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Enrollment strong as school year begins

A photograph of two men in clerical attire. On the left, Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, is wearing a black cassock and glasses, smiling and placing his hands on the shoulders of the man on the right. The man on the right, Archbishop Peter Wells, is also wearing glasses and a black cassock with a red collar, smiling back. In the background, other people are visible, some taking photos with their phones. The setting appears to be an indoor banquet hall with warm lighting and a large arched window in the background.

**New members join
Overseers board**

**Photos from
2018 Alumni Reunion**

Cover: Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, left, congratulates the Distinguished Alumnus Award winner, Archbishop Peter Wells, at the Alumni Reunion banquet on July 24.



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Fr. Mateo Zamora, OSB, lays hands on newly ordained Fr. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, at his ordination Mass August 11. Find more photos at <http://saint-meinrad.smugmug.com>

Monastery News

Fr. Denis Robinson traveled to Rome to lead a 10-day study tour for the Saint Meinrad World Church Program in June. He then took a mini-sabbatical to London for his jubilee of ordination during July.

Fr. Columba Kelly received the Jubilate Deo award posthumously from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians on July 12 in Baltimore, MD. **Fr. Jeremy King** accepted the award in his honor.

Fr. Julian Peters and Alumni Director Christian Mocek hosted a gathering of alumni and friends on behalf of Saint Meinrad in Memphis, TN, on July 16.

Br. Kolbe Wolniakowski returned home from a visit to the Abbey of Einsiedeln on August 5.

Fr. Julian Peters directed a retreat titled “Discernment and Conversion: It Goes On and On” for permanent deacon candidates of the Diocese of Cheyenne in Casper, WY, on August 10-12.

Br. Lorenzo Penalosa traveled to Urbana, Italy, on August 21 to attend language school. He then traveled to Rome, where he resumed his liturgical studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Sant’ Anselmo, Rome.

Novice Christian Lumsden has been appointed in-house guestmaster and bulletin board prayer lister.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain spoke at the annual Religious Brothers Conference in Washington, D.C., in July. The topic was titled “The Hard Work of Zeal,” a follow-

up on the keynote address given at the 2017 National Symposium for Religious Brothers.

Br. John Glasenapp traveled to Belgium on August 29 to continue his research for his doctoral dissertation in historical musicology. He’ll be living and working at Ghent University in Ghent, Belgium. ✚

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Fr. Mateo Zamora professes first vows



Fr. Mateo Zamora

Novice Noel Zamora professed his temporary vows as a Benedictine monk in a ceremony on August 6, at Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

He has completed his novitiate, a year of prayer and study of the Benedictine way of life. As is the custom during the profession of vows, he chose a religious name. Novice Noel is now Fr. Mateo.

Fr. Mateo, 41, is 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 on May 19, 2007, for the Diocese of Lexington, KY. Fr. Mateo served at Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Holy Spirit Parish and University of Kentucky Newman Center, all in Lexington; St. Andrew Church, Harrodsburg, KY; St. Mary Church, Perryville, KY; Jesus Our Savior Church, Morehead, KY; St. Julie Church, 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.

At the diocesan level, he served on the school board (later renamed school council) from 2007-2012 and the presbyteral council from 2010-2015. He worked in the Lexington Tribunal, first as a case instructor and later as a defender of the bond. With the abbot's permission, he will resume his part-time work as defender of the bond for the Lexington Tribunal.

In the monastery, he has been serving as the custodian of Mass intentions and juniorate guestmaster.

Temporary vows are typically for three years. This period offers a continuing opportunity for the monk and the monastic community to determine whether monastic life is, indeed, the right vocation for this individual. ✚

Novice joins Benedictine community



Novice Christian Lumsden

In a brief ceremony, Novice Christian Lumsden was clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey on August 5. He now begins a year of monastic formation,

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

Novice Christian, 44, is a native of Trinidad. He earned degrees in music from Trinity College of Music in London and Canterbury Christ Church University in the United Kingdom. He also studied liturgy in the graduate program at The Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, IL, and canonical monastic studies at the University of Oxford.

Previously, he served as director of music for the deanery of Kent in the United Kingdom and as director of music and liturgy for the Diocese of Hamilton, Bermuda, where he also served as cathedral organist and master of the choristers.

Most recently, he was a junior monk at the Benedictine monastery of Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight, UK.

