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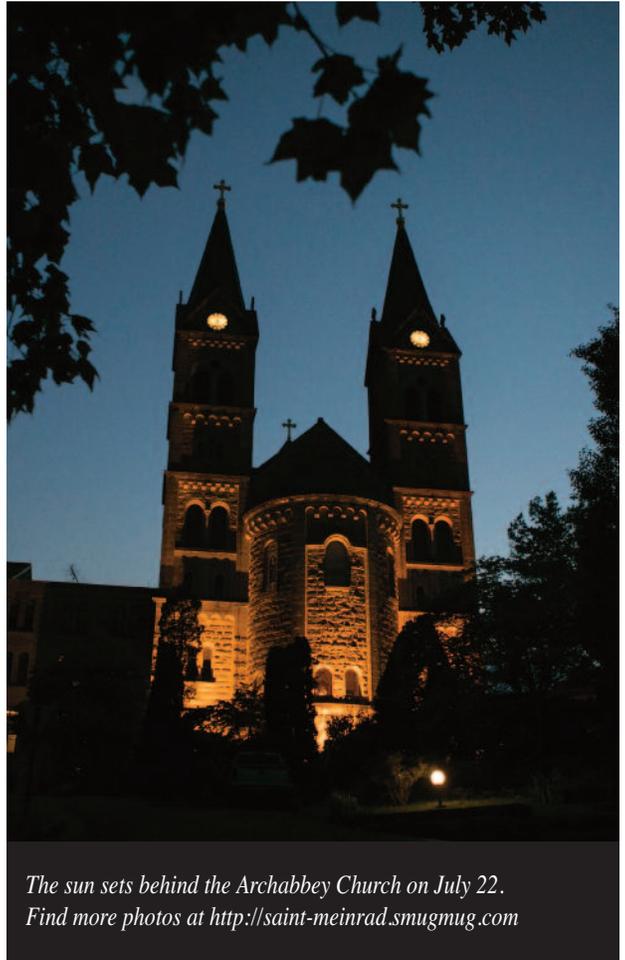
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*The sun sets behind the Archabbey Church on July 22.
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Monks' Personals

Fr. Anthony Vinson offered the Lenten day of recollection for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis presbyterate on April 2 at Fatima Retreat House. His topic was “A Look at St. Albert the Great: Human Formation – Journeying with the Wounds of Christ.”

Br. Lorenzo Penalosa has completed the propaedeutic year at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy (Sant’ Anselmo) in Rome and received a Bachelor of Sacred Liturgy (SLB).

Fr. Eugene Hensell conducted a retreat for the priests of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO, June 3-7.

Fr. Christian Raab attended the Catholic Theological Society of America convention in Pittsburgh, PA, on June 6-9.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain presented on the topic of chant and liturgical music for the Oblate Study Days June 10-13.

Archabbot Kurt Stasiak traveled to the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, ID, to conduct their regular visitation on June 15.

Br. Martin Erspamer created a large tapestry of the Pantocrator (Christ Seated in Glory as the Lord of Creation) for the Diocese of Orange’s Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA. He attended the dedication in July.

Fr. Thomas Gricoski delivered a lecture in Cologne, Germany, on St. Edith Stein’s philosophy on August 16. He was elected president of the International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein at the conference.

Fr. Julian Peters conducted a weekend retreat for permanent deacons of the Diocese of Toledo-in-America, August 16-18, at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH.

Fr. Mateo Zamora traveled to New York, NY, to direct the Oblate Labor Day Retreat August 30-September 1. He also directed the Oblate Day of Recollection in Lancaster, PA, on September 7.

Br. Simon Herrmann led a video conference on “Life Transitions” for young adults in Denver, CO, who have a connection to Saint Meinrad on September 3 and he participated in a focus group for young adults in the Louisville, KY, area on September 26. ✚

Four Saint Meinrad monks celebrate jubilees of monastic profession



▲ *Jubilarians are, from left, Fr. Samuel Weber, OSB, Fr. Micheas Langston, OSB, Fr. Pius Klein, OSB, and Br. Jerome Croteau, OSB.*

The Benedictine monks at Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated the jubilees of monastic profession for four of their confreres on July 28, 2019.

Honored were Br. Jerome Croteau, 70 years; Fr. Pius Klein and Fr. Micheas Langston, 60 years; and Fr. Samuel Weber, 50 years.

Br. Jerome was born in Belcourt, ND. After attending high school in Marty, SD, Br. Jerome came to Saint Meinrad and professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on May 10, 1949.

Br. Jerome worked in the Saint Meinrad vineyard for 30 years, and has had assignments in the wine cellar, on the building crew, and as a carpenter and landscaper. In the 1950s, he spent 18 months at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD, a foundation of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

Most recently, he assisted with housekeeping duties in the monastery. Currently, he is an infirmary minister and assistant.

Fr. Pius is a native of Aurora, IN. He professed vows on April 19, 1959, and was ordained to the priesthood on March 31, 1974.

