1980 and was ordained to the priesthood on April 27. Following ordination, he served as guest master of the monastery for two years.

In 1982, Fr. Barnabas began a four-year assignment as associate pastor at St. Benedict Parish, Evansville, IN. He then returned to Saint Meinrad and, over the next 10 years, held such positions as retreat director, liturgical master of ceremonies, refectorian, house prefect, and director of the vestry.

Fr. Barnabas returned to parish ministry in 1996, serving for one year as administrator of the churches of St. Augustine, Leopold, IN, and St. Mark, Perry County, IN, and then for one year as associate pastor of Guardian Angels Parish in Cincinnati. In 1998 he began a 14-year assignment as pastor of the

parishes of St. Michael, Cannelton, IN, and St. Pius, Troy, IN.

He returned to the Archabbey in 2012, ministering as a spiritual director in the seminary and assisting in the seminary’s liturgical practicum program. He served as chaplain to the Tell City Chapter of the Knights of Columbus since 2012. Father Barnabas was a cantor and member of the monastic *schola*.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on August 3, followed by burial in the Archabbey Cemetery. †

Saint Meinrad
DAY OF SERVICE
has been set for
March 10, 2018.
Watch for more details!

ATS Grant will fund development of Spanish-language curriculum for permanent deacon formation

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada has awarded an innovation grant to produce a Spanish-language curriculum for permanent deacon formation. Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology of Seton Hall University in New Jersey will collaborate on the project.

“I applaud your collaboration in an initiative to develop a best practices regimen and curriculum of formation for Spanish-speaking deacons,” said Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR, Archbishop of Newark.

As the permanent diaconate in the United States reaches its 50th anniversary in 2018, the considerable growth in the Hispanic/Latino population indicates a significant potential demand for Spanish-language permanent diaconate formation programs.

Statistics from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops indicate a 71 percent increase of the U.S. Catholic population since 1960 from the Hispanic community. Nationwide, 4,544 parishes (26 percent) specifically serve Hispanic/Latino communities.

Saint Meinrad has partnered with dioceses around the nation to provide intellectual formation of permanent deacon candidates in 19 dioceses, including more than 400 candidates. Immaculate Conception Seminary provides formation for permanent diaconate candidates in three northern New Jersey dioceses, with considerable Hispanic/Latino populations.

The collaboration of the two institutions will result in the production of an innovative Spanish-language curriculum by May 2018. They will develop Spanish-language resources, course syllabi, discussion questions, a bibliography, videos of lectures and basic course materials for facilitators for intellectual formation. Offered in DVD format, the

program will include a 24-module curriculum.

The project will address the formation needs of Hispanic permanent deacons and enable local bishops to tailor the formation to the needs of each diocese, drawing on the diversity, culture, racial and ethnic richness of the Hispanic/Latino community.

“Without question, the need for an innovative and comprehensive program

for Spanish-speaking deacons is apparent. More than 30 million Catholics in the United States today identify as Hispanic or Latino, and of that number nearly half are foreign-born,” said Cardinal Tobin. “Yet the number of Hispanic permanent deacons – only 16 percent of the total number of deacons in the Church today – is not sufficient to meet the needs of the laity in parishes, who are clamoring to learn about and deepen their faith through the guidance of ordained deacons and priests.” ✝



▲ From the parapet on St. Bede Hall, Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, was one of the many who viewed the solar eclipse on August 21.



▲ Amir Sehic of Conrad Schmitt Studios primes the cracks in the ceiling of the chapel at Monte Cassino Shrine to begin restoring the artwork inside the chapel.

[Meet the Student]

Deacon Nathan Brunn

Diocese: Crookston, MN

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Q. *What attracted you to the priesthood?*

What attracted me to the priesthood is the life of service to others. As I worked with people of all different walks of life, I enjoyed getting to know them and seeing how I could help them in their life's journey. It is in serving others that Christ is served; this has been an important image that sticks with me.

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

The pastor of the parish where I went to college challenged me early on to consider a vocation to the priesthood. In a gentle and patient way, he journeyed with me as I discovered the Lord's calling. As it took time for me to discover it on my own, he was there to answer questions and guided me with the question, "What is it, Lord, that You want me to do with the life that You have given me?"

Something that was very attractive was his life of service for the parish and for the people. He was always available and willing to do anything for anybody that would lead them close to Jesus. It is visible that he is in love with Jesus Christ! The example he set for me is something I strive to imitate as I begin the life of being a priest.