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. ✚

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Monk professes solemn vows in August 15 ceremony



Br. Lorenzo Penalosa

Br. Lorenzo Penalosa professed solemn vows as a Benedictine monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in a ceremony on August 15 in the Archabbey Church.

Br. Lorenzo, 27, is a native of the Philippines. He is a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis and Marian University, Indianapolis, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Catholic studies and history in 2012. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish.

In May 2017, he graduated from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology with a Master of Divinity and a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology. He has been serving as monastery guestmaster and as assistant to the director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates.

Later this month, he begins graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Sant' Anselmo in Rome.

In professing solemn vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community at Saint Meinrad, he becomes a full and permanent member of the Benedictine community. ✝



▲ *Br. Lorenzo Penalosa, OSB, is all smiles at the conclusion of his solemn vows ceremony on August 15.*

Fr. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, ordained priest at Saint Meinrad Archabbey



Fr. Peduru Fonseka

Fr. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest on August 11 by the Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, archbishop of the

Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The ordination was held in the Archabbey Church.

Fr. Peduru, 35, is a native of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Battaramulla and attended St. Joseph's College in Colombo, both in Sri Lanka.

In 2008, he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He then worked as a structural engineer at Barter & Associates Inc. in Mobile, until joining

the monastery in 2011. He professed solemn vows on August 15, 2016.

He graduated from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in May

2018 with a Master of Divinity degree. He will begin work in the Seminary and School of Theology's Institute for Priests and Presbyterates. ✝



▲ *Newly ordained Fr. Peduru Fonseka, OSB, at right, walks outside the Archabbey Church following his ordination, to the applause of priests and confreres.*



Photos, beginning at top, left to right: The mayor of the Swiss town of Einsiedeln, Franz Pirker (center), and his guests visited Saint Meinrad Archabbey on July 26. They toured the grounds, prayed in the Archabbey Church and enjoyed lunch with Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB (left). At right is the mayor's usher, Bruno Kälin.

Agnes Kovacs, right, helps Jacqui Rapp create a liturgical candle during the Parish Catechetical Leadership Institute in July.

Fr. Mateo Zamora, OSB, receives the sign of peace from Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, after making his first profession as a monk of Saint Meinrad on August 6.

Michal Horace, director of Young Adult Initiative, gives a presentation during a meeting of representatives from partnering parishes on August 3.

Amy Mitchell receives the Rule of St. Benedict from Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, as she is invested as a Benedictine oblate novice in the Archabbey Church June 9.

Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, gives a presentation on "Preaching and the Care of Souls" to the participants in the Newly Appointed Pastor workshop in September.

[Meet the Student]

Kirt David Prospère

Diocese: Bridgetown, Barbados

Hometown: Codrington Hill St. Michael

Q. *What attracted you to the priesthood?*

I think what attracted me to the priesthood was a deep sense of the Catholic faith I received from my grandmother. She was a very devoted Catholic and made sure my siblings and I attended Mass every Sunday unless we were dying. Her devotion to the faith and our Blessed Mother showed me not only how to live out my faith, but also what commitment looked like.

The second thing that attracted me to the priesthood was seeing how my priest mentor and spiritual director Fr. Clement Paul lived out his faith. Unknown to me at the time, he was forming me in ways I am now coming to appreciate more fully. His leadership and service to the youth and young adults, and living out his priesthood in the diocese have been an inspiration for me, something I long to fulfill in my priestly ministry.

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

During the World Youth Day pilgrimage in Spain in 2011, I felt a deep call to the priesthood, and it was more profound than I had felt in previous years. After returning from Spain, I met with the bishop days after he was installed in my diocese. He encouraged me to start the process of formation, which I eagerly accepted.

Although the thought of the priesthood crossed my mind over the years, Archbishop Jason Gordon is the person who I would say influenced me to begin my studies for the priesthood. He brought

me to a deeper understanding of priesthood through intentional discernment and prayer. It is in this time of what I call “dating” the Church that I found a peace I longed to have.

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

Before coming to seminary, I spent 11 years working for an organization responsible for the defense and security of the Eastern Caribbean region, Barbados and six other Caribbean islands. Apart from my job, I was involved in parish and diocesan ministries.

