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marks 15 years**

Fall Semester under way

Cover: A sign of fall, as early-morning fog shrouds the crucifix at Monte Cassino Shrine.



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Monks' Personals

Father Vincent Tobin led an oblate retreat titled "Christ in the Cloister: Shaped by Word and Sacrament" on March 19-21.

Fr. Augustine Davis hosted the Divine Will prayer meeting in the infirmary lounge on June 12. This group meets monthly in Washington, IN, to pray and study the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta.

Br. James Jensen and Timothy Herrmann completed over 170 miles of the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) in July. They spent an average of 4-5 hours a day on their bikes and rode from Forest City, IA, to Independence, IA.

Fr. Prior Cassian Folsom visited Saint Meinrad Archabbey on August 1-4. He brought with him a junior

monk from Norcia, a native of Indonesia, to be tutored in English.

Br. William Sprauer attended the solemn profession of Br. Stephen Lawson, OSB, a second-year theology student at Saint Meinrad, at St. Anselm's Abbey in Manchester, NH, on August 12.

Archabbot Justin DuVall gave the closing Mass for St. Anthony Parish's 150th anniversary celebration on August 17, in St. Anthony, IN.

Fr. Edward Linton spoke about leadership to 24 Dominican friars who were here for a recollection before beginning their theological studies at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, MO, on August 20.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain presented a conference on the spirituality of

celibacy at Gethsemani Abbey on August 21-22.

Fr. Edward Linton directed a retreat for the staff of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Carmel, IN, on August 21-23.

Fr. Matthias Neuman, chaplain at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, IN, gave a series of presentations at the Benedict Inn in September. The presentations covered the four major constitutions of the Second Vatican Council.

Fr. Thomas Gricoski was appointed associate director of vocations for the monastery. He will also join the Liturgical Advisory Committee.

Br. André DeDecker will assist Fr. Prior Kurt Stasiak as master of ceremonies. ✚

Monastery News:

Monk professes first vows and new novices

Temporary Vows



Br. André DeDecker

Novice Dane DeDecker, OSB, professed his temporary vows as a Benedictine monk in a ceremony on August 6, 2014, 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 was assigned a religious name. Novice Dane is now known as Br. André.

Br. André, 37, is from Geneseo, IL. He attended Geneseo High School and studied for a year at St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. He was a member of St. Anthony Parish in Atkinson, IL.

Previously, he had been an over-the-road truck driver for 12 years.

Temporary vows are typically for three years. This period offers an opportunity

for the monk and the monastic community to determine whether monastic life is, indeed, the right vocation for this individual.

New Novices

In a brief ceremony at the monastery entrance, Charles Peñalosa and John Avery II were clothed in the Benedictine habit on August 5.



Novice Charles Peñalosa

School of Theology.

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.

Novice Charles, 22, is a native of the Philippines. Most recently, he has been studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, at Saint Meinrad Seminary and



▲ *Holding his vow chart, Novice Dane DeDecker, OSB, prepares to process into the Archabbey Church.*



Novice John Avery

Novice John, 28, of Indianapolis, IN, attended North Central High School and was a member of St. Pius X Parish.

He graduated from

Northwestern University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in music, and then served five years in the French Foreign Legion as a musician.

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. ✚

◀ *Archabbot Justin DuVall, OSB, gives a sign of peace to newly professed Br. André DeDecker, OSB.*



Six monks celebrate jubilees of **Monastic Profession**



▲ From left, seated: Br. Benedict Barthel and Fr. Augustine Davis; standing: Fr. Raymond Studzinski, Fr. Cletus Miller, Fr. Vincent Tobin, Fr. Rupert Ostidick and Fr. Godfrey Mullen.

The Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated jubilees of monastic profession for six of their confreres on July 27, 2014.

Honored were Br. Benedict Barthel, 75 years of profession; Fr. Rupert Ostidick, 70 years; Fr. Vincent Tobin and Fr. Augustine Davis, 60 years of monastic profession; Fr. Raymond Studzinski, 50 years; and Fr. Godfrey Mullen, 25 years.

Br. Benedict is a native of Evansville, IN. He came to Saint Meinrad in 1936 to attend St. Placid Hall, a high school program for brother candidates. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on February 10, 1939.

In 1939, he was assigned to work at Abbey Press, where he performed a variety of duties for more than 40 years. His work included head compositor, Intertype operator, pressman and a worker in the sculpture shop.

