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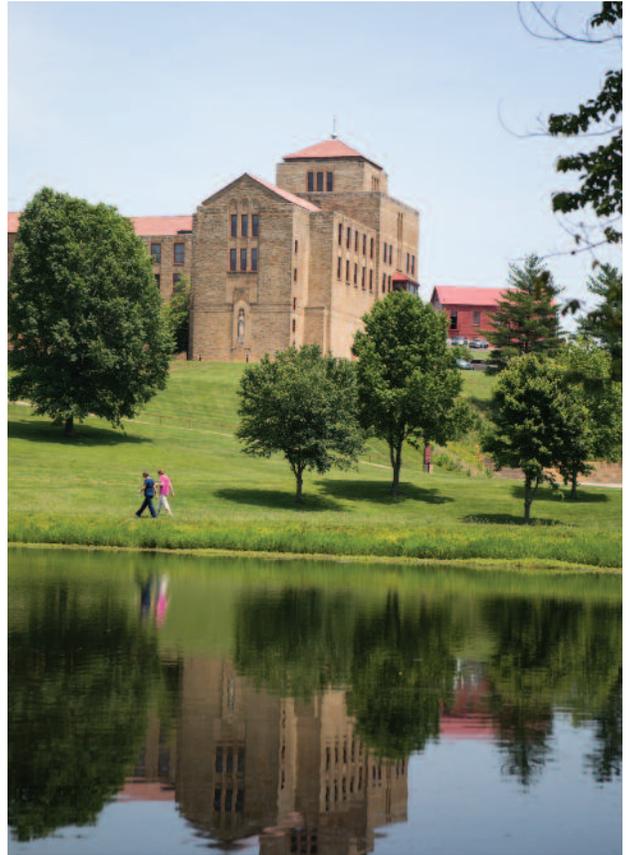
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Monks' Personals

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak presided at the Saint Meinrad Benedictine Oblate investiture and oblation services in the Archabbey Church on March 24. **Fr. Denis Robinson** gave a presentation titled "Oblation and the Domestic Church."

Fr. Guy Mansini accepted a three-year term as Max Seckler Chair of Fundamental Theology at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL.

Fr. Joseph Cox was appointed socius/assistant novice-junior master. He will continue his work with the oblates, in the library, and as secretary to the Council and Chapter.

Fr. Jeremy King was appointed house assignment coordinator and director of pastoral assistance. He also will serve as a member of the Archdiocesan Corrections Ministry Commission.

Fr. Mark O'Keefe was elected to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Seminary and School of Theology.

Fr. Harry Hagan was appointed to membership on the Liturgical Advisory Committee.

Fr. Eugene Hensell and **Fr. Godfrey Mullen** wrote articles for the July issue of *Priest* magazine. Fr. Eugene's article was titled "Understanding Matthew 11: Allow Christ to Ease the 'Burden' of Discipleship." Fr. Godfrey's article was titled "Applying Benedict's 'Rule': What Priests Can Learn from Monastic Living."

Fr. Christian Raab and **Br. John Mark Falkenhain** were elected to two-year terms on the Abbot's Council. **Fr. Bede Cisco**, **Br. Andrew Zimmermann** and **Fr. Harry Hagan** were appointed to one-year terms. The terms began July 1.

Fr. Edward Linton accepted the position of director of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the Pontifical North American College in Rome effective August 1.

Fr. Matthias Neuman serves as chaplain of Our Lady of Grace monastery in Beech Grove, IN. Lately he has been working with the T4 Project, "Wisdom Connections," of the American Benedictine Sisters Federations. In 2015-2016, he produced a 24-episode program on "Benedictine Monastic History." In 2016-2017, he gave an 8-episode program on the "Major Documents of the Second Vatican Council." ✠



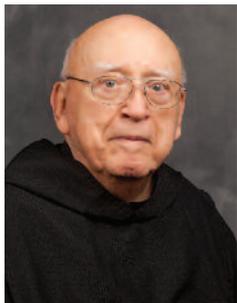
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Monastery News

Five Saint Meinrad monks celebrate anniversaries

The Benedictine monks at Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated the jubilee of monastic profession for five of their confreres on July 29.

Honored were Fr. Bonaventure Knaebel, 80 years; Br. Giles Mahieu and Br. Kim Malloy, 60 years; and Fr. Brendan Moss and Fr. Adrian Burke, 25 years.



Fr. Bonaventure Knaebel

Fr. Bonaventure was born in New Albany, IN, on September 6, 1918. He professed his monastic vows on August 6, 1938, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1943.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of his priesthood ordination and his 100th birthday.

He attended minor and major seminary at Saint Meinrad, and then earned a Master of Science degree in 1946 from The Catholic University of America. He served as archabbot of the Saint Meinrad community from 1955 to 1966. He was the first Hoosier native to lead the monastery and, at 36, one of the youngest Benedictine abbots.

Other assignments have included teaching in Saint Meinrad's high school and college, assistant spiritual director at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, assistant manager at Abbey Press, and eight years as a missionary at Saint Meinrad's mission in Huaraz, Peru.

Fr. Bonaventure has served as pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeffersonville, IN, and St. Michael Parish, Charlestown, IN. He has been administrator of the Benedictine monastery in Morelia, Mexico; Corpus Christi Abbey in Sandia, TX; and St. Michael Parish in Bradford, IN. He also served as a chaplain at St. Paul Hermitage, Beech Grove, IN.



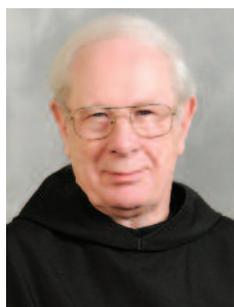
Br. Giles Mahieu

College and completed a Purdue University pest control technology course.

A 40-year member of the St. Meinrad Fire Department, he was named Spencer County's Firefighter of the Year in 2001. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Spencer County Fire Chiefs Association for 33 years.