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

I was a sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade social studies teacher at a Catholic school in Moorhead, MN. My B.S. degree is in elementary education with an emphasis in social studies. When I wasn't in the classroom teaching, I worked for a

landscape company that did mainly residential properties. It was a great change of pace and it allowed me to work with my hands outdoors!

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

My favorite saint is Anthony of Padua. In 2007, I visited his tomb in Italy and asked for his intercession to help me in choosing the vocation that God wants for me. When I need help preparing a homily, working with the sick or finding something that I have misplaced, I find myself turning to him for help!

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

Matthew 14:22-33. This is the story of Jesus walking on the water. Peter stepped out of the boat and walked toward Jesus and got caught up in the waves. Jesus took him by the hand and pulled him up.

What I love about these verses is that it takes courage to step out of the boat, but we are never left alone. When we start sinking, we can call on the name of Jesus and He will hold on to us. Many things distract me, but I am comforted by a Savior who is in love with His creation so much that He holds us in His hand when we think we are sinking!

Q. *Hobbies?*

My favorite hobbies include anything outdoors. I grew up fishing and spending time at the lakes, but also picked up deer and pheasant hunting during my high school years. I enjoy walking in the woods, working in the garden, cutting trees and mowing the grass. During the winters, I like to ice-fish and walk through the snow.



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

The incredible support from family, the diocese, my home parish and the seminary. In the midst of formation, there has been an immense peace and joy that comes with the support of people. They all have helped me to grow into the man that I am becoming. I know that as I continue the journey of this life I am not alone; there is a constant outpouring of prayer and love. Saint Meinrad really has become for me a home away from home.

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

Missing out on some things that happen back home. Because it is quite a distance to go back home, I have had to say no to things back in Minnesota that I normally would have been able to partake in. Through these different trials, it has allowed me to trust in the Lord and His will. I have been able to fully enter into the communal life of the seminary but, as a result, I have said no to things back home and offered it up in prayer.

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

The best advice I received is to enter fully into the formation for the priesthood, and let the rest take care of

itself. I was torn about whether I was called to the priesthood, but by entering into formation, I have seen that this is what the Lord is calling me to. The formation staff at Saint Meinrad, the diocese and trusted mentors have helped me see the Lord working and speaking through the formation process. If I were to give any advice to people entering the seminary now, it would be to trust the process.

Q. *Other comments?*

I am forever grateful for the people of Saint Meinrad and the work they have done to help me become a better person in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ; the diocese and priests in Crookston for

their prayers and support; and for my family and friends as they have stood by my side through this journey. All these great men and women are a living witness to Christ working in the world today! ✝

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▲ Bell #6 awaits return to the Archabbey Church tower after being repaired in the Netherlands. It was reinstalled on August 9.



▲ Priests participating in the Stoking the Fire mini-sabbatical at Saint Meinrad this summer concelebrate Mass with Fr. Peter Marshall, director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates.

EVENTS ON THE HILL

October 29

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Recollection

November 4-6

Guest House Retreat: "Mysterious Meister Eckhart" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

November 8-10

Guest House Retreat: "The End-Purpose of Creation and Our Role in its History according to St. Paul" by Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB

November 11-13

Guest House Retreat: "The Francis Effect: A Study of Two Characters" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

November 18-20

Guest House Retreat: "Living a Blessed Life" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB

December 16-18

Guest House Retreat: "Spiritual Themes in the Gospel of Luke" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

February 10-12

Guest House Retreat: "Almost Paradise" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB.

February 27

Black History Lecture, Dr. Greg Ellison

March 9-12

Guest House Retreat: "Praying the Psalms in the Office" by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB

March 17-19

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

March 24-26

Guest House Retreat: "I am with You Always, Even to the End of the World: The Sacraments of the Church" by Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB

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Fall semester off to a strong start



▲ *Seminarian Garrett Braun, of the Diocese of Evansville, helps move in the belongings of a new student on August 25.*

The fall semester in the Seminary and School of Theology is under way with 112 seminarians attending classes. That's a slight drop from 123 seminarians last fall.

The school welcomed 34 new seminarians and is serving 27 dioceses and eight religious communities. Those numbers remain consistent with last year's enrollment of 34 new students, serving 27 dioceses and 11 religious communities.