Other assignments have included assistant monastery guest master, clerk in the school bookstore The Scholar Shop, and assisting in the Liturgical Music Office.

Fr. Rupert is a native of Elgin, IL. He came to Saint Meinrad for his college and seminary studies. He professed his vows as a monk on August 10, 1944, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1948.

Fr. Rupert served for a year as assistant treasurer for the Archabbey and then held the treasurer, and later business manager/ treasurer, position from 1948 to 1979. During that time, he also served as assistant spiritual director, spiritual director, and master of novices and instructor of clerics.

He served as general manager of Abbey Press from 1979-91. He then worked in the Human Resources Department. He served the monastic community as subprior (third in leadership) from 1986 to 1996. Currently, he is an assistant in the monastery vocations office.

Fr. Vincent is a native of Pittsburgh, PA. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on July 1, 1954. He graduated in 1956 from Saint Meinrad College and earned a baccalaureate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in 1960.

He also earned degrees at St. Louis University (MA, 1965), Saint Meinrad School of Theology (M.Div., 1974) and Gregorian University Institute of Spirituality (STL, 1979), and did post-graduate work at Georgetown University and New York University.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1959.

Fr. Vincent taught at Saint Meinrad's high school, college and school of theology. He also served as dean of students and vice rector at Saint Meinrad College, as well as spiritual director and director of the summer vocational institute.

From 1986 to 2005, Fr. Vincent taught Greek and Latin at Collegio di Sant Anselmo in Rome. Since 2005, he has served as manager of the Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center. He also does spiritual direction and retreat work.

Fr. Augustine is a native of Cedar Rapids, IA, and came to Saint Meinrad to study for the priesthood.

He took his vows as a Benedictine monk on July 31, 1954, and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1959. In 1964, he earned a master of arts in industrial arts at Indiana State University.

His first assignment was as assistant director, disciplinarian and instructor at St. Placid Hall, a high school for boys interested in becoming Benedictine brothers. When the school closed in 1966, he was sent to San Benito Priory in Peru, where he taught math, physics and religion.

After the 1970 earthquake in Peru, he was the director of reconstruction. In 1979, Fr. Augustine returned to Saint Meinrad, where he served as physical facilities director until 1986. He then served 10 years as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in South Pittsburgh, TN, and as overseer of a 600-acre beef farm.

Other assignments have included mail delivery, house prefect and director of Spanish ministry.

Fr. Raymond is a native of Detroit, MI. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on August 15, 1964, and was ordained to the priesthood on September 28, 1969.

After graduating from Saint Meinrad College in 1966 and Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1970, he earned a master's in religious studies from Indiana University in 1973 and a PhD in historical theology from Fordham University in 1977.

He served as assistant professor at Saint Meinrad School of Theology from 1973 to 1977 and then served as a chaplain in Colorado for two years.

In 1981, he began teaching at The Catholic University of America, where he currently is associate professor of spirituality in the School of Theology and Religious Studies.

Fr. Godfrey is a native of Alton, IL. He attended Saint Meinrad College, earning a BA degree in history in 1988. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on August 6, 1989.

He earned a Master of Divinity at Saint Meinrad School of Theology and was ordained a priest on June 5, 1994. He earned a PhD in liturgical studies in 2003 from The Catholic University of America.

Fr. Godfrey held various positions in the Seminary and School of Theology, including director of supervised ministry, director of continuing education and the Church Leadership Center, director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program, director of Group Accommodations, director of liturgy, associate formation dean, director of sabbaticals and vice rector.

He served as pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntingburg, IN, from 2012-13. He is currently assistant professor of sacramental and liturgical theology at Saint Meinrad and rector of St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville, IN. †

Darren Sroufe

named planned giving director



Darren Sroufe

Darren T. Sroufe has been named the new director of planned giving and foundation relations for Saint Meinrad, effective October 1.

Barbara Balka, who has served in that position since

September 2005, will work on a part-time basis as the associate director of planned giving.

In this position, Darren will administer a comprehensive program of planned giving for the Archabbey and the Seminary and School of Theology. He will also identify, cultivate and solicit major gifts and be responsible for helping to build foundation relations to support Saint Meinrad's various programs.

Sroufe is a Saint Meinrad alumnus, earning his bachelor's degree at Saint Meinrad College in 1991 and a Master of Theological Studies degree from Saint Meinrad School of Theology in

2001. He also earned a doctorate of divinity from Ashwood University in 2004 and a PhD in law enforcement administration in 2010 from Madison University.