Br. Giles has also worked in Saint Meinrad's bakery and electric shop. He was a pastoral assistant at St. John Chrysostom Church in New Boston, IN, from 1984-87 and at St. Martin's Church, Siberia, IN, from 1987-90.

He also served as pest control operator for the Archabbey. He was president of the Indiana Pest Control Association in 1983 and served on its board of directors for eight years. He also handled mail delivery in the monastery and served as the associate district chaplain for the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. He resides in the monastery infirmary.



Br. Kim Malloy

He has been custos of the Archabbey Church since 1986, and later he became sacristan as

Br. Giles, a native of Moline, IL, was born on July 3, 1938. He professed his vows on April 16, 1958. He attended St. Placid Hall at Saint Meinrad from 1953-56. He also took courses at Saint Meinrad

well. Br. Kim is a weaver and makes religious vestments.

Previous assignments have included work in Saint Meinrad's bakery, wine cellar and guest house. He also has served as refectorian, house prefect and on the Archabbey Council. He also managed Saint Meinrad's fleet of cars and trucks and was in charge of the monastery vestry.



Fr. Brendan Moss

Fr. Brendan is a native of Brooklyn, NY. He joined the Saint Meinrad monastery in 1992 and professed his first vows in 1993 and his solemn vows in 1996. He was ordained a priest

on June 3, 2001.

Since 2015, Fr. Brendan has served as president-rector of Conception Seminary College. The seminary, located in Conception, MO, is operated by the Benedictine monks of Conception Abbey.

Other assignments have included director of enrollment and director of Lay Degree Programs at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He is also an assistant professor of religious education. Fr. Brendan has served in parish ministry, as a formation dean and Director of Pastoral Formation in the seminary, and as director of new donor initiatives in the Development Office.

He earned a doctor of ministry degree in preaching from Aquinas Institute. Other degrees include a bachelor's degree from Saint Meinrad College, and a Master of Arts and a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He also earned a certificate in supervision from the Seminary and School of Theology. In 2016, he received a Master of Arts in religious education from Felician University.

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EVENTS ON THE HILL

July 31-August 2

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

August 17-19

Guest House Retreat: "Who is St. Paul and What Did He Write: Three Perspectives" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

August 21-23

Guest House Retreat: "Monastic Living" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB

August 24-26

Guest House Retreat: "Benedictine Spirituality as Lived in Marriage" by Deacon Rich and Cherie Zoldak

September 11

Dolle Lecture, Bishop Richard F. Stika and Fr. David A. Boettner

September 14-16

Guest House Retreat: "How to Read the Gospel of John with Understanding: Signs for Our Time" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

September 21-23

Guest House Retreat: "Simplicity Retreat Revised: A Way of Life" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

September 28-30

Guest House Retreat: "The Church in the Modern World" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

October 2

Marten Lecture and Workshop, Dr. Alyce McKenzie

October 2-4

Guest House Retreat: "Children of Abraham" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB

October 12-14

Guest House Retreat: "Environmental Spirituality" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

October 27

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Reflection

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Fr. Adrian Burke

monk in 1993. He professed his solemn vows in 1996.

Fr. Adrian earned a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1997 and was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1997. He also has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Indiana University.

Fr. Adrian came to Saint Meinrad in 1990 as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He entered the monastery as a novice in 1992 and professed his vows as a Benedictine

From 1997 to 2000, Fr. Adrian was associate pastor of three rural parishes in southern Indiana: St. Meinrad, St. Boniface in Fulda, and St. Martin in Siberia. He later completed graduate studies in spirituality at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, earning a license in sacred theology in 2003.

From 2004-2009, he served as pastor of the above three parishes, and in 2009, he was named assistant business manager for Saint Meinrad Archabbey. The following year, he was named treasurer/business manager and held the position for two years.

He gives retreats at the Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center and serves as pastoral liaison for the Archabbey co-workers. Fr. Adrian is a spiritual director at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and teaches in the Graduate Theology Programs. ✝

Monk earns Fulbright award to study in Belgium



Br. John Glasenapp, OSB

Br. John Glasenapp, OSB, will be heading to Belgium this fall to do research for his doctoral dissertation in historical musicology – thanks to a Fulbright Award.

A monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Br. John joined the monastery in 2007. Since 2013, he has been studying music and medieval studies.

He earned a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of music at DePaul University and a master of arts in medieval studies at Fordham University. He also has a master of arts in Catholic philosophical studies from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

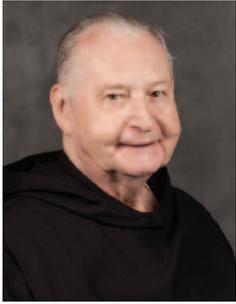
Currently, he is a doctoral candidate in historical musicology at Columbia University, working on a dissertation that

examines the liturgical life, monastic identity and status of religious women from the 13th-century "women's religious movement" to the French Revolution. His study focuses on a manuscript called the Beaupré Antiphoner.

This spring, Br. John learned he had received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award from the U.S. State Department and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The Fulbright Program is the international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

From September through June, he will conduct research at Ghent University in Belgium. In addition, he will be volunteering with an intentional Catholic community that assists Syrian refugees. "It's a perfect opportunity for me," he says. "I'll be able to continue my research and form relationships with people in another country." ✝

Fr. Columba Kelly, chant composer and scholar, dies on June 9



Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB

Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB, 87, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died on June 9, 2018, at the monastery. He was a jubilant both of profession and priesthood.

He was born in Williamsburg, Iowa, on October 30, 1930, and was given the name John Joseph at his baptism.

He attended St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, for several years before transferring to Saint Meinrad College. Invested as a novice monk on July 30, 1952, he professed simple vows on July 31, 1953, and his solemn vows on August 6, 1956.

Fr. Columba completed his theological studies in Rome and was ordained to the priesthood on July 5, 1958. The following year, he received a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant' Anselmo.