In my home parish, I served as the youth coordinator and was on the parish pastoral council. I was also president of the altar server parish guild, a role I served for 21 years. My life was between my job and the Church. It may sound a bit boring, but I was content with it. It gave me the opportunity to do what I love.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

My favorite saint is John Bosco. My first encounter with the saint was during a pilgrimage. I stayed with a priest who had a house of formation for young men, which was dedicated to St. John Bosco. When I returned home, I spoke to my parish priest about my experience, and he gave me two books on the saint. I was not an avid reader at the time, but I just could not put down those books. I read them from cover to cover and bought a third and did the same.

St. John Bosco’s dedication to Our Lady was also an inspiration for me. In one of



his dreams, young Bosco was in a field. In the field were some boys who turned into wild animals and then into lambs. Bosco was confused, and when he asked what it meant, he was told by Our Lady, “This is the field of your work. Be humble, steadfast, and strong!”

This was inspiring for me at the time because of my involvement with altar serving and youth ministry in the diocese. St. John Bosco reminds me of how to live in service of others, to be charitable and to help young people in their faith formation.

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

One of my favorite Scripture verses is Matthew 14:22-33, where Jesus calls Peter out of the boat to walk on the lake. After he realizes what is happening, Peter begins to sink, and Jesus holds him by the wrist. This verse stands out for me because of an illustration I once saw that now hangs in my room.

In the image, as Peter is sinking, Jesus grips his wrist and not his hand. This is powerful for me because it shows that sometimes when life is overwhelming, and I feel like I am sinking, I can trust that Jesus has his hand there to hold me up, and not let me go through my troubles alone.

It reminds me that I cannot do it all on my own, no matter how eager I am to get out of the boat. I still have to have faith in Jesus and rely on Him to help me, not only through the storms of life but when the seas are calm.

Q. Hobbies?

I love cooking. I don't have a favorite thing to cook; I would try to cook almost anything. Before coming to seminary, I was studying part-time to be a chef. I have not given up on that dream, but I'll see how it works out after seminary.

Gardening is another passion of mine. Even if I came home from work at 2 a.m., I would go and check on my plants before going to bed. I love getting into the dirt and working on new projects. One of my big projects was aquaponics, which is the combination of aquaculture (raising fish) and hydroponics (growing plants in a soilless environment) that grows fish and plants together in a combined system. When inspiration happens to come my way, I enjoy writing poetry. It relaxes and puts me at ease.

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

What I find most rewarding is the amount of support and encouragement we seminarians receive here at Saint Meinrad. It is essential for me, because as an international student, I am separated from my family. I am a family-oriented person, and so cultivating relationships means a lot to me.

I would like to say thanks to some of my classmates who have been like brothers to me and to Fr. Denis, Fr. Tobias and the formation staff who have encouraged me here in the seminary. And those persons like Gervase and April Ebert, who have welcomed me into their home and been a source of support.

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

In the beginning, what was most challenging was being away from home and coming to a place and culture I was not familiar with. My biggest challenge at one time was the racial divide, but over time and with some counseling, I was able to overcome it.

I looked at my challenges as significant obstacles and was ready to give up and return home, but I had a choice: call it quits without trying to find ways to work around them or maybe find alternatives. I did not give up. What I was here to achieve was more significant than the obstacle or the emotional reaction I brought to it. It was through prayer and the friendships I gained I was able to overcome the challenges I faced.

Q. Best advice you've heard in seminary?

The best advice I received in seminary was from Dr. Ryan LaMothe. He said, "You have to know yourself, know your brokenness, to help others through their brokenness." This advice stands out for me, because it helps me to understand who I am as a person, to dig deep and confront my "demons," my past fears, so that I can be more understanding and empathetic when dealing with others. It also allows me to be more open about myself while forming meaningful relationships

Q. Other comments?

My time here at Saint Meinrad has been filled with many blessings. First, my gratitude to the formation staff and professors who have brought me to this stage in my journey toward the priesthood. Second, my appreciation to the monks and co-workers on the Hill, who have dedicated their lives to this Holy Hill, but more specifically, those I have befriended. And finally, my classmates (Bialoruki and Grodi not exempted) and the wider seminary community who have welcomed me and made me feel at home away from home. ✚



Saint Meinrad
DAY OF SERVICE
has been set for
March 9, 2019.
Watch for more details!