Since 1994, he has worked for the Evansville (IN) Police Department. During that time, he served as chaplain, field training officer, hostage negotiator, police officer support team coordinator, and detective. He has served as commander of various units, including the Records Section, Crisis Negotiation Team, Training Unit and Professional Standards Unit.

Sroufe was a member of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1995 to 2001 and 2009-14, serving as president for 2013-14. He is a member of the Evansville Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 73, International Conference of Police Chaplains, and Knights of Columbus.

He and his wife, Jan, live in Boonville, IN, and have three children. They are members of St. Benedict Cathedral Parish in Evansville. †



▲ *Kevin Thompson, from left, Novice John Avery, OSB, Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, and Br. James Jensen, OSB, socialize during a gathering for the Benedictine Scholars.*

[Meet the Student]

Audra Douglas

Residence: Evansville, IN
Degree: Master of Arts (Theology)

Q. *When did you begin your studies?*

I started in May of 2011 with Fr. Brendan Moss' "Benedictine Spirituality" course.

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

I had been in spiritual direction for a couple of years as an Episcopalian, searching for the next step in my spiritual journey. In the spring of 2010, I was challenged by a friend to learn more about the Catholic Church.

My spiritual director agreed – and noted that many of the books he was giving me to read were actually by Catholic authors (my favorite at the time was Richard Rohlheiser). I remember the week I went to my first Catholic Mass and also finished reading the book, *The Biblical Basis for the Catholic Faith* by John Salza. I sat the book down and thought, "I'm in the wrong church."

And that was that. I started RCIA that fall. When a Centering Prayer retreat at Ferdinand in November of that year fell through, I widened my search for spiritual development and education opportunities, and that is when I found – and immediately fell in love with – Saint Meinrad.

I couldn't believe a program like this existed so close to home. I didn't know what God was calling me to do or why, but I knew He was calling me to prepare for something new. So I applied and started my first class just a couple of short weeks after my Easter Confirmation.

Q. *What else are you doing besides seeking a master's degree?*

I'm a single mom raising my son, Jack, now a fourth grader at St. Benedict Cathedral School in Evansville, and we have had fun learning about our newish Catholic faith and practice together. I work full time at St. Mary's Health in charge of operations improvement and change management. And I serve as a team leader and co-coordinator of the Walking With Purpose women's Bible study program in my parish.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

Julian of Norwich has been a favorite of mine for 20 years. Her words, "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" have been a much-needed reminder to me that I am in God's capable hands when life just isn't going the way I dreamed it would.

Q. *Hobbies?*

Reading (I'm a huge fan of British and French literature), remodeling and decorating my home, travel.

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

I have developed an intense and unexpected love of philosophy! I realize that I probably would not have appreciated Aristotle in my teens the way I do today, but I can't help wondering what life would have been like for me had someone taught me Nicomachean Ethics and Politics at an



early age. I love looking at the world now and seeing the strands of philosophical thought that underlie their development.

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

Finding my balance. I long to live at Saint Meinrad, spending countless hours researching in the library and dreaming of PhD programs. But the reality of my life is very different from that picture, and I have to struggle sometimes to keep myself grounded.

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

I would like to return as soon as possible to work on my certificate in spiritual direction. In the meantime, I am going to keep reading philosophy, taking advantage of leadership opportunities at my parish and see what God brings my way. ✚

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New director named for Lay Degree Programs



Fr. Brendan Moss

Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, has been appointed the new director of Lay Degree Programs at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

earned a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Meinrad College, as well as a Master of Arts, Master of Divinity and certificate in supervision from Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

He will continue in his role as director of enrollment, which he has held since 2009. He is also an assistant professor of religious education and a formation dean.

He replaces Kyle Kramer, who had been the director since 2002. Kramer left to become executive director of the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, KY.

Fr. Brendan has been a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey since 1992. He holds a doctoral degree in the ministry of preaching from Aquinas Institute. He

“Thankful for the solid foundation laid by Kyle Kramer,” said Fr. Brendan, “I look forward to working with Agnes Kovacs, Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB, our faculty, students and alumni to continue to advance Saint Meinrad’s work of forming all who study in this school of the Lord’s service.” ✚

AAGP finishes strong for 2013-14

The final calculations have been tabulated for the 2013-14 Alumni Annual Giving Program with an overall response rate of just over 24 percent. “I’m very grateful for all the alumni who supported Saint Meinrad through last year’s Alumni Annual Giving Program,” says Duane Schaefer, Saint Meinrad’s director of development. “Like all educational institutions, Saint Meinrad depends on the generosity of its alumni to help fund its ongoing programs.”