He then earned his doctorate in Church music at Rome's Musica Sacra in 1963. He studied under Dom Eugène Cardine, OSB, monk of the Abbey of Saint-Pierre in Solesmes, acknowledged as the father of the semiological interpretation of chant.

When he returned to Saint Meinrad in 1964, he was named the choirmaster of the monastic community and began to teach in both the College and the School of Theology. His lasting contribution was to introduce chant in English into the celebrations of the Divine Office and the Eucharist. The monastery's collection of his chant compositions numbers nearly 2,000.

In addition to his many years teaching at Saint Meinrad, he taught courses on liturgical music for 12 summers at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, IN. Other

summer teaching assignments included the University of Wisconsin in Madison and California State University-Los Angeles.

Through his many workshops to parishes and religious communities, and through the collections of his antiphons published by GIA and Oregon Catholic Press, his work is known by many cantors, choirs and parish communities throughout the United States.

Known internationally in the field, Fr. Columba was a charter member of the Benedictine Musicians of the Americas, a member of the American Musicological Society, the American Guild of Organists, the National Catholic Music Educators Association, the Church Music Association of America, and the Composers' Forum for Catholic Worship.

He was also a standing member of the Chant Division of the National Pastoral Musicians Association. In 2015, he was named only the second recipient of the *Spiritus Liturgiae* Award, given by The Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, IL.

In addition to his countless scores, Fr. Columba contributed to the literature on chant and sacred music. These include his 2003 book, *Gregorian Chant Intonations and the Role of Rhetoric*; "The Organ," an article in a book sponsored by the National Liturgical Conference and the Church Music Association; and, in 2006, his translation of and notes to the first volume of Agustoni's and Göschl's *An Introduction to the Interpretation of Gregorian Chant*.

Father Columba also authored entries on the *Kyrie, Gloria, Agnus Dei, Benedicamus Domino, and Ite Missa Est* for the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*.

He also served as prior (second in leadership) of the monastic community from 1978 to 1984 and a long term as one of the commuting chaplains for Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on June 13, followed by burial in the Archabbey Cemetery. ✠



▲ Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, incenses the casket during the funeral Mass for Fr. Columba Kelly on June 13.

[Meet the Student]

Deacon Sean Aaron

Diocese: Lafayette-in-Indiana

Hometown: Kokomo, Indiana

Q. *What attracted you to the priesthood?*

I believe the upbringing my parents provided, rooted in the Catholic faith, was formative throughout my life. My parents also instilled a sense of responsibility, respect for work and helping others. The foundation of my vocation is rooted in my family, to live a life for God and others.

A life of service essentially attracted me to the priesthood. I have enjoyed working with a diverse group of people over the years. What attracted me to the priesthood was serving others and leading them to Christ. My background working at Chrysler Corporation and involvement with youth in my home parish and in sports opened my eyes to a life lived for others.

Over time, I recognized a sense of peace in serving others. I then understood a life lived and serving others is what gives full meaning to my life and with a purpose.

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

A couple of priests were influential in my vocation to the priesthood. My uncle, who is a Catholic priest, and the priest who married my Mom and Dad both impacted my vocation. Both never mentioned the priesthood to me, but their profound, joyful witness of the priesthood was an image that I always remembered.

My youngest brother, Fr. Derek Aaron, was ordained two years ago. People often ask me if my brother influenced my vocation. Well, he did have an impact on me and my journey to seminary. He, too,

had worked prior to seminary. What stood out for me was his intentional time in prayer before entering the seminary.

I had contemplated priesthood over the years, but I never spent time in prayer to discern and be open to God. I was content and led a busy life, but deep down I was restless, and I knew it. I responded to my desire to know God's will in my life. I would often pray in a nearby adoration chapel. This is where I found the quiet peace to be with and listen to God.

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

I was employed by Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo. The Kokomo Transmission Plant manufactures most of the transmissions for Chrysler automobiles. I was hired a month after graduating from high school. While at Chrysler, I continued my education and attained a bachelor's degree in business management. I was employed with Chrysler for 20 years before entering seminary.

During my time at Chrysler, I was involved in various ministries at my home parish, such as youth ministry and lector. In addition, I coached eighth-grade boys basketball for 11 years and junior varsity baseball for three years at a local public school. I was content with my life; life was good but busy.

Money and busyness became meaningless over time and I felt a desire to spend time with the Lord, to listen to Him. So I



walked away from coaching and tried to work less. After a couple of years focused on God and his will in my life, I had the peace in my heart that it was okay to leave my job, my family, my home.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

My favorite saint is St. John Paul II. For much of my life, St. John Paul II was pope. I was fortunate to travel to the Vatican during the Jubilee Year of 2000 and again in 2004 with my family. These times were truly moving to be in the midst of a future saint, to hear him speak and see him up close.

I have always been impressed with the courage that John Paul II displayed throughout his life, the courage to persevere in his desire for Christ and to share the Gospel with conviction. I acknowledge that St. John Paul II had a positive influence on my vocation. His life was a life lived with a zeal for Christ in his devotion to the Eucharist, the Virgin Mary, the youth, and it was beautiful to the very end.

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

I have always been attracted to Matthew 14:22-33, where Jesus walks on the sea. These verses provide great imagery that I

have been able to relate to my life. As long as Peter keeps his eyes focused on Jesus, he is fine even amidst the storms. When Peter takes his eyes off Jesus and begins to focus on the storms, he becomes afraid. That is when Peter starts to sink.

This passage reminds me to keep my focus on Jesus; it has been a goal in my life. When I encounter the “storms” in life, I try to focus on Jesus and find consolation that Jesus is with me in the storm, within arm’s length to guide me. It is a simple goal and image, and like any goal, practice is involved to reach it. Eucharistic adoration is one way I am able to focus my gaze on Christ. I like to think of myself looking into the eyes of Jesus and trusting in Him that all will work out and that He is always near.