Fr. Pius worked in Saint Meinrad's tailor shop and in the infirmary until he was assigned to Saint Meinrad's priory in Huaraz, Peru. He served there from 1964-84, except for the years he returned to the Archabbey to complete his priesthood studies. In Peru, his assignments included school principal, English and religion teacher, and seminary disciplinarian.

After his priesthood ordination, he returned to Peru, where he served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Lima. From 1978-84, he served as the superior of the priory.

He returned to Saint Meinrad in 1985 and served as chaplain to the sisters at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN, and was director of food service in Saint Meinrad's monastery. Fr. Pius was pastor of St. Mary Parish, Huntingburg, IN, from 1987-2008.

Currently, he is commuting chaplain for the Hildegard Health Center at Monastery Immaculate Conception. He also does correspondence for Saint Meinrad's Development Office.

Fr. Micheas professed his monastic vows on August 15, 1959, and was ordained to the priesthood on September 5, 1965. He is a native of Paducah, KY.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Meinrad College and a master's degree in German from Middlebury College in Vermont. He taught in the high school and college at Saint Meinrad from 1965-70. He entered the U.S. Army in 1970 as a chaplain and served in Vietnam.

From 1976-77, Fr. Micheas served as assistant pastor at St. Benedict's Parish (now Cathedral), Evansville, IN, and then as assistant coordinator of student life at Saint Meinrad College from 1977-82. In 1983, he returned to active duty in the Army as a chaplain.

From 1993-98, he taught Spanish and German in Saint Meinrad College. He served as parish administrator at St. John Chrysostom Church in New Boston, IN, from 1995-98. From 1998-2003, he served as a civilian contract priest at Fort Jackson, SC.

He then served as chaplain at Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, NC, from 2003 to 2015, caring for wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan. He returned to the monastery in 2015 and is living in the infirmary.

Fr. Samuel is originally from Chicago. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on November 13, 1969.

He earned a bachelor of arts and a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad Seminary. He received the licentiate in sacred

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theology with a specialization in sacred liturgy and monastic spirituality from the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant' Anselmo in Rome. He earned a master's degree in Latin and Greek literature and ancient art and archeology from the University of Colorado.

He also studied Gregorian chant with Dom Eugene Cardine, as well as music history and composition at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1996.

For 20 years, Fr. Samuel was on the faculty of Saint Meinrad School of Theology and Saint Meinrad College. He was a founding member of the Wake Forest University Divinity School in Winston-Salem, NC, where he taught for nine years.

In addition, he has taught in the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, The Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, KY, and the Disciples of Christ Seminary, Lexington, KY. In addition to teaching, his ecumenical involvement has included lecturing and writing for The Upper Room (Methodist) and The Presbyterian Board of Worship.

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Fr. Samuel was the founding director of the Institute of Sacred Music and was on the faculty of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Fr. Samuel's publications include (Ignatius Press) *The Propers of the Mass for Sundays and Solemnities*, *The Ignatius Pew Missal*, *Canta la Misa*, and *The Office of Compline*. In addition, he has composed the chants for *The Propers of the Mass for Weekdays of the Temporal Cycle*.

He is the editor of *The Hymnal for the Hours*. His most recent publications include *The Saint Patrick Gradual* and the *Saint Patrick Antiphony*. He is preparing the organ accompaniments for the *Liber Hymnarius*.

Currently, he is an adjunct instructor of languages and dogmatics at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, and is on the staff of the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship, Archdiocese of San Francisco. ✝

Novice professes first vows



Br. Basil Lumsden

Novice Christian Lumsden professed his temporary vows as a Benedictine monk in a ceremony on August 6, 2019, 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 Christian is now Br. Basil.

Br. Basil, 45, 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. He also was 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.

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. ✝

New VP for Development named at Saint Meinrad



Duane Schaefer

Duane Schaefer has been appointed vice president for development at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, succeeding Michael Ziemianski, who died suddenly on June 25.

Schaefer brings to the Development Office a 20-year association with Saint Meinrad, as well as a wealth of experience. In January 2000, he joined the Development Office staff as the associate director of annual giving. He assumed the position of director of annual giving in October of 2002. Since July 2007, he has served as director of development.

The new appointment became effective on July 1 and was announced by Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB.

The Vice President for Development serves as the chief advancement officer for Saint Meinrad Archabbey and its Seminary and School of Theology. Schaefer will be responsible for overseeing, evaluating, and strengthening Saint Meinrad's ongoing programs in fund raising, alumni relations and communications.

Schaefer and his wife Marcia live in Georgetown, IN. ✝

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Br. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB

[Solemn Vows]

professes solemn vows as a Benedictine monk

Br. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, professed solemn vows as a Benedictine monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in a ceremony on August 15, 2019, in the Archabbey Church.

Br. Kolbe, 32, is a native of Lansing, MI. He is studying for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. In addition, he works in Saint Meinrad's Business Office and is the assistant master of ceremonies.

Previously, he worked for the State of Michigan as an insurance complaint analyst in the Department of Insurance and Financial Services.

After graduating from Pewamo-Westphalia High School in Westphalia, MI, he earned an associate degree from Lansing Community College in 2009 and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwood University in 2010.