Gifts from Saint Meinrad alumni for the program year amounted to \$722,421. The five ordination classes with the best participation rate were:

O’51	58.3%
O’50	54.6%
O’76	54.6%
O’56	49%
O’52	48.4%

Gifts to the Alumni Annual Giving Program enable Saint Meinrad to keep its tuition competitive with other seminaries.

Last year, student tuition, room and board covered only about 50 percent of the operational budget for the Seminary and School of Theology. Schaefer says annual gifts from generous alumni and friends help make up the difference.



For alumni who make a gift this year, the premium is a 32-ounce aluminum water bottle with a screw-on lid, flip-up spout and removable straw. The bottle is lightweight, durable and BPA free. Alumni can qualify for the water bottle by making a gift of \$200 or more or by making a first-time gift of \$100 or more.

Please consider a gift to your alma mater—a sign of your commitment to the institution—and pray for its continued success. ✚

EVENTS ON THE HILL

October 25

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Recollection.

November 3-7

Guest House Retreat: “The Psalms: Formation for Ministry” by Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB.

November 7-9

Guest House Retreat: “The Good Humor Saint: St. Philip Neri” by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB.

November 11-13

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

November 14-16

Guest House Retreat: “Understanding Jesus as the Parable of God” by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB.

November 17-19

Guest House Retreat: “Liturgical Prayer” by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB.

November 21-23

Guest House Retreat: “Building Up the Church in Love: The Essentials (Acts 2:42)” by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB.

December 19-21

Guest House Retreat: “Jesus, Savior and Son” by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB.

February 6-8

Guest House Retreat: “Journey toward Holiness with St. Benedict” by Br. Peduru Fonseka, OSB.

February 13-15

Guest House Retreat: “How Deep Is Your Love” by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB.

February 10

Black History Lecture, by Dr. Lamin Sanneh.

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Enrollment

reflects the national trend

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology's fall semester is now in full swing. Twenty-six new seminarians arrived on the Hill August 22, with the returning seminarians arriving two days later.

This year, there are a total of 132 seminarians representing 25 dioceses and eight religious communities. Last year, the fall semester opened with 160 seminarians.

"Enrollment at Saint Meinrad remains strong despite a small dip in numbers as compared to last year," explains Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, director of enrollment and director of lay degree programs. "The smaller body of seminarians allows the formation staff to have more time for each individual student, helping them in the work of priestly formation."

Saint Meinrad's family of dioceses and religious communities has grown this year with the addition of the Diocese of Amarillo, TX, and the return of the Abbey of St. Bernard in Cullman, AL.

There are 38 international seminarians representing 29 percent of the total student body. Thirty-five students were born outside the U.S. and three are first-generation Americans.

The international students come from 18 countries, including Vietnam, Kenya and Mexico. Two new countries represented this year are Peru and Zambia.

Saint Meinrad is following the national downward trend in seminary enrollment. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate released a statistical overview of the 2013-2014 Catholic ministry formation enrollment.

The report shows a three percent decrease in college seminary enrollment from the 2012-2013 school year to the 2013-2014 year. Saint Meinrad's enrollment actually increased during that time period.

The decrease in seminarians this year can be partly attributed to a large number of students graduating and being ordained the last two years.



▲ Seminarians Tyler Tenbarge, left, and Deacon Michael Cronin help new seminarians move in.

The Lay Degree Program opened the school year with 92 students registered. Two are full-time, 78 are part-time and 12 are non-degree. Last year's registration was slightly higher with 101 lay degree students registered.

"As our lay degree students return to the Hill for weekend courses this fall, they will find a new lounge for their use to study, gather or relax on the second floor of St. Anselm Hall, as well as new opportunities to pray with the seminary community," says Fr. Brendan.

Saint Meinrad also continues to follow the national trend for lay degree enrollment. The CARA report shows a slight decrease in enrollment.

The report also shows an 18 percent decrease in diaconate formation programs. Saint Meinrad's Permanent Deacon Program bucks this trend. Fall enrollment for the program shows 191 deacon candidates from 14 dioceses. Last year, there were 165 candidates representing 13 dioceses. ✚



▲ Seminary students move in on August 22.