Q. Hobbies?

I enjoy outdoor activities. I thought my basketball days were finished, but I have continued to play throughout my years at Saint Meinrad. I love the game, the competition and challenge basketball brings and working together toward a common goal. I enjoy the game of golf and the mental focus the game demands. I plan to do some fishing this summer with my Dad and brothers. While I like fishing, I also appreciate the beauty of God’s creation. When I am home, I enjoy mowing the lawn, gardening, trimming shrubs and pretty much anything outdoors.

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

I have been impressed with the great amount of support that I have received from the people of my diocese. It is a bit humbling to open a card and read the prayers and encouragement from people I know and others I may not know. My family has been supportive. From the beginning of my seminary formation, they have journeyed with me.

I realize my vocation is a sacrifice on their part as a parent and brother. I have a sense of joy and optimism for the Catholic Church, to be with a great group of men at Saint Meinrad. These are good men, faithful men who have responded to God’s call in their life to be a priest.

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

I come from a close-knit family. My Mom and Dad have been married for 45 years. I have three younger brothers: Seth is married, has four children and lives in Kokomo; Adam lives in California and works in marketing and advertising; my youngest brother, Fr. Derek, was ordained a Catholic priest two years ago for the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Three of my grandparents are living, and all will be 92 this year. Being the oldest and away from family was a bit of a challenge early in seminary, but rewarding in that I have learned to trust God in my seminary formation and life and cherish the memories with my family.

Q. Best advice you’ve heard in seminary?

The best advice I received while in seminary was, “Sean, take this time in seminary to fall in love with the Lord.” I heard this advice within days of coming to Saint Meinrad from a friend of mine at another seminary. I have remembered this statement throughout my seminary years, and it provides direction to my life and gives motivation to my prayer. My time at Saint Meinrad has given me the

opportunity to open myself to friendship with God.

Q. Other comments?

I am grateful to the monks of Saint Meinrad and the people who have devoted their lives to Saint Meinrad and the formation of men to the priesthood. They have made me a better person and prepared me well for ministry this summer as a deacon. I walked away from a good job, family and friends at home to follow God’s will in my life, and for the past five years Saint Meinrad has been a place I call home, a place to follow my desire for God. ✠

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Nine members of the Saint Meinrad Board of Overseers completed their terms this spring. From left are John Chappell, Deacon Tim Cox, John Lueken, Dr. John Pulcini, Fr. Jason Gries, Deacon Marc Kellams, Suzanne Yakimchick and Deacon Mark Rougeux. Absent when the photo was taken was Stephen Mullins.

Vow Charts: A Hidden Treasure



A detail from the vow chart for the first profession of Br. Nathaniel Szidik in 2016; Br. Martin Erspamer did the artwork.

There is a hidden treasure at Saint Meinrad that only a handful of people get to see. In the Archabbey archives, located in the dark, cold basement of the library, are file after file of vow charts.

“It’s a valuable historic resource,” says Br. Martin Erspamer, OSB. He has been doing the calligraphy and artwork on vow charts for the last 10-14 years. “These charts are brought out only once, years after the monk has signed it, at the time of his death. That’s the only time after the date when it’s signed that the chart is viewed publicly.”

A vow chart is a contract a monk makes with the monastery stating that he will abide by the vows of stability, obedience and fidelity to the monastic way of life.

A vow chart shows up three times in a monk’s life. The first chart is created when he makes his first profession. He makes those vows for three years and is considered an official member of the community from the moment he signs the chart. Three years later, the monk will sign a new chart when he professes those same vows for the rest of his life.

After a monk makes his profession, the chart is taken to the archives and preserved until the death of the monk. When he dies, the chart he signed at his first profession is

placed on the casket during the visitation and Office of the Dead.

The vow charts are part of Saint Meinrad’s living history, so if a monk decides to leave the community, the chart remains in the archives as property of the monastery.

Each monk’s vow chart is different. They range in size from a little bigger than a sheet of paper to a larger folio size. Some have only the words of the vow formula and others are covered in beautiful, detailed art. The look of the vow charts has changed over the years, depending on the tastes of the monk making vows, the artist and the time period.