EVENTS ON THE HILL

October 27

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Recollection

November 2-4

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

November 6-8

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

November 9-11

Guest House Retreat: "Creative Grieving: Confronting Loss" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

November 16-18

Guest House Retreat: "The Birth of Jesus According to the Gospel of Luke" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

November 30-December 2

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

February 15-17

Guest House Retreat: "Beyond First Impressions: A Couples Retreat" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB (Married Couples Only)

February 12

Black History Lecture, Dr. Shannen Dee Williams

March 12

Thomas Lecture, Dr. Brad Gregory

March 22-24

Guest House Retreat: "Freedom Through Forgiveness" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB

March 29-31

Guest House Retreat: "A Weekend-long AA Meeting in 5 Sessions" by Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB

April 23-25

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

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School year begins

Enrollment higher, new faces on the faculty



▲ Seminarians Kirt Prospère, left, and Tyler Huber help new seminarians move into the school on August 24.

The halls of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology are again bustling with activity after the summer break. Thirty-eight new seminarians arrived on campus at the end of August, and fall semester classes opened on September 4 with 116 seminarians enrolled. That is an increase from 112 students last year.

“We have a very strong enrollment this year,” says Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of the Seminary and School of Theology. “Numbers tell us one thing, but we also have a significant challenge this year in navigating the waters of formation in a time when storms assert themselves on every side. “It is a difficult time for the Church. How do we make the Church’s future ministers confident of the mantle they are being asked to assume?” Fr. Denis tackled the issues surrounding abuse allegations in the Church in his first rector’s conference to the seminarians. He plans to return to the topic throughout the semester.

The seminarian student body represents 30 dioceses and nine religious communities. Last year, students arrived

from 27 dioceses and eight religious communities.

This school year, the international community has 30 students born in countries outside the United States. Seminarians are from 15 countries of origin including the United States. Those numbers remain consistent with last year’s

total of 35 seminarians born in countries outside the United States. The student body last year represented 18 countries of origin.

The Graduate Theology Program kicked off the fall semester with 57 students enrolled. There are six full-time students, 39 part-time students, nine non-degree students and three who are auditing courses. Of the 57 students, five are new to the degree program. Last fall, there were 70 Graduate Theology students enrolled at Saint Meinrad.

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program has grown over the last year. This fall 144 deacon candidates are enrolled in the program, compared to 95 candidates last year.

The jump in enrollment can be attributed to three more dioceses starting four-year programs this fall. The Diocese of Little Rock has two groups of deacon candidates in formation. There are nine programs in session with eight dioceses and one diocese is in the aspirancy year.

There are a lot of new faces on the Hill, and not only in the student community. Dr. Jonathan Ciraulo joined the faculty as



▲ New seminarian Kade Megaffin, center, receives help moving into the Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology from returning seminarians Jon Miskin, Peter Chineke and Drew Crabtree.

assistant professor of systematic theology, Dr. Daniela Abraham is teaching Spanish, Kevin Spence is the new director of the Mader Learning Center and, this summer, Deacon Rick Wagner began work as the director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program.

Fr. Julian Peters, OSB, began work in September as the director of the Institute

for Priests and Presbyterates. He will continue his work in the seminary as an associate formation dean, director of liturgy, and adjunct instructor in Latin and liturgical practica. Fr. Peter Marshall, who was the past director of IPP, will continue his work in the school as director of spiritual formation, while taking on part-time responsibilities at Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary in Indianapolis.

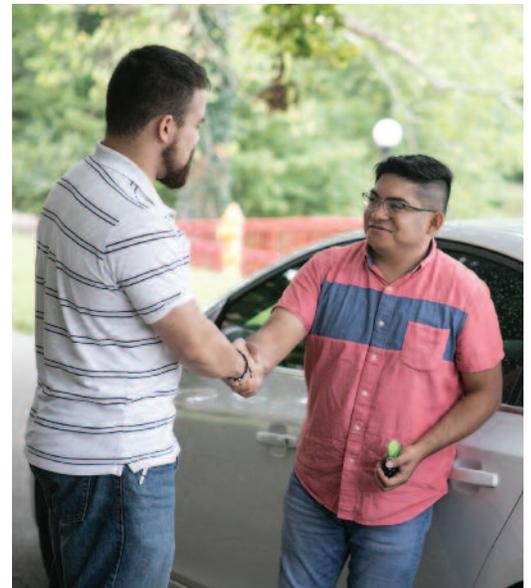
“At Saint Meinrad, we are confident that the ultimate Truth of the Church, that is, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus will be the Truth that we see,” says Fr. Denis. “We are confident that our new seminarians and graduate students, and our new deacon candidates can face a bright future.” ✝

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—Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB



▲ Benedictine brothers Aloysius Sarasin, from left, Nathaniel Szidik, Kolbe Wolniakowski and Justin Ayanou pray during Vespers in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel on September 4.