Abbey Caskets celebrates 15-year anniversary

When Jenny Keller, director of Abbey Caskets, is asked to describe an Abbey Casket, she says, “The beauty of the wood speaks for itself.”

The caskets do not have a lot of bells and whistles. They are simple, handcrafted locally from natural wood and they say something about the spirituality of Saint Meinrad’s monastic community.

This year, Abbey Caskets is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Until 2013, the monks of Saint Meinrad had built the caskets they used for themselves. The simple design drew inquiries from lay people who wanted to be buried in similar caskets.

In 1999, the monks decided there was enough interest to start a business, using local craftsmen to build the caskets. Hurst Custom Cabinets, located in Huntingburg, IN, has been making the caskets and urns from the beginning, and Kitchen Jewels, in Jasper, IN, was brought on board in 2010 to help keep up with sales.

In the last 15 years, Abbey Caskets has seen a lot of changes. In the beginning, there were two casket models available: the tapered monastic style in a cherry finish or a natural finish.

“It slowly grew from that,” explains Keller. “People wanted different styles, so we came up with the traditional style. Then people wanted cremation urns.”

Now Abbey Caskets offers nine caskets and six urns, including oversized and infant caskets. The simple keepsake cross that comes with the casket or urn also has options, such as a crucifix or the addition of a deacon sash. They also offer engraving and are working on more custom products.

The location of Abbey Caskets has moved from the former meat packing

plant on the Archabbey grounds to the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop. In 2011, the showroom was moved into a larger, more visible area in the gift shop and a private office was added for meeting with clients.

Abbey Caskets’ aftercare program has also been expanded. The death care industry sometimes seems cold and distant, but Keller views her job as a ministry.

“It’s so much more than selling a product, because you’re able to help people at the lowest points in their lives,” explains Keller. “Not only are they getting someone on the phone, we really try to listen to their story because everybody wants to share the story of who they’re buying the casket for.”

Abbey Caskets makes contact with their clients every three months. Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB, handwrites a sympathy card and CareNotes booklets are sent throughout the year, including at Christmas and the first anniversary of the death.

“People really appreciate that the monks are praying for them and the CareNotes help them through a difficult time,” says Keller. “It’s not just a sale and then we forget about you.”

Since Keller was hired in 2004, she says Abbey Caskets has changed and grown every year. Sales have increased by 250 percent.

If that growth continues, Keller would like to locate the casket workshop on the Saint Meinrad grounds and offer other products as well.

“It’s becoming something so much bigger than what I thought it would be,” says Keller. “So it’s been interesting and it’s been great to be a part of it.” ✚

IPP to host workshop for seasoned pastors

Pastors looking for a few days of renewal are invited to register for the Gardner Renewal Days for Seasoned Pastors, sponsored by the Saint Meinrad Institute for Priests and Presbyterates.

The sessions, scheduled for November 11-13, will focus on “Spiritual Leadership: Skills of the Successful Pastor.” The workshop identifies tangible skills to help leaders thrive in a ministerial setting. Participants will learn how faith and spirituality guide leaders and how cultivating the right environment contributes to effective and successful ministry.

This year’s speakers will be Dr. Emily R. Cash and Fr. Thomas Boland. Cash is a licensed psychologist and an adjunct member of the clinical services department at St. Luke Institute. From 2006-2010, she was on staff in the residential treatment program at St. Luke Institute before locating to Louisville, KY, to open St. Luke Center, where she serves as clinical director.

Fr. Boland has been pastor of two large parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Previously, he served as a marriage and family therapist and was the founder and director of the Archdiocesan Family Ministries Office. Currently, he is a spiritual director and an adjunct staff member of St. Luke Center in Louisville.

The program cost is \$395, which includes accommodations, meals and workshop materials. For information or to register, visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/gardner. ✚

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Nine members join Board of Overseers

Six new, one returning and two emeritus members have joined 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.

The new members are James H. Muehlbauer, Joseph A. (Jay) Paradis III, Fr. Eric P. Schild, Michael A. Schwenk, Thomas L. Weintraut and C. Anne Wilmes. Maura G. Robinson is the returning member and Monsignor John (Jack) J. Bendik and Jon Dilts are the emeritus members.



Jim Muehlbauer

Jim Muehlbauer is vice chair at Koch Enterprises Inc. He is on the board of directors of Koch Enterprises, Anchor Industries and Fifth Third Bank-SW IN.

He is a director of Welborn Baptist Foundation, member of the USI Romain School of Business Board of Advisors and on the Quality Committee of Deaconess Hospital.