"Our formation year is beginning with a very positive note, the highest number of First Philosophy students in several years and very community-minded students," says Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president-director of the Seminary and School of Theology. "We are already beginning to coalesce as a community of prayer and study."

The number of international seminarians remains consistent, with 35 born in countries outside the United States and one seminarian who is a first-generation American on at least one side of his family. The seminary represents 18 countries of origin.

Last year, the seminary represented 16 countries of origin with 36 born outside the United States and one who is a first-generation American.

"Our men this year are strong and ready to do the best work possible in being formed for priestly service," says Fr. Denis.

Enrollment in the Graduate Theology Program also remains consistent. They have a total of 70 students enrolled for classes this fall, compared to 66 students last year.

There are two full-time students, 52 part-time students, 11 non-degree and five who are auditing classes.

The Permanent Deacon Program is serving eight dioceses and has 95 deacon candidates. Last fall the program had 123 deacon candidates from 10 dioceses.

A new feature of the Permanent Deacon Program is that wives of deacon candidates can take courses and earn advanced standing toward a master's degree in theology. Nine wives are taking courses this fall.

Graduate Theology Program revises master's degree

Beginning this fall, it will take fewer credits for lay men and women to earn a master's degree at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Students will be able to complete the Master of Arts (Theology) degree in 36, instead of 48, credit hours and have more flexibility in choosing courses.

A part-time student attending weekend courses now can complete the degree in three years. A full-time student can complete the degree in less than two years. It also will make the degree more affordable for students.

Students in the Graduate Theology Program can take courses in a variety of formats, attending weekdays alongside seminarians, taking classes

online, coming to campus for intensive residence/hybrid courses, or attending weekend courses on campus once a month. Students must take at least 50 percent of their classes on campus.

While the earlier MA (Theology) required a substantial number of core classes, only three core classes are required now: The Creed and History in Theology, Early Church History, and a core course on the New Testament. Beyond these classes, Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB, director of the Graduate Theology Program, will work with students to plan their studies.

You can learn more here:
www.saintmeinrad.edu/madegree

With a new school year, come a few new appointments in the faculty and administration of the Seminary and School of Theology.



Dr. Michael Dunnigan

Dr. Michael Dunnigan of San Antonio, TX, joined the faculty as assistant professor of canon law.

He has many years of experience as a practitioner in both canon law and civil law, and experience as an adjunct instructor as well. He received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, his licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, and an MA in theology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.



Fr. Peter DiMaria

Fr. Peter DiMaria, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, joined the staff as associate director of spiritual formation.

He served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Royersford, PA, since 2010. From 2007 until 2010, Fr. DiMaria was pastor of Stella Maris Parish in Philadelphia.

He also served as a parochial vicar for several years and was on the faculty of Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown, PA, for five years.

Fr. DiMaria received his bachelor's degree in humanities/philosophy from Holy Family University, Philadelphia, in 1989. He received his Master of Divinity from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1992 and was ordained a priest in 1993.



Michal Horace

This summer, **Michal Horace** of Portland, OR, accepted the position of director of Young Adult Initiative in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Formation. Horace spent the past 16 years as

the director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

Horace received his Master of Arts in pastoral ministry from the University of Portland. He has a Bachelor of Science of

aerospace engineering from St. Louis University.



Audra Mathies

Audra Matheis of Jasper, IN, is the administrative and research assistant for the Young Adult Initiative. She graduated in May from Indiana University-Purdue

University Indianapolis with a degree in Tourism, Conventions, and Event Management and a certificate in business. ✚



▲ *Deacon Jeff Dufresne, of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, serves as deacon at the opening Mass of fall semester in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel on September 5.*



▲ *Faculty members receive a blessing during the opening Mass of fall semester on September 5.*

Three join Saint Meinrad Board of Overseers

The Board of Overseers welcomes a new member, a returning member and an emeritus member to the advisory board for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

The board advises President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, on matters related to the school's programs and performance and addresses strategic questions related to the future of the school. Each member serves a three-year term.

Joining the board are Fr. Gary Kastl, Mary Schaffner and Charles Gardner.



Fr. Gary Kastl

Fr. Gary Kastl was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Tulsa in 2007. He serves as pastor at St. Anne Catholic Church in Broken Bow, OK. He also serves as a leadership consultant with

Catholic Leadership Institute and a member of the Personnel Board and the Presbyteral Council for the Diocese of Tulsa.