▲ Seminarian John Herrera, left, welcomes Jose Neri to Saint Meinrad on August 24.

New changes in the school



Dr. Jonathan Ciraulo
Assistant Professor of
Systematic Theology



Dr. Daniela Abraham
Lecturer of Spanish



Kevin Spence
Director of the Mader
Learning Center



Deacon Rick Wagner
Director of the Permanent
Deacon Formation Program



Fr. Julian Peters, OSB
Director of the Institute for
Priests and Presbyterates

New members join Board of Overseers

Five new members and a returning member have been appointed to the Board of Overseers, 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.

New members joining the board are Esi Bani, Frances Brown, Victor Neff, William Payne Jr. and Deneen Plessala. M. Diane Murphy is rejoining the board.



Esi Bani

Esi Bani is a jewelry, apparel and accessory designer who resides in Louisville, KY, with her husband, Prosper. She came to Louisville 21 years ago as an associate professor of Pan

African literature at the University of Louisville, where she taught until 2013.

She then turned her attention to design and jewelry making. Her line of jewelry and apparel, Esi Bani Handcrafted, is available on her website, www.EBDesignplaza.com.

She graduated from Our Lady of Apostles Secondary School in Ho, Ghana, in 1982. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Ghana-Legion in 1987 and a PhD from the University of Texas-Austin in 1996.

She is a member of the African Studies Association, African Literature Association, Modern Language Association and the Ghana Association of Louisville.

She and her husband are the parents of two children. She has been a member of Cathedral of the Assumption Parish for 20 years and she serves as a lector.



Frances Brown

Frances (Fran) Brown and her husband, Charlie, reside in Louisville, KY. She assists her husband, who is a deacon, with services at a nursing home and an assisted living facility. Her main

focus is a ministry of presence with residents of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities. She also is a member of their Advisory Council.

She serves on the Advisory Council for the Opportunities for Life, a 24-hour helpline for persons in crisis pregnancy. In the past, she was involved in prison ministry, Hispanic ministry and Gennesaret Retreats (for terminally/chronically ill). She retired from Jefferson County Public Schools.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Spalding University in Louisville and a master's degree in special education from the University of Louisville. She completed a pastoral course at the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, TX.

The Browns have two children and are members of St. Aloysius Parish in Pewee Valley, KY, where Fran serves as a lector, Eucharistic minister and a member of the homebound pastoral team.

She is a member of the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, the Kentucky Education Association, and the Queen's Daughters.



Victor Neff

Victor Neff is director of financial operations at Project Lead the Way in Indianapolis, IN. Previously, he worked in public accounting and as an audit manager.

He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, entrepreneurship and international business from Indiana University in 2004. He received a Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical studies from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 2008.

Victor is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and the ACFE Central Indiana Chapter.

He and his wife, Theresa, belong to St. Matthew Parish in Indianapolis, where he serves as a lector and member of the Men's Club, Choir, and Gala Committee. In the past, he served as a youth Confirmation catechist and as a member of the Spiritual Life Commission and the Haiti Committee.



William Payne Jr.

William (Bill) Payne Jr. is the director of strategy advancement and innovation at Humana Military in Louisville, KY. His past positions include public accountant, internal auditor,

manager and director of finance, executive director of network and provider solutions, and advisor to the president of Humana Military.

He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1986 and a Master of Business Administration in 2006 from Indiana University Southeast in New Albany.

Bill is a current member of the Indiana University Alumni Association. He has held several board positions at Providence High School, including president of the Board of Trustees; as well as treasurer of the Pine Hills Lake HOA and treasurer of TKE Omicron Sigma Alumni Association.

He currently holds Fellow status with the American College of Healthcare Executives and earned eight certificates of achievement within the American Health Insurance Plans.

Bill and his wife, Sheri, are the parents of a son and are members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jeffersonville, IN. Bill has served on various committees at Sacred Heart, including Parish Council, Finance Committee, School Commission and Church Building Committee.



Deneen Plessala

Deneen Plessala is the co-founder and chief medical officer of Innovative Medicine Partners in Mobile, AL. She also has been a physician/partner of Children's Medical Group

and worked in the Pediatric Clinics for the Jefferson County and Mobile County Health Departments.