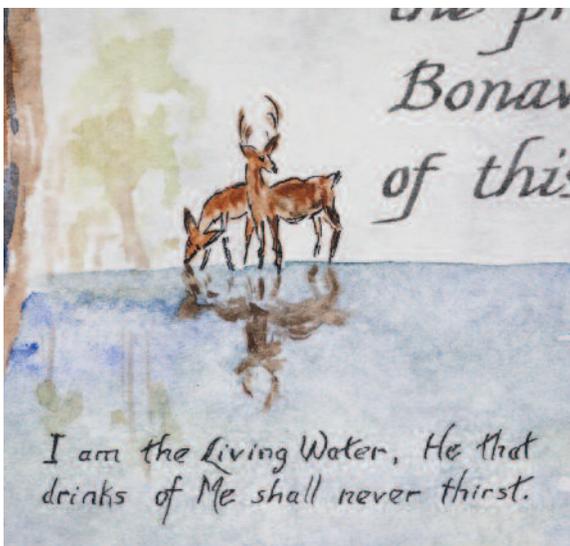
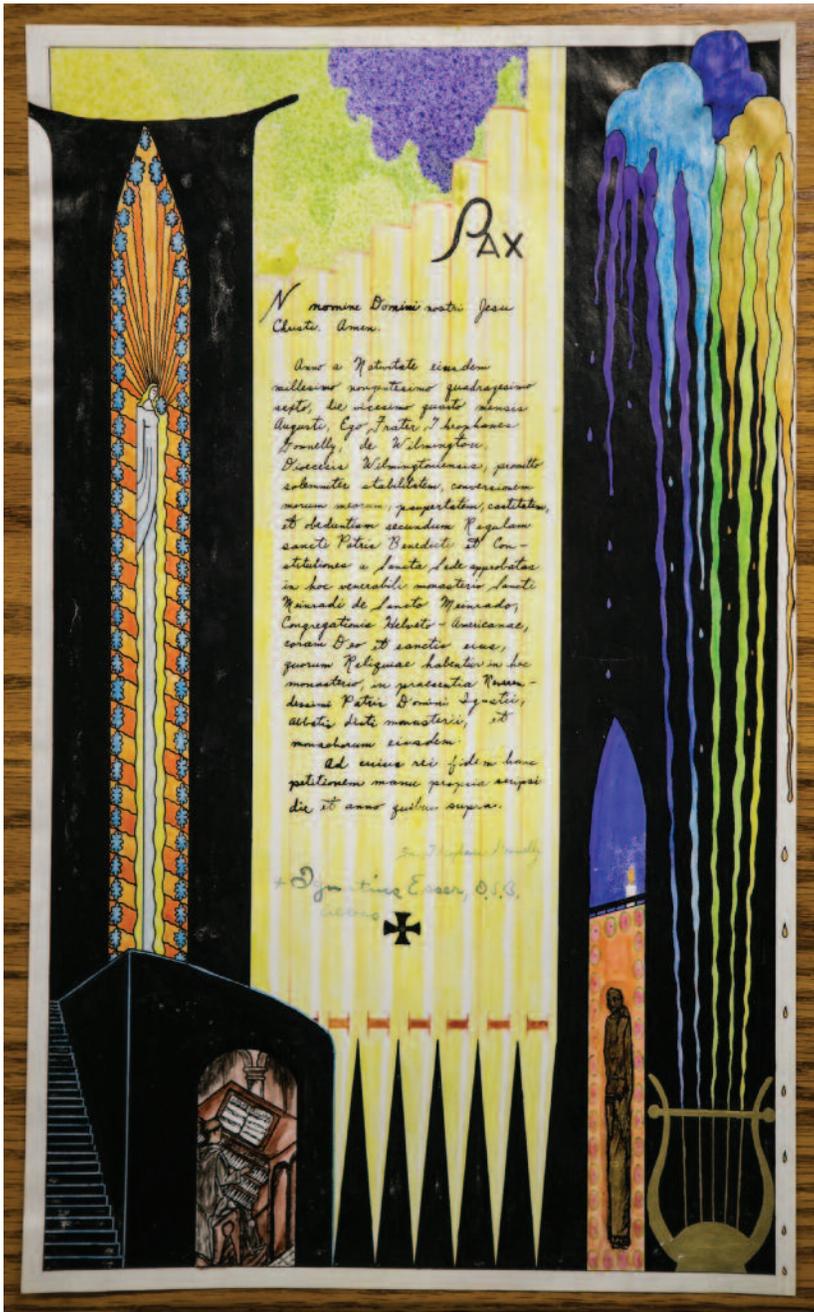
“The only stipulation the *Rule of St. Benedict* makes is that it has to be signed in the monk’s own hand,” says Br. Martin.

Back when the *Rule* was written (1,500 years ago), some people who joined monasteries could not write, so it was acceptable for someone else to write the chart for the monk. At the time of his profession he would either put an X or use his thumbprint to sign it.

The *Rule* doesn’t mention anything about art on the vow chart, but monasticism has a long tradition of illuminated manuscripts dating back to the Middle Ages. Monk scribes would copy Bibles and other important books and decorate them with illustrations. For Br. Martin, doing the artwork and calligraphy on vow charts helps keep this tradition alive.

“It’s a labor of love for another member of the community,” he says. “It’s a beautiful part of our life, that each person contributes the skills he has for the entire community. This is something I can contribute.” ✚

“It becomes kind of a labor of love for another member of the community.”



Vow charts starting at top left, clockwise: Fr. Theophane Connelly signed this elaborate vow chart in 1946. He transferred his monastic membership to Blue Cloud Abbey in South Dakota in 1952, and served as choirmaster, organist and teacher in the seminary.

Br. Martin Erspamer created the artwork on Br. John Glasenapp's solemn profession chart in 2010. He tries to capture the character of the monk for whom he's making the vow chart for. "If the monk is a little bit of a rascal, that might come out in some of the little details," he says.

Br. Lorenzo Penalosa did the calligraphy and art for his first profession chart in 2015. The art is a self-portrait depicting his two favorite hobbies, photography and calligraphy. "I love it because it's very, very personal since I got to do it myself," he says.

Br. Joel Blaize created his vow chart for his first profession in 2016. He based the art on his patron saint, Joel from the Old Testament, who told Israel that they needed to repent in the face of a locust swarm. He made a tower to represent the walls of Jerusalem. Instead of locusts, he drew spider crickets climbing up the wall because he noticed spider crickets in the monastery basement.

The artwork on vow charts ranges from ink drawings to colored pencil illustrations to watercolor paintings. Br. Dominic Warnecke's solemn profession chart from 1964 includes a watercolor scene of deer by a lake.

For more information about vow charts, listen to our Echoes from the Bell Tower podcast Episode #18 at saintmeinrad.edu/echoes. For more photos visit: <https://saint-meinrad.smugmug.com/Art/Monastic-Vow-Charts/>

49 earn degrees

from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology



▲ *Philosophy graduates, Tim Florian, from left, Daniel Gilbert and Brian Gall, process to the St. Bede Theater for commencement on May 12.*

Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were awarded master's degrees on May 12. 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 the Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, bishop of the Diocese of Burlington, VT.

Master of Divinity Degrees

Nathan Brunn, Diocese of Crookston, MN;
Jay Cartwright, Archdiocese of Nassau, Bahamas;
Jeffrey Dufresne, Archdiocese of Indianapolis;
Br. Cassian Elkins, OSB, Subiaco Abbey, AR;
Jose de Orbegoza, Stephen Elser, Patrick Friend and Keith Higginbotham, Diocese of Little Rock, AR;
David Farrell, Kien Nguyen and Minh Vu, Archdiocese of Louisville, KY;
Br. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey;

Andrew Hammeke, Diocese of Salina, KS;
Andrew Jones, Joseph O'Gorman and Gilbert Pierre, Archdiocese of Mobile, AL;
Clark Lenz, Diocese of Cheyenne, WY;
Vuong Luong, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK;
Br. Antony Maria Minardi, OSB, Marmion Abbey, IL;
Richard Toboso, Glenmary Home Missioners;
Mark Tracy, Diocese of Springfield, IL.

Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies Degrees

Gregory Caldwell and Troy Norman, Diocese of Burlington, VT;
Timothy Florian, Archdiocese of Mobile, AL;
Brian Gall and Ronald Sagum, Diocese of Lexington, KY;
Daniel Gilbert, Diocese of Grand Island, NE;
Zachary Samples, Diocese of Springfield, IL;
Br. Nathaniel Szidik, OSB, and Br. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey;

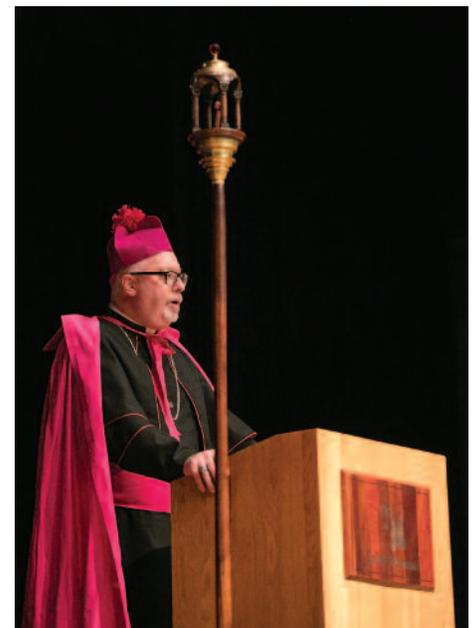
Conor Wellman, Archdiocese of Louisville, KY.

Master of Arts (Theology) Degrees

Lee Ashton, Martinsville, IN;
Stephen AuBuchon, Aviston, IL;
David Bartolowits and Michael Batz, Indianapolis, IN;
Andrea Byrne, New Albany, IN;
Conor Carroll, Louisville, KY;
Shirley Casebolt, Tell City, IN;
Deacon William Fielding, Nassau, Bahamas;
Sarah Glennon, Kingsland, GA;
Peter Manninen, Brownsburg, IN;
Christopher Mattingly, Bardstown, KY;
Robin Murphey, Lexington, KY;
Kristel Riffert, Evansville, IN;
Timothy White, Lawrenceburg, KY.

Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology) Degrees

Pamela Doyle, McCordsville, IN;
Sandra Hornbach, Cincinnati, OH;
Anita Navarra, Greensburg, IN;
Brandy Norton, Louisville, KY. ✚



▲ *The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, bishop of the Diocese of Burlington, VT, gave the commencement address.*

Seminary and school notes departures and new staff

As the spring semester ended, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology announced the departures of some faculty and staff members – and looked ahead to welcoming new ones.

Farewells

Fr. John Kang, a priest of the Diocese of Busan, South Korea, and an alumnus of Saint Meinrad, is returning to his diocese after five years on staff as a formation dean in the seminary. While at Saint Meinrad, he also began his studies for a Doctor of Ministry in preaching at Aquinas Institute of Theology.

Dr. Richard Stern, homiletics professor at Saint Meinrad for the past 28 years, retired at the end of the school year. He has been named emeritus professor of homiletics and will continue to work with Saint Meinrad's Permanent Deacon Formation Program.

Mrs. Nury Nuila-Stevens has left her position as an instructor in Spanish to enter a doctoral program. She had taught at Saint Meinrad for 17 years.

Dr. Patrick Cooper, director of the Permanent Deacon Program, has taken a teaching position at St. Martin's University in Lacey, WA.

Jeff Jenkins, director of the Mader Learning Center since 2010 and a Saint Meinrad alumnus, is relocating to California to be near family and to seek a new position.

Sr. Bernardone Rock, FSE, who has been director of liturgical music for 10 years, is taking a similar position at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL.

Br. Lorenzo Penalosa, OSB, has been working for the past year in the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates. He will begin studies in liturgy at Sant' Anselmo in Rome following his profession of solemn vows in August.

New Appointments

Dr. Jonathan Ciraulo joins the faculty this fall as assistant professor of systematic theology. He earned his PhD in systematic theology from the University of Notre Dame in 2018.

He also received a Master in Theological Studies from Notre Dame and earned his bachelor's degree from George Fox University in 2010.

Deacon Rick Wagner has been named the new director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program. Most recently, he was principal and vice president for mission and ministry at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

He will work part time at Saint Meinrad, continuing his work as vice president for mission and ministry and his diaconal ministry at St. Pius X Parish, where he has served since June 2012. He is the author of *Remember What's Important* and *Fifty Homilies from the Deacon's Desk*. He also writes a blog, "From the Deacon's Desk."

Dr. Daniela Abraham will begin teaching Spanish this fall. She completed her PhD in Hispanic studies at Texas A&M University in May 2018.

She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from California State University in 2003 and a master's degree in Spanish language and literature from Texas A&M in 2013.

Kevin Spence has been named the new director of the Mader Learning Center. He is a doctoral student at Kent State University in Ohio.

He has a bachelor's degree in international studies from the University of South Florida, a master's in print journalism from Columbia University, and a master's in teaching English as a second language from the University of Delaware.

Fr. Thomas Gricoski, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad and assistant professor of philosophy in the Seminary and School of Theology, will join the seminary staff fulltime this fall and serve as a formation dean in addition to his teaching duties.

Br. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, also a monk of Saint Meinrad, will begin working in the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates following his priesthood ordination in August.

Novice Fr. Noel Zamora, OSB, who is expected to make his first profession of vows in August, will then begin work in the Office of Pastoral Formation in the seminary program. ✝



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Starting top left, clockwise: Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB, participates in the Harvest of Sorrows Lenten prayer and music program in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel on March 19.

Seminarian Omar Galvan plays in the annual seminary softball tournament on April 21.