In 2003, Fr. Kastl graduated from Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO. He graduated from Saint Meinrad School of Theology with a Master of Divinity in 2007. This is his first year on the Board of Overseers.



Mary Schaffner

Mary Schaffner is the associate director of spirituality ministries at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, IN. She has previous experience as a religion teacher, high school

campus minister, young adult minister, director of religious education, pastoral associate and director of adult faith formation.

She has served on the vocations committee for the Sisters of St. Benedict in Beech Grove, IN; was a past member of Saint Meinrad's "One Bread, One Cup" advisory board and is a member of the spiritual direction team of St. Luke Institute in Louisville, KY.

She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University and a Master's in Theological Studies from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. She also has a graduate certificate in spiritual direction and directed retreats from Creighton University's Christian Spirituality Program.

She and her husband, John, have five adult children and are members of St. Pius X Parish. She is beginning her second term as a member of the Board of Overseers.



Charles Gardner

Charles Gardner is a native of Indianapolis. He graduated from Saint Meinrad College in 1969 and attended one year at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He received a Master of Music degree

from Butler University in 1976.

In 2013, he retired from 42 years of service to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as liturgical music director and director for spiritual life and worship.

He continues to serve as an instructor at Marian University, a substitute organist, and a member of *Vox Sacra*, the archdiocesan *schola cantorum*. He is on the leadership team for Central Indiana Bread for the World and is active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

He and his wife, Dianne, have three adult children and are members of Nativity Parish in Indianapolis.

He joined the Board of Overseers in 1989. In 2017, the board elected him as an emeritus member. †

Save the Date!

October 25, 2017

Jasper/Lincoln Hills
Alumni & Friends Dinner

November 7, 2017

Phoenix Alumni & Friends Dinner

March 10, 2018

5th Annual Saint Meinrad
Day of Service



▲ *One Bread, One Cup* youth participant Claire Snyder prepares for Communion during the final Mass of the third conference at Saint Meinrad this summer.

Janet Ann Werne

named Saint Meinrad honorary alumna



Janet Ann Werne

Janet Ann Werne, associate director of alumni relations at Saint Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary and School of Theology, has been named an honorary alumna by the Saint

Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors. The announcement was made July 31 during the 89th annual Alumni Reunion.

Honorary membership in the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association is reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions affecting the alumni of Saint Meinrad.

The honor recognizes Ms. Werne's 50-year career in advancing the mission of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary

and School of Theology, in appreciation for the countless hours given toward its success, and in gratitude for numerous friendships forged with the alumni of Saint Meinrad.

Honorary alumnus status has been conferred only six previous times – to Indianapolis attorney Gilbert McNutt, Evansville Bishop Paul J. Leibold, former Saint Meinrad Development Vice President John MacCauley, Evansville Bishop Francis Shea, Louisville Archbishop Thomas Kelly and former Saint Meinrad Development Vice President Dan Schipp.

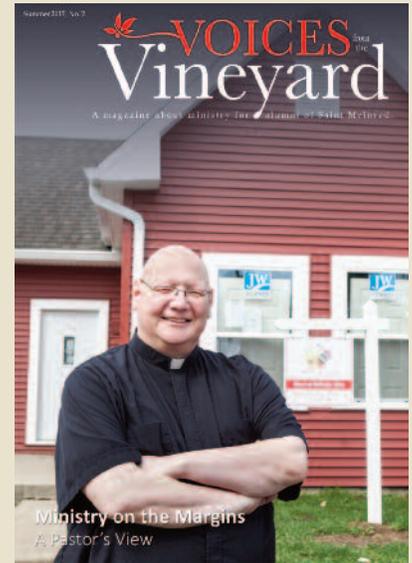
Ms. Werne, of St. Henry, IN, has worked for Saint Meinrad's Development Office for 50 years.

As an honorary member of the Association, she has the full privileges of regular members, with the exception of voting privileges and election to national office in the Association. ✝

Alumni Board slate approved

Five alumni were approved for membership on the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors. They are:

Msgr. Fred C. Easton O'66 ('54-60), a priest and adjunct judicial vicar of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN; **Kevin McNamara O'78 ('70-72)**, airport executive in Orlando, FL; **Dr. Jared Bryson C'97 ('94-96)**, vice president of mission and church relations at Mercy Health System in St. Louis, MO; **Joseph Pfennig T'98 ('93-94; '00-01)**, a theology teacher at Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis; and **Carrie Fuchs Williamson MTS'14 ('11-14)**, director of pastoral ministry at St. Patrick Catholic Parish in Louisville, KY.