Muehlbauer received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in industrial administration from Purdue University.

Muehlbauer and his wife, Mary Kay, are members of Annunciation Parish in Evansville, IN, where he is involved in the Parish Council and the Spiritual Growth Committee. He is also a member of the Diocese of Evansville Finance Council.



Jay Paradis

Paradis received a bachelor's degree in history from Yale University, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Virginia Law School, and completed the Advanced Management Program in the Business School at Harvard University. Paradis also received a Master of Arts degree from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

He is a member of St. Bernadette Parish in Prospect, KY, and an associate parishioner at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, where he is a lector, Eucharistic minister and adult educator.

He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Oregon Economic Development



Fr. Eric Schild

Academy in Oregon, OH.

He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Oregon Economic Development

Jay Paradis is chairman/CEO at Bramco Inc. He currently serves as trustee at the J. Graham Brown Foundation and Norton Healthcare in Louisville, KY. He has previously served on and

chaired the boards of the American Printing House for the Blind, Kentucky Governors Scholars Program, J. B. Speed Art Museum, Kentucky Science Center, Louisville Community Foundation and Greater Louisville YMCA.

Paradis received a bachelor's degree in history from Yale University, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Virginia Law School, and completed the Advanced Management Program in the Business School at Harvard University. Paradis also received a Master of Arts degree from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

He is a member of St. Bernadette Parish in Prospect, KY, and an associate parishioner at the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, where he is a lector, Eucharistic minister and adult educator.

Fr. Eric Schild is the pastor of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Walbridge, OH. He is also the president of Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and St. Kateri Catholic Academy in Oregon, OH.

He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Oregon Economic Development

Foundation. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves on the Bishop's Educational Council in the Diocese of Toledo.

Fr. Schild received his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and communications from John Carroll University, and a Master of Science degree in educational leadership from the University of Dayton. From Saint Meinrad School of Theology, he received his Master of Arts degree in Catholic Thought and Life and his Master of Divinity degree.



Michael Schwenk

the Advisory Board of Vincennes University.

Schwenk received an electrical engineering degree from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN.

Schwenk and his wife, Pam, are members of Holy Family Parish in Jasper, IN, where he is involved in the Parish Council and the Holy Family School Foundation.



Thomas Weintraut

financial officer of ffi Corporation.

Michael Schwenk is vice president at Jasper Engines and Transmissions. He is a board member of Catholic Foundation of SW Indiana and on

the Advisory Board of Vincennes University.

Schwenk received an electrical engineering degree from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN.

Schwenk and his wife, Pam, are members of Holy Family Parish in Jasper, IN, where he is involved in the Parish Council and the Holy Family School Foundation.

Thomas Weintraut is vice president of Weintraut and Associates Inc. Previously, he was owner of TMC Building Products and the chief operating officer and chief

He has been a member of the SullivanMunce Museum and the American Institute of CPAs.

Weintraut received a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

Weintraut and his wife, Linda, are members of St. Alphonsus Church in Zionsville, IN, where he serves as an usher and Eucharistic minister and is involved in the Outreach Committee and Knights of Columbus. He was also on the Finance Council and the Parish Council.



C. Anne Wilmes

C. Anne Wilmes is the vice president and co-founder of Wilmes Family Charitable Foundation.

She has held national roles in the Alpha

Omicron Pi international women's fraternity and has served as director of volunteer recruitment. She has been a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter since 1981, where she was president in 1990-1992 and 2002-2004. She is a member of the Indianapolis Alumnae Panhellenic, where she has served as vice president, secretary and president.

Wilmes earned a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Evansville.

Wilmes and her husband, Art, are members of St. Christopher's Parish in Speedway, IN, where she is a Eucharistic minister, Pastoral Council member, Connected in the Spirit planning process member and Volunteer Committee chair. She has also volunteered at Cardinal Ritter High School, St. Christopher School and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.



Maura Robinson

Maura Robinson is the president and CEO of M.G. Robinson Inc. in Evansville, IN. She is the author of *The Inclusion Revolution is Now*.

Robinson received her bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Evansville and a Master of Public Administration from Indiana State University. She is Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise certified.

She is on the board of directors for United Way of Southern Indiana. She is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, the National Society for Hispanic Professionals, the Society for Human Resource Management and the National Speakers Association.

She and her husband, Mark, are members of Good Shepherd Parish. Robinson is an associate of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.