Br. Martin Erspamer, OSB, lights a torch to light the paschal candle during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, blesses the new nature trail on the Saint Meinrad campus on June 7. Co-worker Michal Horace holds the book.

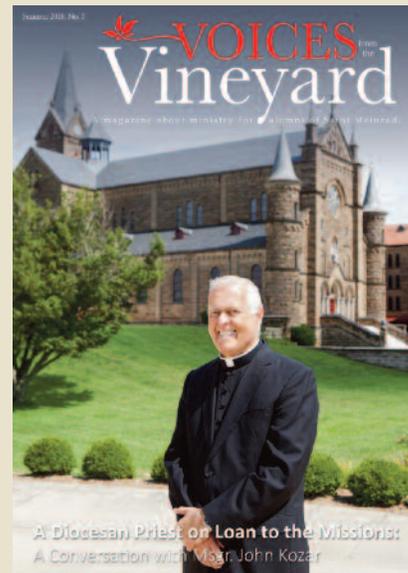
Fr. Meinrad Brune, OSB, kisses the crucifix during the Good Friday service in the Archabbey Church.



Starting at top: Dr. Kevin Schemenauer teaches a weekend course on March 24.

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, is applauded while celebrating 25 years of priesthood on April 28.

“One Bread, One Cup” youth take part in community-building activities in St. Bede Theater on June 11.



VOICES from the Vineyard

The Summer issue of *Voices from the Vineyard* is now available. This free e-magazine is published by the Alumni Office for alumni of Saint Meinrad. In each issue, alumni share inspiring stories about their work in the Church and for the world.

In the latest issue:

- Msgr. John Kozar O'71 ('59-67): A Diocesan Priest on Loan to the Missions
- Dr. Diane Valentine MTS' 13 ('10-13): Written in My Heart
- Fr. Scott Woods T'15 ('09-15): Preaching on Hot-Button Issues

Read *Voices from the Vineyard* here: <https://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/page/Voices>. If you like this issue and want to hear more stories like these, email alumni@saintmeinrad.edu with feedback and story ideas. ✝

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ALUMNI ETERNAL

Mr. Raymond “Nick” Adler O’72 (’64-67), of Concord, CA, formerly of Evansville, IN, died on March 24, 2018.

Fr. Joseph A. Angotti T’91 (’86-91), a priest of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on May 20, 2018.

Dr. Brian R. Betz O’58 (’46-59), of Oswego, NY, died on February 12, 2018.

Fr. Gerald F. Burkert O’61 (’49-61), a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died May 13, 2018.

Mr. Robert H. Chiplis O’48 (’38-39), of Indianapolis, IN, died on March 9, 2018.

Msgr. Stephen Churchwell O’76 (’67-72), a priest of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA, died on May 31, 2018.

Mr. Robert J. Cook O’56 (’44-45), of Indianapolis, IN, died on April 6, 2018.

Fr. James P. DeBisschop T’88 (’83-88), a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, IL, died on April 1, 2018.

Mr. Gerald B. Dentinger O’59 (’47-53), of Louisville, KY, died on April 16, 2018.

Mr. Cyril W. “Cy” DesJean O’46 (’35-38), of Indianapolis, IN, died on May 31, 2018.

Fr. Charles E. Doyle O’53 (’45-53), a priest of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on April 9, 2018. He received the Saint Meinrad Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2008.

Mr. Robert H. Edelen III O’60 (’56-60), of New Albany, IN, died on March 3, 2018.

Mr. Louis G. Esparza SPH (’62-63), of Henderson, KY, died on May 20, 2018.

Fr. Paul A. Evard O’61 (’57-61), a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died on March 19, 2018.

Dr. Ronald C. Fetzer O’69 (’57-60), of Germantown, OH, died on March 20, 2018.

Mr. David L. Fromme O’74 (’62-65), of Portage, IN, died on February 9, 2018.

Ms. Mary Ann Glaser SS (’89), of Louisville, KY, died on April 24, 2018.

Fr. Eugene F. Heerdink O’51 (’40-51), a priest of the Diocese of Evansville, IN, died on April 13, 2018. ✚

Miss Kimberly Ann Huffman MTS’03 (’97-02), of Indianapolis, IN, died on May 25, 2018.

Mr. Joseph D. Jackson O’74 (’62-64), of New Albany, IN, died on May 18, 2018.

Dr. Bernard J. Kniery C’87 (’83-87), of York, PA, died on September 5, 2017.

Mr. James A. Kniery O’61 (’52-53), of Springfield, IL, died on June 12, 2017.

Mr. Theodore G. Konen O’68 (’57-59), of Oakland Park, FL, died on March 16, 2006.

Mr. Robert C. Lanzinger Jr. O’69 (’61-63), of Toledo, OH, died on May 9, 2018.

Deacon Thomas D. Lehman PD’05 (’01-05), of Evansville, IN, died on April 28, 2018.

Fr. Andrew Metzger, OSB, S (’99-00), of St. Leo Abbey, St. Leo, FL, died on April 12, 2013.

Mr. Clinton J. Miller III O’73 (’61-65), of Lakewood, OH, died on March 28, 2018.

Mr. Robert M. Miller O’70 (’60-62), of Evansville, IN, died on April 25, 2018.

Fr. Richard L. Mullen O’55 (’51-55), a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, IL, died on March 23, 2018.

Mr. Victor L. Pfister O’70 (’58-66), of Whitestown, IN, died on May 28, 2018.

Fr. Paul Pike Powell O’48 (’45-48), a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, died on April 26, 2018.

Mr. Michael F. Quigley O’60 (’48-56), of Carmel, IN, died on April 4, 2018.

Fr. Sheldon L. Roy C’82 (’80-82), of Marksville, LA, died on January 27, 2018. He was a priest of the Diocese of Alexandria, LA.

Fr. Francis J. Schenk O’41 (’29-31), a Glenmary Home Missioner, died on April 11, 2018, in Cincinnati, OH. He was 102.