He was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Pewamo, MI, where he volunteered as a faith formation teacher.

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



Photos, beginning at top, clockwise: Br. Kolbe Wolniakowski signs his vow chart on the altar. With him is Fr. Subprior Gueric DeBona, OSB.

Br. Kolbe stands in the choir stalls after making his solemn vows, wearing the cuculla – a sign of becoming a permanent member of the Saint Meinrad community.

Br. Kolbe, far right, stands before Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, to state his desire to make his solemn profession.

[Meet the Student]

Alejandra Spir-Haddad



City of Residence: Bloomington, IN

Degree Studying for at Saint Meinrad: Master of Arts in theology and Certificate in Spiritual Direction

Q. *When did you begin your studies?*

Fall 2015

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

I've been in ministry for a few years. I am a lay pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA. I felt I needed to grow more and to learn more so I could serve better.

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

I've been married for 30 years, and I have three children who are now young adults. I am a lay pastor, a Benedictine Oblate, and I serve as spiritual counselor in women's Emmaus and girls' Chrysalis and Journey retreats in the Hoosier Hills Emmaus community. I am also a dentist.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

Julian of Norwich. She is also my oblate name. Reading her book on her visions was an incredibly enriching experience for me. Her revelation of God as our tender Mother and her conviction that "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" were a beautiful gift to me.

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

Corinthians 4:7-10: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not

from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." To me, this passage carries a profound message of hope.

Q. *Hobbies?*

Yoga, reading.

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

Every class that I have taken has given me the opportunity to read books that I would have never read on my own. I also have enjoyed the class discussions with my professors and my classmates.

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

Writing papers, although with time writing has become easier and more enjoyable.

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

I plan to continue with my ministry, but I am also excited to start my practice of spiritual direction. I also plan to continue taking classes at Saint Meinrad as long as I can. To me, this place is a fountain of knowledge and peace and I want to continue drinking from it.

Q. *Other comments?*

I am forever grateful for the opportunity to be a student at Saint Meinrad. This journey has been a life-changing experience. ✝

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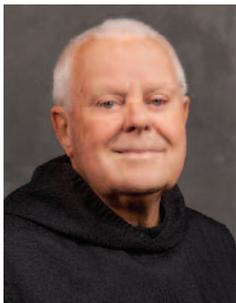
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History professor

Fr. Sebastian Leonard, OSB, dies



Fr. Sebastian Leonard, OSB, 88, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died on September 21, 2019, at the monastery.

Fr. Sebastian Leonard He was a jubilant both of profession and priesthood.

He was born in Indianapolis, IN, on September 4, 1931. Fr. Sebastian entered Saint Meinrad minor seminary in 1944. He was invested as a novice July 31, 1951, and professed his simple vows on August 1, 1952, and solemn vows on September 8, 1955. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1957.

Fr. Sebastian received a baccalaureate in sacred theology from The Catholic University in Washington, D.C., in 1958. Appointed choirmaster for the monastic community, a position he held for four years, he also began teaching history at Saint Meinrad College and the School of Theology.

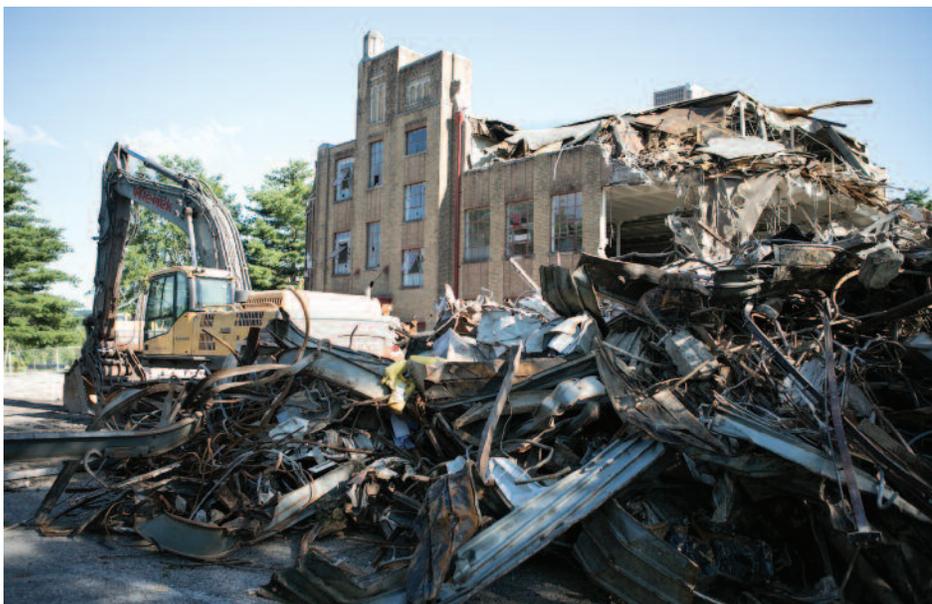
He earned an MA degree in modern European history at Georgetown University in 1962. He then studied at Oxford University, where in 1968 he was awarded a doctorate of philosophy in modern history.