Second issue published in July

In July, the Alumni Office published the second issue of *Voices from the Vineyard*, an e-magazine for alumni of Saint Meinrad. Inside, alumni authors share inspiring stories about their work in the Church and for the world.

"The summer issue is broad in scope, but each story shares a similar theme," explains Christian Mocek, director of alumni relations and editor of the magazine. "My hope is that this e-magazine serves as both a resource and an inspiration to our alumni."

Both the spring and summer issues are available on the alumni website: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/voices/>. ✝

Mass Intentions

You can now request Mass Intentions online

www.saintmeinrad.org/mass-intentions

Alumni Reunion 2017



Photos, beginning at top left: Msgr. John Kozar receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the Alumni Reunion banquet on August 1.

Members of the Saint Meinrad High School class of 1967 pose for a portrait on Saturday before the Alumni Reunion.

Fr. Lambert Reilly, OSB, greets reunion guests before he gives the Day of Recollection on Monday of the Alumni Reunion.

Bob O'Connor of San Antonio, TX, celebrates his 50th anniversary with his Saint Meinrad College classmates during the reunion banquet on Tuesday.

Steve and Lish Gennett listen to Fr. Lambert Reilly, OSB, speak during the Day of Recollection on Monday of the Reunion.

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, presents Janet Ann Werne with an Honorary Alumnus Certificate during the Alumni Reunion banquet on July 31.

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Photos, beginning at top: Alumni and friends gather on the Archabbey Church steps after Mass for a portrait on August 1 during the Alumni Reunion.

Among the foursomes playing in the golf scramble at Christmas Lake Golf Course on Monday of the Alumni Reunion were, from left, Paul LaRosa, Del Steinhart, Ken Vogler and Thomas Tucker. All are member of the ordination class of 1967.

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, was the main celebrant at the Alumni Reunion Mass.

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, prays during the Alumni Reunion Mass on Tuesday. He wore a beaded pectoral cross to remember Blue Cloud Abbey, Saint Meinrad's daughter abbey in South Dakota, which closed in 2012.

Mark your calendar: the 2018 Alumni Reunion is scheduled for July 22-25.

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Deacon Norman G. Amero PD'07 ('03-07), of Oak Ridge, TN, died on August 1, 2017.

Fr. David J. Beck O'67 ('59-63), of Carthage, OH, died on June 27, 2017. He was a priest of the Diocese of Toledo.

Mr. Joseph F. Gajdostik O'65 ('59-61), of Oregon, OH, died on July 2, 2017.

Deacon Ray D. Gibson PD'12 ('08-11), of Alexandria, LA, died on July 23, 2017.

Fr. Walter A. Hancock O'47 ('38-47), of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, died on March 2, 2012.

Mr. James J. Hodge O'56 ('44-56), of Houston, TX, died on July 13, 2017.

Mr. William E. Langsdon O'76 ('64-65), of Indianapolis, IN, died on January 28, 2011.

Fr. Gerald C. Miriani O'62 ('56-62; '69), a priest of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, died on August 13, 2017. He retired to the Diocese of Tucson, AZ, in 1992 and was in ministry there.

Fr. Harry Peterson, SDB, O'56 ('44-48), died on July 2, 2017, in Santiago, Chile.

Mr. Michael C. Petty T'11 ('05-09), of Bossier City, LA, died on July 15, 2017.

Dr. Benjamin Rocco O'67 ('56-60), of Temecula, CA, died on June 7, 2017.

Fr. Edwin J. Scherzer O'50 ('39-50), a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on August 13, 2017. ✚

Sr. Mary Alice Schnur, OSB, SS ('69-70), of Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, IN, died on August 19, 2017.

Mr. Joseph T. Sergi O'54 ('42-45), of Indianapolis, IN, died on August 3, 2017.

Mr. Lloyd J. Sinkhorn O'58 ('46-48), of New Albany, IN, died on July 23, 2017.

Mr. James A. Walker O'76 ('64-65), of Lockport, NY, died on June 28, 2017.

Mr. Robert B. Wilson O'66 ('54-56), of Indianapolis, IN, died on August 15, 2017.

Fr. Basil Yender, OSB, O'69 ('61-62), of Marmion Abbey, Aurora, IL, died on July 16, 2017.