Msgr. Jack Bendik

Msgr. Jack Bendik is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston, PA.

He was a founder of the Cooperative Action for Community

Development social outreach program at Saint Meinrad. Because of that experience, his parish has started a free health clinic for the uninsured, a free pediatric clinic for infants and children, a food pantry and a kids clothes closet.

He is an alumnus of Saint Meinrad College and Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Meinrad.

Msgr. Bendik serves as dean for the priests and parishes of Northern Luzerne County and is a member of the Council of Priests. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Misericordia University, Dallas, PA, and the Greater Pittston Ministerium. He is a former board member of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association.

He joined the Board of Overseers in 2000 and is a former board chair.



Jon Dilts

Jon Dilts is a retired Indiana University journalism professor and a registered civil mediator and attorney. He currently is president of the Bloomington

Rotary Foundation.

He is the author, with Ralph Holsinger, of the textbook, *Media Law*, and the author of a book about Indiana's courthouses, called *The Magnificent 92*.

Dilts has a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Meinrad College, a master's degree in journalism and political science from Indiana University and a law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law.

He and his wife, Anne, live in Bloomington, IN, and are members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Dilts joined the Board of Overseers in 1992 and is a former board chair. ✚

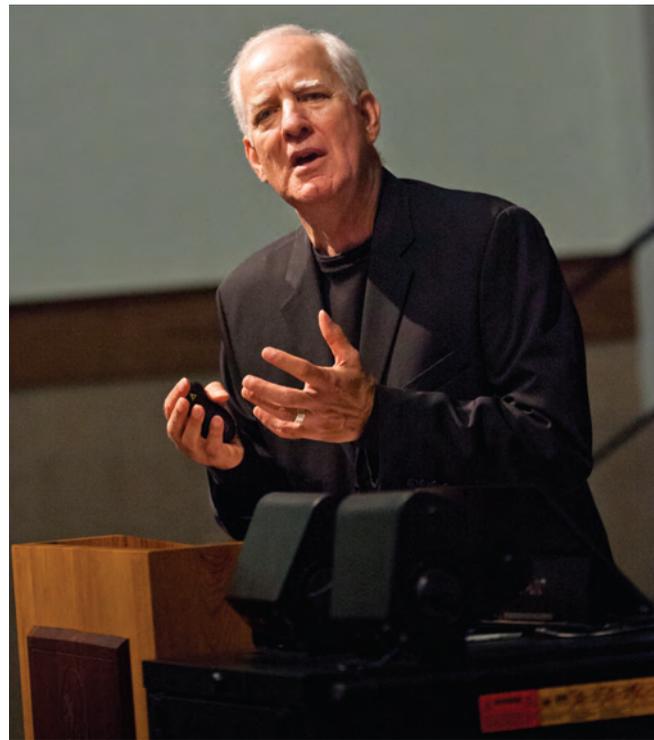
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Alumni Reunion 2014



Photos, beginning at top left: Alumni Board member Fr. Alan Carter introduces Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, as the presenter of the Day of Recollection during the Alumni Reunion.

Fr. Eugene Heerdink and Dana Hoffman chat during a reception in the Alumni Commons. Fr. Gene and Hoffman's husband, Alan, are Saint Meinrad alumni.

Reunion guests visit with Fr. Gavin Barnes, OSB, after the reunion banquet.

Alumnus Jerry Aull gives a presentation titled "Crazy Busy, or Better at Balance?"

John Buche receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the alumni banquet.

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Photos, beginning at top left: Alumni Reunion guests pose for a photo on the Archabbey Church steps after the reunion Mass.

The Most Rev. Peter Libasci, O'77, bishop of Manchester, NH, is the celebrant and homilist during the Alumni Reunion Mass.

Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, congratulates Msgr. Mike Hohenbrink on receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Jerry Beckerle, from left, Bill McGuire, Fr. Jim Blessinger and Fr. Stan Herber participate in the golf scramble.

Alumnus Charlie Gardner directs the choir as they practice before the reunion Mass.

Mark your calendar: the 2015 Alumni Reunion is scheduled for August 3-5.

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Fr. Edward T. Alberts O'74 ('66-71), of the Diocese of Nashville, TN, died on June 21, 2013.

Mr. Donald R. Adamshick O'56 ('48-49), of Columbus, OH, died on March 1, 2012.

Mr. John A. Bates O'67 ('55-61), of Bowling Green, OH, died on January 27, 2014.