In 1971 he was appointed an associate dean of students in the School of Theology and director of Conley Hall. He taught history in Saint Meinrad College until 1976 and in the School of Theology until 1983.

In 1983, Fr. Sebastian was assigned as associate pastor at St. David Church in Davie, FL, where he served for 11 years. He returned to Saint Meinrad in 1994, and the following year took an assignment as chaplain and professor at Canterbury School in New Milford, CT. He served there for the next 20 years, becoming the longest-serving chaplain in the school's history.

Since 2015, he had resided in the monastery infirmary.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on September 25, followed by burial in the Archabbey Cemetery. †



▲ This summer the former Abbey Press Plant 1 was razed and a new greenspace is taking its place. The plant closed in 2017.

EVENTS ON THE HILL

October 26

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Recollection

November 1-3

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

November 8-10

Guest House Retreat: "The Leaven of Christ: That in All Things God May be Glorified" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

November 15-17

Guest House Retreat: "Biblical Wisdom: What is it? Where Can it be Found?" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

November 18-22

Guest House Retreat: "Spiritual Themes from the Sunday Lectionary in the New Liturgical Year" by Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB

November 29-December 1

Guest House Retreat: "Preparing the Way: An Advent Retreat" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

February 14-16 or March 13-15

Guest House Retreat: "Together in Christ" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB (married couples only)

February 11

Father Cyprian Davis Lecture, speaker and topic to be announced

March 5

Thomas Lecture, speaker and topic to be announced

March 17-19

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

March 27-29

Guest House Retreat: "Living Monastic Values in Everyday Life" by Br. Martin Erspamer, OSB

April 3-5

Guest House Retreat: "Lectio Divina Retreat" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

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Strong Enrollment

Seminary begins year with 122 students



▲ Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, greets new seminarian Charlie Delano, while returning seminarians Zach Samples and Francisco Bark wait to help move Delano into the seminary on August 23.

Classrooms at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were full again as the 2019-20 school year began on September 3. Fall semester opened with strong enrollment in all of Saint Meinrad's programs. The seminary welcomed 31 new students, bringing the total enrollment to 122. Last fall's school year opened with 116 seminarians.

"There is a great deal of energy in the seminary this year," says Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of the Seminary and School of Theology. "We have many talented seminarians, returning and new."

Students arrived from 27 dioceses and 11 religious communities. Last year, the student body represented 30 dioceses and nine religious communities.

Saint Meinrad's international community continues to grow. As the fall semester began, 42 seminarians who were born outside the United States were enrolled, representing 34 percent of the student body. Last year, there were 30 students born outside the United States.

The seminary community represents 15 countries of origin, including new students from the Bahamas, Poland, Vietnam, Kenya, Mexico and Tanzania.

Online courses in the Graduate Theology Program also began September 3, with the first weekend of courses taking place at Saint Meinrad on September 14. This fall, 69 students are enrolled, compared to 57 students last fall. Of the 69 students, 11 are new to the program. There are four full-time students, 52 part-time, nine non-degree and four students who are auditing courses.

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program continues to see growth, with 168 deacon candidates enrolled in the program. The men are in 12 cohorts, representing 11 dioceses.

Last fall, 144 deacon candidates were enrolled. Saint Meinrad also is providing ongoing permanent deacon formation to one other diocese. Two dioceses will have ordinations for their deacon candidates in the spring and summer of 2020.

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program recently expanded its resources. A quarterly newsletter was launched in June with about 650 subscribers. Also, a homiletics workshop for ordained deacons will be held at Saint Meinrad in January 2020.

"In these times, quality formation is more important than ever," says Fr. Denis. "We look forward to working with all of our students to ensure the best ministers possible for our dioceses and communities."

The new school year brings several new staff members to the Seminary and School of Theology.

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—Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB

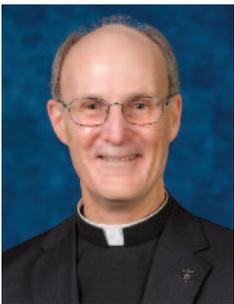


Fr. Pantaleon Lim

Fr. Pantaleon Lim is serving as a formation dean for the House of John. He received his bachelor's degree from Busan Catholic University and his Master of Divinity degree from Saint

Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 2010.

Beginning in January 2011, Fr. Pan spent two years as parochial vicar in Gwangan Parish. He served as the bishop's secretary from 2013 until 2017. From 2013 until January of this year, he was vice pastor of Udong Parish.



Fr. James Schimelpfening

Fr. James Schimelpfening, SM, has taken up residence in the school as associate director of spiritual formation. Most recently, he was in ministry at the University of Dayton.

He has a master's degree in Christian spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, NE, and a Master of Divinity from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree, with a specialization in spirituality, from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

Fr. Jim has lived and ministered in a number of countries on four continents, working in high school ministry, religious formation, leadership, youth and young adult ministry, and as a spiritual director and retreat director.