Fr. James Spexarth O’55 (’43-55), a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, KS, died on January 8, 2018.

Mr. Vernon H. Welp O’63 (’51-52), of Jasper, IN, died on March 23, 2018.

Mr. Abner T. Wied O’60 (’54-56), of Muskego, MI, died on January 13, 2018.

Sr. Janis Yaekel, ASC, SS’80 (’75-78; ’80), a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Red Bud, IL, died on May 12, 2018.

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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 Reunion

August 21, 2018

Louisville Alumni & Friends Dinner

September 18, 2018

Indianapolis Alumni & Friends Dinner

September 26, 2018

Jasper and Lincoln Hills Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 11, 2018

Evansville Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 17, 2018

Gary Alumni & Friends Dinner

ALUMNI NEWS

Fr. James J. Bacik O'62 ('54-56), a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, OH, has published a new book, *Pope Francis and Campus Ministry: A Dialogue* (Paulist Press, 2018).

Fr. John Boeglin O'76 ('68-72) was named the 2018 Ron Seger Memorial Insured Member of the Year on March 17 by the Jasper Knights of Columbus. He is pastor of Holy Family Parish in Jasper, IN.

Sr. Clarita Browning, OSU, SS'85 ('81-85) is celebrating her 70th year of religious life with the Ursuline Sisters in Maple Mount, KY. She was a teacher for 39 years in Kentucky and spent 12 years as a pastoral associate and director of religious education at three parishes.

Fr. James A. Coriden O'58 ('52-54), of Washington, D.C., has published a new book, *The Holy Spirit and an Evolving Church* (Orbis Press).

Fr. Jay Davidson O'64 ('52-60) received the John XXIII Award given by the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests (AUSCP) during its annual assembly in June. He is administrator of All Saints Parish in Evansville, IN, and a founding member of AUSCP.

Deacon Steve Durkee O'75 ('63-65) is an outpatient therapist in behavioral medicine with St. Elizabeth Physicians in Erlanger, KY.

Fr. Christopher Floersh T'17 ('13-17), a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, TN, was featured on the back cover of the March 2018 issue of *Columbia* magazine, a publication of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Paul Hoeing O'68 ('56-61) and his wife Beth received the 2018 Bishop William G. Curlin Partners in Hope Award on March 8, 2018, given by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charlotte, NC. They are members of St. Leo the Great Parish in Winston-Salem, NC.

Dr. Lanny K. Hollis T'86 ('76-86) has been appointed headmaster at St. John Paul II Catholic High School in Huntsville, AL.

Fr. Douglas Hunter T'16 ('09-16), a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, has been named a chaplain for the Indianapolis Colts football team.

Very Rev. Robert J. Kus T'98 ('96-98), of the Diocese of Raleigh, NC, will serve as a missionary priest in the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, beginning June 25. He will live in Reitoca in the parish of San Francisco de Asís.

Fr. Ignatius (formerly Zygmunt) Mazanowski, FHS, MA'04 ('02-03) is one of seven founding members of the Catholic Church's newest religious community, the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit, located in the Diocese of Phoenix, AZ. In their inaugural General Chapter in July 2016, Fr. Ignatius was chosen as vicar.

Mr. Steve Shockley C'96 ('92-96; '02-03), of Chicago, IL, has been named vice president for PahRoo Appraisal & Consultancy.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson T'87 ('83-87) was honored with an award at the Archdiocese of Louisville's annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner on March 14. He serves as leader of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN.

Mr. Anthony Viglietti O'78 ('71-76), of Nashville, TN, is the recipient of the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer Award in the category of Direct Server Volunteer over 50. The awards are presented by

Advance Financial to recognize Middle Tennessee volunteers who work to improve their community. Viglietti is beautification and environment commissioner for District 7 of the Nashville Tree Foundation and executive director of Friends of Riverside Drive.

Mrs. Christine D. Vincent-Rodas MA'11 ('08-11), of Evansville, IN, has married Antonio Rodas. She is the coordinator of Hispanic faith formation for the Diocese of Evansville.

Mr. Mark Volpatti T'99 ('94-96) has been promoted to associate vice chancellor for auxiliary services at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He has worked at IUPUI since 2002, most recently as director of financial affairs.

Fr. Christopher Wadelton T'09 ('07-09), pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, IN, received the "Lead, Learn, Proclaim" Award from the National Catholic Educational Association on April 3. The award recognizes excellence and distinguished service in Catholic school education.

Mr. Jason Winkle GTP ('17-18) and his wife Kirsten, of Unionville, IN, are the parents of a daughter, Brooke Marian, born on May 22, 2018.

Very Rev. Joseph L. Ziliak O'62 ('50-58) has been appointed vicar for retired priests for the Diocese of Evansville, IN, through June 30, 2020. ✚

Alumni Giving Program benefits today's students

The Alumni Annual Giving Program has capped off another successful year. Gifts totaling \$624,719.50 were received during fiscal year 2017-18 – an impressive 23.6% response rate.

"Year after year, our alumni continue to show their commitment to their alma mater," says Duane Schaefer, director of development. "Their generosity is one of Saint Meinrad's greatest blessings. And they can be proud of the work they help make possible."

Gifts to the Alumni Annual Giving Program help fund a range of programs and services – from classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities and guest lecturers to day-to-day expenses such as the upkeep of buildings and grounds.

Alumni can look forward to the 2018-19 Alumni Annual Giving Program kickoff in late August when the first mailing goes out. ✚



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Three ordained deacons at Saint Meinrad



▲ *Seminarians Timothy DeCrane, from left, Br. Damien Evangelista, OSB, and Vincent Gillmore receive the sign of peace from classmates during their deacon ordination in the Archabbey Church on April 7.*

Three seminarians received the order of deacon from the Most Rev. Charles Thompson, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Church on April 7.

The newly ordained deacons are Timothy DeCrane and Vincent Gillmore, both of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and Br. Damien Evangelista, OSB, of Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA. 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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