She served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Mobile as vice president for community involvement and the project development director. She is also the founder and sole proprietor of Deneen's Designs, a clothing and monogramming design and manufacturing company.

She and her husband, Kirby, are the parents of four children. They are members of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, where Deneen has served on the Finance Council for 24 years. She also served as the head room mother for St. Ignatius School, as well as a member of the Vocations Committee, Daughters of Mary, and Ladies Guild.

Deneen received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Louisiana State University in 1986.

She received her MD degree from LSU Medical School in New Orleans in 1990. She continued her medical training at The Children's Hospital of Alabama, where she completed her pediatric internship and residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



M. Diane Murphy

Returning to the Board of Overseers is **M. Diane Murphy** of New Albany, IN. She served as president of Your Community Bank Charitable Foundation and senior vice president of

community relations at Your Community Bank, retiring in August 2017.

She is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, where she is a lay minister, lector and member of the Finance Committee.

Diane attended Indiana University Southeast and graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1994. In 2012, she received an honorary degree from Ivy Tech Community

College in college and community service. She received the Leadership Southern Indiana George N. Lane Servant Leader award in 2016.

She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Women's Foundation of Southern Indiana, Housing Partnership, and Guerin Inc. She also serves on the board of Baptist Health Floyd.

She begins her seventh year of serving on the Board of Overseers. ✚

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Alumni Board members approved

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

- **Rev. Msgr. Christopher P. Vasko O'83 ('79-83)**, the judicial vicar of the Diocese of Toledo, OH, and pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Patrick's Historic Parish in Toledo
- **Mr. Frederick L. Chandler O'72 ('64-68)** of Indianapolis, IN, a retired counselor from Carmel High School, Carmel, IN
- **Fr. J. Randall Hubbard T'90 ('78-83; '88-90; '97-98; '00)**, pastor of Epiphany Parish in the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY
- **Deacon Greg Clodi C'86 ('82-86)**, of Kankakee, IL, pastoral associate of St. Joseph Parish, Bradley, IL
- **Fr. Jerry Byrd T'12 ('06-12)**, pastor of St. Mary's, St. Joseph and St. Ann's parishes in Jennings County, IN
- **Deacon Richard Cooper MTS'16 ('05-08; '14-16); PD'12 ('08-12)**, executive director of Harrison County Community Services in Corydon, IN
- **Dr. Mary Diane Valentine MTS '13 ('10-13)**, director of administration at All Saints Parish in St. Peters, MO.



Alumni Reunion 2018



Photos, beginning at top, left to right: Fr. Mark O'Keefe, OSB, talks to alumni and friends about the virtues of courage and hope during the Alumni Reunion on July 24.

Fr. Jerry Schweitzer, from left, Joe Stephens, and Joan Stephens sing during Mass on Tuesday of the Alumni Reunion.

Carney Strange, right, talks with Fr. Bonaventure Knaebel, OSB, during a reception in the Alumni Commons on Monday of the reunion.

Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB, listens to a presentation given by Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, on how to reach out to the Millennial Generation.

Fr. Nick Rice, left, and Nashville Bishop Mark Spalding catch up during a reception in the Alumni Commons on Tuesday.

Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB, announces the anniversary classes during a banquet on Monday evening of the Alumni Reunion. With him is Alumni Board president Fr. Alan Carter.

Alumni Reunion 2018



Photos, beginning at top, left to right: Alumni and friends pose for a photo on the Archabbey Church steps after Mass on Tuesday of the 90th Annual Alumni Reunion.

Matt Schubert, Scott Whitehurst and John Gerken participate in the golf scramble at the Christmas Lake Golf Course in Santa Claus on Monday.

Archbishop Peter Wells gives the homily during the reunion Mass on Tuesday.

Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, publisher of BustedHalo.com, gives a presentation on how to reach out to the Millennial Generation on Monday of the reunion.

Mark your calendar: the 2019 Alumni Reunion is scheduled for July 21-24.

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Sr. Juliann Babcock, OSB, SS ('87), a sister of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, IN, died on June 15, 2018.

Abbot David J. Cyr, OSB, O'51 ('41-48), a founding monk of Marmion Abbey, Marmion, IL, died on July 21, 2018.