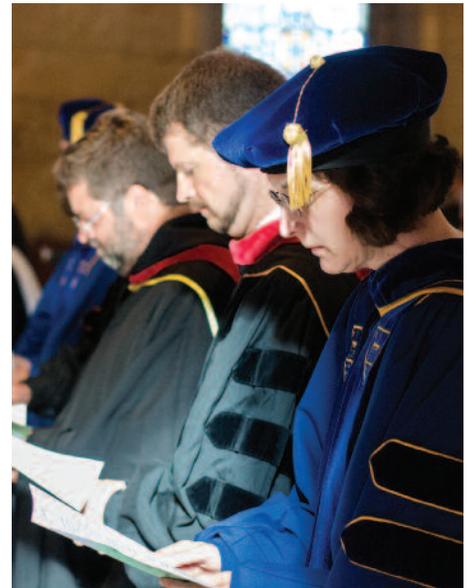
Sr. Rachel Geracitano

Sr. Rachel Geracitano, OSB, is serving as the associate director of pastoral formation. She earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Bellarmine University in

2012 and a master's degree in pastoral theology from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 2017.

Most recently, she served as a family counselor at Catholic Cemeteries, a

ministry of the Archdiocese of Louisville. She also served at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN, and Baptist Hospital in Louisville, KY. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, IN. ✝



▲ From left, Fr. Christian Raab, OSB, Dr. Nathaniel Marx and Dr. Kimberly Baker pray during opening Mass on September 3.



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Supporting ministry opportunities, spiritual formation, and world-class theological education, alumni gifts to Saint Meinrad benefit today's students in many ways.

As in years past, alumni showed their passion for supporting their alma mater with gifts

totaling \$670,273.68 received during fiscal year 2018-19 – an impressive 22.42% response rate.

“Year after year, alumni show they are committed to providing exceptional formation opportunities for today's students,” says Christian Mocek, director of annual giving. “Their generosity is one of Saint Meinrad's greatest blessings. And they can be proud of the work they help make possible.”

Giving every year continues the long tradition of alumni supporting the formation of future ministers of the Church. Alumni can look forward to the

2019-20 Alumni Annual Giving Program kickoff this fall. ✝



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Seven join Saint Meinrad Board of Overseers

The Board of Overseers has added one new member, an emeritus member and five returning members 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.

New to the board is J. Terrence Cody. Deacon Marc Kellams, John Lueken, Dr. John Pulcini, Deacon Mark Rougeux and Mary Kay Wolford are rejoining the board. John Chappell has been named an emeritus member of the board.



J. Terrence Cody

J. Terrence Cody is judge of the Floyd County Circuit Court in New Albany, IN, where he resides. He has served in that position since 1999. He is a director of the Community Foundation of

Southern Indiana and recently completed his second six-year term as a trustee of Our Lady of Providence High School.

Cody is a member of the Floyd County, Indiana State and American bar associations; the American Judicature Society; the Indiana Judges Association; the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and the Sherman Minton American Inn of Court.

He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Council #1221. He has served on numerous committees with the Indiana State Bar Association, Indiana Bar Foundation and the Judicial Conference of Indiana. He is immediate past president of the Indiana Judges Association.

He earned his law degree from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1974. Cody also is a graduate of the Indiana Judicial College and the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges.

He and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of two sons. They belong to St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish.



Deacon Marc Kellams

Deacon Marc Kellams, of Bloomington, IN, retired from the Monroe Circuit Court bench in December 2018, after 40 years of judicial service. He continues to serve as a senior judge. He is also

an adjunct assistant professor of law at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, and he serves as the coordinator of Corrections Ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Southern Indiana Surgery Center and is secretary to the board of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program. He is a member of the American Judicature Society, the Indiana Judges Association and the Monroe County Bar Association.

He received a BA degree in religious studies from Indiana University in 1975 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 1978. He has been a member of the Indiana bar since October 1978.

He and his wife, Chris, are the parents of three daughters. They belong to St. Charles Borromeo Parish, where he has served as a permanent deacon since 2008. Kellams is beginning his third term on the Board of Overseers.



John Lueken

John Lueken is an attorney, partner and chair of the Estate Planning Department at Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in Louisville, KY. He and his wife, Stacie, are

members of Holy Family Parish in New

Albany, IN. They reside in Georgetown, IN.

A native of Jasper, IN, he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Evansville in 1985. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Louisville in 1992. He is also a certified public accountant.

He holds memberships in the American, Kentucky and Louisville bar associations and is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is admitted to practice law in Indiana and Kentucky.

Lueken is a member of the Downtown Louisville Rotary Club, Estate Planning Council of Louisville and the Southern Indiana Estate Planning Council. This is his 13th year on the Board of Overseers.



Dr. John Pulcini

Dr. John Pulcini of Evansville, IN, is a retired surgeon. He and his wife, Barbara, have five children and are members of Holy Rosary Parish. A graduate of Loyola University and St. Louis University

Medical School, he worked as a plastic surgeon with the Evansville Plastic Surgical Association for 35 years, retiring in June 2008.

He has served on several boards, including chairman of the Ethics Committee for St. Mary's Medical Center and a member of its Professional Affairs Committee and the Ivy Technical College School of Medical Technology Advisory Committee.