✚ - Member of The Einsiedeln Society

A key to the initials behind the names of alumni:

C: College

GTP: Graduate Theology Programs

HS: High School

MAT: Master of Arts (Theology)

MAPT: Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology)

MTS: Master in Theological Studies

O: Ordination

PD: Permanent Deacon Formation Program

S: Sabbaticant

SPH: St. Placid Hall

SS: Summer Session

T: Theology ✚

ALUMNI NEWS

Sr. Jane Anthrop, OSF, SS ('76) has ministered to the sick, elderly and homebound of St. Boniface Parish in Lafayette, IN, for three decades. A feature on her work appeared in the June 25 issue of *The Catholic Moment*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Fr. David Boettner C'90 ('87-90), a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, TN, was awarded the St. George Emblem on April 8 by the Knoxville Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Dr. Glendon Bogdon O'61 ('55-56), of Franklin, WI, is the 2017 recipient of the Special Service Award presented by the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association. A retired orthodontist, he has volunteered at Clement Manor Health Care Center and at the Give Kids a Smile Day and Head Start Day at Marquette University School of Dentistry. He also gives exams and sealants for Milwaukee Public School students.

Dr. Robert Breen O'79 ('75-79), of Rockwall, TX, enjoys long-distance

running. This year, he has participated in two 10K and two half-marathons and is training for a full marathon. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice.

Fr. Thomas Dansak O'73 ('61-69) in July retired from his assignments in the Diocese of Pittsburgh after 44 years of ministry, 30 of which were served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. He is residing in Delmont, PA, and assisting various Roman and Byzantine churches in western Pennsylvania.

Fr. Christopher Floersh T'17 ('13-17) has joined the faculty of Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, TN. He will serve as chaplain while teaching theology, taekwondo and service learning.

Mr. Sean Gallagher T'01 ('95-99; '02-03), of Indianapolis, IN, received first place in the 2017 Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada in the category of Best Reporting

on Vocations for a weekly diocesan newspaper of 25,001 or more circulation. The award honored articles he wrote about three sets of brother priests ordained in recent years for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Msgr. Patrick Garrity O'76 ('67-76) was honored on April 4 when the Knoxville (TN) Catholic High School dedicated the school's administrative department as the Monsignor Garrity Administrative Suite. He served as principal of the school from 1985-1997 and was instrumental in the school's first major capital campaign that led to a new building wing.

Mr. James Gill O'83 ('77-79), of Waukesha, WI, is the director of adult and family ministry for the Catholic Community of Waukesha.

Ms. Angie Greulich MTS'14 ('09-13), of Jasper, IN, has earned a certification in youth ministry studies from the Center for Ministry Development. She is the St. John Bosco youth minister in Jasper.

Msgr. Daniel J. Jurek O'73 ('66-73), of Prairie du Rocher, IL, retired from fulltime ministry in July. He will continue to assist with weekend Masses at St. Joseph Parish and celebrate weekday Masses for the retired Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters in Ruma, IL.

Deacon Joseph Knapp C'85 ('81-85; '95-01) of Washington, IL, was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Peoria, IL, in May. He is serving as the director of pastoral care at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL.

Fr. Byron Macias, CMF, T'12 ('07-11) is the author of *Through the Eyes of a Claretian*, a pictorial book available from www.cmfbyron.wordpress.com.

Abbot Daniel Maloney O'68 (67-68) was elected the ninth abbot of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND, on July 28, 2017.

Deacon C. Robert Markert O'67 ('61-63) and his stained-glass art were featured in the June 22 issue of *The Record*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY. He serves as a permanent deacon for Incarnation Parish in Louisville.

Mr. John McLaughlin T'17 ('11-13) and Allison Gilmet were married on July 7, 2017. They reside in Cleveland, OH.

Fr. Michael O'Mara T'88 ('81-88) visited Guatemala earlier this year to attend the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Quiche Diocese. He is pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Indianapolis, which is a sister parish to Our Lady of Guadalupe of the Martyrs Parish in Chel, Quiche.

Fr. John Parks T'10 ('05-10) has been named the new vicar of evangelization for the Diocese of Phoenix. Prior to that, he served as chaplain and a fulltime faculty member of Notre Dame Preparatory School in Scottsdale.