Mr. Herbert V. Elliott Sr. O'63 ('51-52), of Aurora, CO, died on June 8, 2018.

Mr. Joseph P. Goldbach O'63 ('52-57), of Brooksville, FL, and formerly of Harrisburg, PA, died November 27, 2017.

Fr. Joseph W. Grace O'53 ('48-53), a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, died on July 2, 2018. ✚

Fr. Ronald J. Hart O'70 ('65-70), a priest of the Diocese of Joliet, IL, died on December 27, 2017.

Mr. Donald J. Kaple O'57 ('47-50), of Alpharetta, GA, died on November 28, 2017.

Mr. Gerald Lawless O'72 ('67-69), of Hampton, VA, died on September 1, 2017.

Msgr. Edward Litot O'47 ('42-47), a priest of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on May 9, 2018.

Mr. Raphael H. Lyon O'54 ('42-48), of Louisville, KY, died on July 16, 2018.

Deacon Nicholas J. Marino, PD'03 ('99-03), of Newburgh, NY, died on July 22, 2011.

Fr. Basil Mattingly, OSB, O'46 ('35-37), of Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, CA, died on July 23, 2018.

Mr. William H. Muller O'58 ('49-54), of St. Augustine, FL, died on July 3, 2018.

Mr. Maynard A. Nemeth O'64 ('52-57), of New Castle, PA, died on June 7, 2018.

Fr. Stanley L. Osborne O'59 ('55-59), a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on July 17, 2018. ✚

Mr. William Straub Sr. O'65 ('59-65; '79), of Louisville, KY, died on July 29, 2018.

Mr. Terrence "Philip" Tompkins O'58 ('46-56), of Evansville, IN, died on August 1, 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 ✚

ALUMNI NEWS

Ms. Georgene Beiriger GTP ('12-18), director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, IN, authored a column on hospitality for the June 15, 2018, issue of *The Criterion*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Mr. Charles Belch O'64 ('52-59), of Fort Wayne, IN, was elected chairman of the Fort Wayne (IN) Hospital Authority. He has served as secretary of the authority for 10 years.

Fr. Gerald Bell SS ('77-78) was among three retired priests of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, to travel to Vietnam, Cambodia and Australia in June to see Church ministry at work in those countries. While in Vietnam, they attended the Masses of thanksgiving for newly ordained priests **Fr. Kien Nguyen T'18 ('14-18)** and **Fr. Minh Vu T'18 ('14-18)**.

Fr. Tim Boekelman O'77 ('73-77) has been named a fulltime chaplain at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, IA.

Mr. Tom Bogenschutz T'92 ('88-91), director of ministry development at All Saints Parish in Evansville, IN, spoke at a Wildflower Summit Meeting on June 13. The event was held by Tri-State Creation Care, an inter-faith organization begun at an Evansville parish.

Major Patrick Brownell T'94 ('87-94), brigade chaplain for the 230th Sustainment Brigade, Tennessee Army National Guard, is serving at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, CA. He is in his 13th year as an Army chaplain.

Dr. Jared Bryson C'97 ('94-96), vice president for mission integration at Mercy, St. Louis, MO, was the guest speaker at an event in Red Bud, IL. His topic was "Creating a Culture of Encounter: Bringing Jesus' Healing Ministry to Our Daily Life."

Sr. Roberta Bussan, OSB, SS'85 ('80-81; '83-85), has been serving as director of Benet House Retreat Center at St.

Mary Monastery in Rock Island, IL, for four years. She also oversees the monastery computer system.

Fr. Thomas Clark S ('02), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, participated in the International Conference on Human Rights and Prison Reform in Kigali, Rwanda, this May.

Mr. Charles Fisher O'72 ('64-72), of Terre Haute, IN, works in social work for the Bureau of Prisons.

Msgr. Thomas Flach O'71 ('59-67) retired this summer as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Marion, IL, and St. Paul Parish in Johnston City, IL. He plans to reside in Albuquerque, NM.

Msgr. Patrick Garrity O'76 ('67-76) has retired from fulltime ministry in the Diocese of Knoxville, TN. He will continue as vicar for priests, chairman of the Clergy Materials Concern Committee, and as a member of the Priest Benefit and Trust Board. He also will serve as chaplain of the Knoxville-area Serra Club.

Mr. Jeremy Goebel T'15 ('11-13) and his family were featured in the July 27, 2018, issue of *The Message*, newspaper for the Diocese of Evansville, IN. The focus of the article was on family life as young Catholics.