He is a member of the Vanderburgh County Board of Health, the Indiana University Medical School's Evansville Center Advisory Board, and the Vanderburgh County Library Friends Board.

He is a former member of the St. Mary's Hospital and Mission Health boards and the Welborn Baptist Foundation. For 22 years, he served as moderator of the

regional Annual Professional Ethics Seminar.

Pulcini has served for 12 years on the Board of Overseers and is a past chair of the board.



Deacon Mark Rougeux

Deacon Mark Rougeux and his wife, Kim, live in Louisville, KY, and have three sons. They are members of St. Patrick Parish in Louisville, where he serves as a permanent deacon, past

director of RCIA, member of the adult faith formation team, and coordinator of the ministry to the sick and homebound.

Rougeux earned a BBA degree from the University of Kentucky in 1974, and an MBA degree from the University of North Carolina in 1976. In 1997 he earned an MA (Theology) degree and in 2014 received his Doctor of Ministry degree, both from The Catholic University of America.

He retired from the field of commercial real estate development after serving as partner/vice president of real estate development for Duke Realty in Indianapolis and as general manager in the Real Estate Investment Department at Prudential Insurance Company.

Rougeux is an instructor for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and for the Deacon Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Louisville. He is a member of the candidate assessment team for the St. Luke Center.

He also is executive director of Mass of the Air and, since 2004, has had an ongoing ministry in East Africa. He and his wife are a mentor couple for deacon candidates in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

He is a past board member of St. Xavier High School's Alumni Board, a board member of the Lonergan Institute in Washington, DC, and a member of Randonneurs USA. He is beginning his seventh year on the Board of Overseers.



Mary Kay Wolford

Mary Kay Wolford is a retired educator for the New Albany-Floyd County Schools in New Albany, IN. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from

Spalding University in Louisville and a Master of Education degree from the University of Louisville.

She is a member of the board of trustees of Spalding University, and the board of directors of the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation, Harvest Homecoming, and the New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation. She has served on the Board of Overseers for 18 years.

Wolford is a former board member and past president of the Catholic Community Foundation of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and is a past co-chair, with her husband Carl, of the United Catholic Appeal for the archdiocese. They are members of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.



John Chappell

John Chappell is an attorney with the Jasper, IN, office of the law firm of Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP. He and his wife, Jane, have two daughters and belong to St.

Joseph Parish in Jasper.

He earned a bachelor's degree in 1969 and juris doctor degree in 1972, both from Indiana University. He is a member of Jasper Chamber of Commerce, Jasper Kiwanis Club, and the American, Indiana State and Dubois County bar associations.

He was secretary of the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana from 1992-2007 and is a director of Indiana Furniture Industries Inc.

Chappell joined the Board of Overseers in 1988. He served 18 years and is a former board chair. Earlier this year, the Board of Overseers elected him as a member emeritus. ✚

Alumni Board members approved

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

- **Mr. T. Michael Egan O'67 ('63-69)**, who retired in 2012 as a manufacturing management and operations consultant. He lives in Louisville, KY.
- **Fr. Matthew Gerlach T'96 ('92-96) C'92 ('89-92)**, pastor of St. Anne Parish in Broken Arrow, OK.
- **Mrs. Angie Greulich MTS 2014 ('09-13)**, of Jasper, IN. She is a major gift officer for the Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, IN.
- **Fr. Nicolas A. Ajpacajá Tzoc T'16 ('11-16)**, associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, IN.
- **Fr. Mike Williams T'97 ('90-97)**, director of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. He is beginning his second term on the board.

Alumni Reunion 2019



Photos, beginning at top, left to right: Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, presents Distinguished Alumnus Awards to Frank and Mary Olmsted on Tuesday of the Alumni Reunion.

Bishop Joseph Siegel of the Diocese of Evansville presides at the Alumni Reunion Mass on Tuesday.

Bill McGuire is presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the Tuesday evening reunion banquet.

Michael Ryan and his wife Vera sing the Saint Meinrad school song at the closing of the Alumni Reunion banquet on Tuesday.

Fr. Joe Ziliak catches up with classmates during a reception on Monday evening.

Alumni Reunion 2019



Photos, beginning at top, left to right: Alumni and friends pose for a photo on the Archabbey Church steps after the reunion Mass on July 23.

*Reunion attendees look at a volume of *The St. John Bible Heritage Collection* during a conference led by alumnus Bob O'Connor.*

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, presents a conference on evangelization to the millennial generation on Monday, July 22.

Fr. Dave Tscherne, center, talks with Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, during a reception on Monday.

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Mr. Robert J. Beckman O'60 ('48-50), of Jasper, IN, died on July 17, 2019.

Sr. Rachel Best, OSB, S'02, died on July 23, 2019. She was a founding member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, IN.

Mr. Albert L. Blubaugh O'57 ('48-52), of Blairsden Graeagle, CA, died on October 23, 2017.

Mr. Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Borders O'68 ('56-57), of Tell City, IN, died on August 22, 2019.

Mr. Raymond Buening O'70 ('58-66), of Greenwood, IN, died on July 16, 2019.