Mr. George Rahman MAT'12 ('06-09), of Terre Haute, IN, had a poem, "Gardener's Reward," published in the May 19 issue of *The Criterion*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Deacon Daniel Ratliff O'82 ('74-78), of Hammond, IN, was profiled in the June 4 issue of the *Northwest Indiana Catholic*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Gary. He was ordained a permanent deacon on June 10, 2017.

Mr. G. Robert Stewart O'67 ('61-65) is the coordinator of public affairs for Social Action Linking Together (SALT) in Vienna, VA.

Deacon William Tribbey PD'16 ('10-11; '12-16; '16-17) of Clarksville, IN, is a software and technology developer for the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, KY.

Mrs. Ann Tully MTS'03 ('96-03), of Indianapolis, IN, was quoted in an article on annulment reform that appeared in the June 2-15 issue of the *National Catholic Reporter*. She is the coordinator of the tribunal in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Mr. Jim Wayne O'74 ('62-66), of Louisville, KY, received awards in two categories from the Catholic Press Association for his novel, *The Unfinished Man*. He earned second place for First Time Author of a Book and second place in Catholic Novels. He is a practicing psychotherapist and a Kentucky state representative.

Mr. Michael Ziegler T'00 ('91-98), of Cape Girardeau, MO, is a community mental health liaison with Bootheel Counseling Services in Sikeston, MO.

Deacon Frank J. Zolvinski O'76 ('68-72), of La Porte, IN, completed the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics at the University of Notre Dame in July. He joined 12 other deacons from the Diocese of Gary who participated in the program. ✚

Alumni Annual Giving Program supports school operations



The 2017-18 Alumni Annual Giving Program is currently under way. It is an opportunity for Saint Meinrad alumni to offer their support for the Seminary and School of Theology's unrestricted annual fund.

"Every year I'm so impressed with the generosity of our alumni," says Duane Schaefer, director of development. "Their commitment to Saint Meinrad and its work for the Church is humbling."

"Through annual gifts, alumni make possible classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities, upkeep of buildings and grounds, guest lectures and many other day-to-day operations."

Alumni whose gifts qualify will receive this year's premium, a red power bank with the Saint Meinrad logo. This portable, rechargeable battery for your high-tech gadgets works with any USB-powered device. It comes with a USB to Micro USB cable.

Alumni can qualify for the power bank by making a gift of \$200 or more or by making a first-time gift of \$100 or more. ✚



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Fifth annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service planned for March 10, 2018



▲ *Various community service projects will be undertaken on the fifth Saint Meinrad Day of Service, which has been set for Saturday, March 10, 2018.*

Plans are under way for the fifth annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service to be held Saturday, March 10, 2018. The event is organized by the Alumni Office in partnership with the Alumni Association Board of Directors and is open to all alumni, oblates and friends of Saint Meinrad.

“The Day of Service is an uplifting, encouraging and inspiring event for the entire Saint Meinrad community,” says Christian Mocek, director of alumni relations and organizer of the day of service.

The 2017 Day of Service was the largest ever with 178 alumni, oblates and friends

taking part in 11 projects in nine locations across the country including Cleveland, OH; Dayton, OH; Evansville, IN; Fort Wayne, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Los Angeles, CA; Louisville, KY; New Albany, IN; and Toledo, OH.

Volunteers worked over 1,000 hours in service to their local communities at soup kitchens, food banks, community centers and parishes.

If you are interested in organizing a project, the Alumni Office developed a toolkit to aid in the planning process. It includes an overview of the tasks involved in organizing a project for the Saint Meinrad Day of Service.

It includes a planning timeline, a step-by-step description of the duties of a site coordinator, frequently asked questions and other useful information. The toolkit is available on the alumni website: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/dayofservice>.

Mocek suggests talking to local classmates and friends to solicit ideas for a local non-profit or church that might be a good site for a Saint Meinrad Day of Service project.

“Previous site coordinators have found that connecting with organizations where an alumnus is actively involved as a staff member or volunteer to be very helpful. Also, do not hesitate to reach out to former site coordinators for advice when planning a project.”

The Alumni Office is accepting new projects from now until December of this year. Volunteer registration for the Saint Meinrad Day of Service will be open January 1, 2018, on the alumni website.

To learn more about the Day of Service or how to organize a project on March 10, 2018, email Christian Mocek at cmocek@saintmeinrad.edu or call (812) 357-6501. You can also find details on the webpage: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/dayofservice>. ✚