Deacon Luke Hassler T'19 ('15-18) spoke at the Source + Summit event on June 30 at Sarto Retreat House in Evansville, IN.

Fr. Roger A. Houle O'77 ('73-77) has been named chaplain of St. Antoine Residence in North Smithfield, RI.

Fr. Michael McKinley T'85 ('81-85), associate pastor of St. Maria of Goretti Parish in Westfield, IN, made a hole-in-one this summer at Zionsville Golf Club.

Dr. Melanie-Préjean Sullivan, MTS '03 ('00-03), has retired as director of campus ministry at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY. She now will serve as a research associate for the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge, England, for three years.

Dr. Robert Rivers T'02 ('96-00) is serving as the first dean of academics at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School in Atlanta, GA.

Deacon Earl Ruppel O'66 ('55-58); PD'05 ('01-05), of Vincennes, IN, was installed as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council 712 on July 24.

Fr. David Sanchez T'02 ('99-02), pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Louisville, KY, this summer began a pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago to raise funds to repair the parish church's steeples. He hopes to complete the 937-mile journey in October.

Deacon Mark Schuster T'19 ('13-18) was the first seminarian to be ordained as deacon in the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knoxville, TN.

Fr. Tyler Tenbarge T'16 ('12-16), a priest of the Diocese of Evansville, IN, is serving as chaplain and director of the diocese's new Father Deydier House of Discernment for men ages 19-30 who are discerning God's call in their lives. He also was appointed associate director of vocations and part-time parochial vicar of St. Boniface Parish in Evansville.

Fr. Mark Tracy T'18 ('12-18) has been named parochial vicar of St. Anthony Parish in Effingham, IL.

Fr. Peter Ullrich, OSB, T'87 ('84-87), of Conception Abbey, Conception, MO,

was appointed dean of students and vice-rector at Conception Seminary College.

Fr. Philip Vanderlin, OSB, O'70 ('69-70) returned to the United States after serving as chaplain to various schools in Bogota, Colombia, for 47 years. He is serving at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish in Jackson Hole, WY.

Br. Nicholas Wolfla, OFM Conv, C'85 ('81-85) has been elected provincial secretary of the Conventual Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Consolation, based at Mount St. Francis, IN.

Mr. Michael Ziemianski C'87 ('84-87; '90), of Floyds Knobs, IN, has been named chair-elect of the 2019 Kentucky Derby Festival in Louisville. ✚

Save the Date!

November 27, 2018

Little Rock Alumni & Friends Dinner

February 8-10, 2019

Alumni & Friends Retreat

March 9, 2019

Saint Meinrad Day of Service

July 21-24, 2019

Alumni Reunion

Alumni Annual Giving Program supports school operations



The 2018-19 Alumni Annual Giving Program kicked off on July 1. By supporting the Alumni Annual Giving Program, Saint Meinrad alumni help ensure the continuation of the quality formation programs they enjoyed during their time here.

“Saint Meinrad is blessed to have generous alumni who understand the importance of giving back to their alma mater,” says Duane Schaefer, director of development. “It’s a real testament to their love for Saint Meinrad.

“Gifts to the Alumni Annual Giving Program help us meet the ongoing

operating expenses of the school such as ministry opportunities, classroom instruction and the upkeep of our buildings and classrooms. It also helps keep our tuition competitive with other seminaries.”

Alumni whose gifts qualify will receive this year’s premium, a black mouse pad with a wrist rest, imprinted with the Saint Meinrad Alumni logo in white (see photo).

This sleek mouse pad, which is designed to enhance wrist comfort, is offered to alumni who make a gift of \$200 or more or a first-time gift of \$100 or more. ✚



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Sixth annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service planned for March 9, 2019



▲ *Projects at the Saint Meinrad Day of Service can range from assisting at food banks to sorting clothing to preparing a house for restoration. Find out more at: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/dayofservice>.*

Plans are under way for the sixth annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service to be held Saturday, March 9, 2019. 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.

During the 2018 Day of Service, 178 alumni, oblates and friends took part in

14 projects in nine locations across the country including Bloomington, IN; Cleveland, OH; Dayton, OH; Evansville, 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 also 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, 2019, on the alumni website.

To learn more about the Day of Service or how to organize a project on March 9, 2019, 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>. ✚