Mr. Charles L. Clark O'66 ('54-60), of Dayton, OH, died on June 10, 2019.

Mr. C. Joseph Curry O'72 ('60-63), of Indianapolis, IN, died on June 10, 2019.

Deacon Wayne Davis PD'08 ('04-08), of Greenfield, IN, died on July 14, 2019.

Dr. George W. Elford O'57 ('45-57), of Potomac, MD, died on August 8, 2019.

Mr. Joseph E. George O'71 ('65-67), of Girard, KS, died on August 15, 2019.

Mr. Patrick C. Henn O'61 ('49-53), of Indianapolis, IN, died on July 19, 2019.

Mr. John "Jack" Hoeller O'65 ('55-56), of Columbus, OH, died on January 12, 2018.

Fr. George Kashmer O'58 ('54-58), a priest of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on June 26, 2019.

Mr. Edward R. Katzbeck O'71 ('59-60), of Williamston, MI, died on November 10, 2018.

Mrs. Mary Etta McPeek Kiefer SS ('89-90), of Dunbar, WV, died on December 1, 2018.

Mr. Elmer J. Kranzman O'63 ('51-52), formerly of Washington, IN, died on March 2, 2002.

Fr. Eugene A. Kreher O'65 ('59-65), a priest of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, died on August 20, 2019.

Mr. William L. Long O'60 ('52-55), of Louisville, KY, died on August 12, 2019.

Mr. Kenneth J. Michler O'70 ('58-66), of Hatfield, PA, died on April 15, 2019.

Mr. Matthew O'Hare O'73 ('65-69), of Salisbury, MD, died on April 20, 2019.

Mr. George B. Patterson Jr. O'55 ('43-44), of Loogootee, IN, died on June 26, 2019.

Fr. Aloysius F. Powers O'48 ('35-41), a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, died on September 4, 2019.

Mr. Leo J. Reinhart Jr. SPH ('55-57), of Fostoria, OH, died on August 21, 2019.

Fr. Charles E. Reteneller O'60 ('51-60), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on June 12, 2019.

Mr. Raymond Schott O'56 ('50-53), of Fort Wayne, IN, died on November 20, 2018.

Dr. Pierre E. Slightam O'59 ('47-51), of De Pere, WI, died on June 24, 2019.

Hon. Judge Timothy Sullivan O'62 ('57-62), of Blainstown, NJ, died on June 1, 2019.

Fr. John M. Tezie, O'59 ('51-53), a retired priest of the Diocese of Cleveland, OH, died on March 12, 2019.

Deacon Robert J. DiTargiani O'65 ('56-59), of Eastchester, NY, died on August 13, 2019.

Fr. Christopher Uehlein, OSB, O'60 ('50-53), a monk of the former Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD, died on June 26, 2019, at St. Augustine Home in Indianapolis, IN.

Mr. David R. Ziliak O'63 ('51-53), of Ferdinand, IN, died on July 11, 2019.

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 Website: Same features, new look

On July 30, the Alumni Office launched a refurbished website for its online community. The alumni website still has the same web address – alumni.saintmeinrad.edu – and all of the same features.

You can still find event registration, the *Voices from the Vineyard* magazine, library resources, and the alumni directory. Alumni may also nominate members for the Alumni Board and Distinguished Alumnus Award nominees.

“All our alumni need to do is to create a new account with their preferred

email address, which will then link their new account to their alumni profile,” says Joe Oliveri, director of alumni relations. Anyone who created an account on the former website – before July 30 – will need to create an account on the new website.

“Now that the online experience has been improved, we can continue to bring people together with our spiritual, social and service programs,” says Oliveri. “We hope to spread the mission that this association strives to support everyone in the Saint Meinrad alumni community.” ✝

ALUMNI NEWS

Fr. John Appiah C'94 ('90-94) and **Fr. Patrick Brownell T'94 ('87-94)**, of the Diocese of Knoxville, TN, are serving as military chaplains. Their service was featured in the July 2019 issue of the diocese's magazine.

Mr. Ned Berghausen MAT'12 ('09-13) and his wife Kate are the parents of triplets born on August 3. Their names are Mariam, Petra and Maximilian. They reside in Louisville, KY.

Fr. Ray Brenner O'69 ('57-69) retired as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Jasper, IN, in June. He was honored with the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Companion Award on June 8. It was given by the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN.

Most Rev. Chris Carpenter T'95 ('89-95) recently completed a nine-month Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut. He is now a chaplain with Beacon Hospice in Hartford, CT. He continues to serve as presiding bishop of the Reformed Catholic Church and writes movie and theater reviews for multiple outlets.

Fr. Jonathan Erdman T'17 ('16-17) has been appointed a co-chaplain for the Courage Chapter in the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY. He is also associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish.

Deacon John Fridley PD'13 ('09-13), of the Diocese of Belleville, IL, was installed as president of the National Diaconate Institute of Continuing Education (NDICE) at its annual conference held in Cincinnati, OH, in July. He will serve a two-year term leading the oldest national deacon continuing education organization in the United States.

Fr. Kevin Huber T'91 ('83-91) has been appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Gary, IN. He continues to serve as pastor of Queen of All Saints and St. Mary parishes in Michigan City.

Mr. Michael Hupfer O'77 ('69-72) of Ashland, OH, was awarded the 2019 Dr. Glenn L. Clayton Award by the Ashland University Alumni Association for his leadership and positive influence on the

school. He retired in 2015 after serving as assistant/associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Fr. Andy Knopik O'83 ('75-79) finished second and **Msgr. Jim Buerster O'79 ('75-79)** finished third in the 47th annual Msgr. Fournie Clergy Memorial Tennis Tournament held June 24. Also participating were **Fr. Leo Hayes O'61 ('55-61; '71)** and **Msgr. Carl Scherrer O'73 ('69-73)**. All are priests of the Diocese of Belleville, IL.

Fr. J. Ronald Knott O'70 ('64-70), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, has established Catholic Second Wind Guild. The guild supports institutions on St. Vincent and the Grenadines and was featured in the August 1 issue of the archdiocesan newspaper, *The Record*.

Msgr. John Kozar O'71 ('59-67) was named the 2019 winner of the Catholic Press Association's Bishop John England Award. Kozar is president of Catholic Near East Welfare Association and publisher of the association's *ONE* magazine.

Mr. Mark Kozeal C'88 ('84-88) is director of product management for Bloomberg Environment and serves as music director at St. Ambrose Parish in Cheverly, MD.

Fr. Douglas Martis, OSB, T'89 ('83-87) is a guest lecturer this academic year in the Theology Department of Marmion Academy, Marmion, IL, as well as assisting with the Campus Ministry and Retreat Program.

Deacon John McMullen T'91 ('85-90); PD'09 ('05-09) of Evansville, IN, this spring attended the National Association of Catholic Chaplains Conference in Illinois and was recognized as a board certified chaplain. He serves as a deacon at Annunciation Parish and as a spiritual caregiver, chaplain and bereavement coordinator for Deaconess Visiting Nursing Association Hospice, both in Evansville.

Mr. John Prevost C'76 ('72-76), of Atlanta, GA, earned a PhD in criminal justice and criminology from Georgia State University in August.

Mr. Rex Rund C'83 ('79-81) was a speaker at the 16th annual Central Indiana Churches for Haiti conference on October 16, speaking about youth involvement in Haiti. He has been instrumental in the Haiti ministry at his parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Carmel, IN.

Fr. Victor Schinstock, OSB, T'13 ('10-13) has been named president-rector of Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO.

Fr. Harold Schneider O'74 ('70-74), of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, retired on June 30. He had been pastor of the Cathedral of St. Peter in Kansas City.

Fr. Francis Tebbe, OFM, KCHS, O'74 ('62-66), celebrated his 50th anniversary of religious profession as a Franciscan and his 44th anniversary of priesthood on August 16. He serves as director of mission services for Franciscan Health hospitals in Dyer, Munster and Hammond, IN.

Fr. Charles Viviano C'84 ('81-82; '83-84) has been named founding pastor of a new parish in Lake Nona, FL, called St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish.

Fr. Michael J. Yadron O'82 ('74-76) was elected to serve as diocesan administrator of the Diocese of Gary, IN, until a new bishop is appointed. He is also pastor of St. Thomas More Parish. ✚

Save the Date!

January 24-26, 2020

Alumni Retreat

March 14, 2020

Saint Meinrad Day of Service

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2020 Saint Meinrad Day of Service scheduled for March 14



▲ *Evansville Day of Service participant Kyra Menke sorts through donated clothes at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on March 9, 2019.*

Plans are under way for the seventh annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service to be held Saturday, March 14, 2020. 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.

“It’s only one day, but the amount of people this one day brings together is powerful and uplifting,” says Joe Oliveri, director of alumni relations.

At the 2019 Day of Service, over 200 alumni, oblates and friends took part in 15 projects in 11 cities across the country including Alexandria, LA; Bloomington, IN; Cleveland, OH; Dayton, OH; Evansville, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Kankakee, IL; Los Angeles, CA; Louisville, KY; New Albany, IN; and Toledo, OH.

Volunteers gave more than 1,000 hours to their local communities at soup kitchens, food banks, community centers and parishes.

If alumni have not had a Day of Service in their city, they can lead a project with the help of the Alumni Office. To learn what it takes to lead a project, visit the alumni website: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/day-of-service>.

Oliveri suggests talking with other local alumni to solicit ideas of a local nonprofit or church where they can provide service that day. If there is a regular volunteer activity already in progress on the Day of Service, consider using that location.

“Start with organizations you’re already involved with or that your fellow alumni have been active members or volunteers. From preparing meals to fixing homes to cleaning churches, your project can be any level of involvement with your community.”

The Alumni Office is accepting new projects until December. Volunteer registration for the Saint Meinrad Day of Service will open January 1, 2020, on the alumni website.

To learn more about the Day of Service or how to organize a project on March 14, 2020, email Joe Oliveri at joliveri@saintmeinrad.edu or call (812) 357-6222. You can also find details on the webpage: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/day-of-service>. ✚