Mr. John J. Bower O'46 ('35-45), of Capitola, CA, died on July 18, 2014. ✚

Most Rev. Robert W. Donnelly O'57 ('49-53, '04), auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Toledo, died on July 21, 2014.

Mr. Jeffrey D. Emitt O'80 ('72), of Knoxville, TN, died on July 16, 2014.

Mr. Steven R. Estes O'81 ('73-77), of Tulsa, OK, died on April 30, 2014.

Mr. Joseph L. Gehlhausen SPH'65 ('63-65), of Jasper, IN, died on May 26, 2014.

Fr. John Gephart O'46 (43-46), of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on May 28, 2014.

Mr. J. William Gorman Jr. O'54 ('50-54), of Louisville, KY, died on August 2, 2014.

Mr. Donald L. Gruneisen O'60 ('56-57), of Pompano Beach, FL, died on May 12, 2014.

Mr. Dennis L. Haller O'73 ('61-62), of Avon, IN, died on September 23, 2012.

Mr. William A. Karg O'52 ('42-43), of Lawrenceburg, IN, died on May 23, 2014.

Mr. Thomas F. Lux O Aug.'45 ('34-39), of Indianapolis, IN, died on May 12, 2014.

Sr. Kathleen McShay, OSF, SS'73 ('71-73), of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN, died on June 4, 2014. She was a member of the Summer Session Alumni Board from 1988-94.

Mr. William J. Method O'60 ('48-53), of Elkhart, IN, died on May 1, 2014.

Dr. John A. Mills O'57 ('45-51), of Tucson, AZ, died on May 8, 2014.

Mr. Steven D. Moore O'72 ('60-62), of Evansville, IN, died on June 11, 2013.

Mr. Ronald E. Schroeder O'67 ('55-58), of Ireland, IN, died on July 11, 2014.

Fr. James Summitt O'75 ('72-75) of Washington, IN, died June 21, 2014. He was a priest of the Diocese of Evansville.

Mr. Donald W. Taylor SPH'46 ('45-46), of Evansville, IN, died on May 3, 2014. ✚

Sr. Marie Kevin Tighe, SP, SAB ('92, '93, '08) died on May 19, 2014, at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN.

Mr. James C. Tobin O'81 ('73-75), of Charlotte, NC, died on June 25, 2013.

Mr. James K. West Jr. PDC'16 ('12-14), of Arlington, TN, died on June 6, 2014. ✚

✚ - Member of The Einsiedeln Society

Alumni Board slate approved

Five alumni have been approved to serve on the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Each will serve a three-year term.



*Fr. Wilfred (Sonny) Day
O'67 ('61-67)
pastor of St. John the
Baptist Church,
Floyds Knobs, IN*



*Gregory Ernstberger
C'75 ('71-75)
of Floyds Knobs, IN*



*William McGuire
O'64 ('52-58)
of Indianapolis, IN*



*Martin Stout
C'88 ('84-88)
of Fort Wayne, IN*



*Edward E. Long
C'79 ('77-79), O'83
('79-80), T'00 ('99-00)
of Rising Fawn, GA*

Watch for more details!

*Saint Meinrad
Alumni Day of Service
has been set for*

March 14, 2015.

ALUMNI NEWS

Deacon Harry Cramer PDP'12 ('08-12), was named the chaplain of the month for May at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL, where he is a volunteer chaplain. He serves as a deacon at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Quincy and is an assistant professor in criminal justice at Quincy University.

Fr. Dan Gartland O'82 ('75-79), of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, is now pastor of Holy Spirit Parish of Geist Catholic Church in Fishers. He had served 19 years at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lafayette.

Fr. James Gretz T'93 ('89-91), of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA, graduated on May 8 with a doctor of ministry degree from St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe, OH. His project thesis was "Ministering at the Altar: Establishing a Program for the Training and Formation of a Parish Master of Ceremonies."

Mr. Walter Glover LD'06 ('00-05), of Columbus, IN, plans to hike the El Camino in Spain during September and October. It is a project to raise funds for programs to fight youth obesity. The website is: www.2trek4kids.org.

Fr. Joshua Janko LDC ('05), of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, was promoted to captain in the Indiana National Guard on April 12. He is director for Catholic mission at St. Theodore Guerin High School in Noblesville.

Msgr. Paul Koetter O'77 ('73-77), of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, received

the 2014 Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Educational Association. He is pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Indianapolis.

Fr. Terry L. Langford C'88 ('76-88), of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, joined the chaplain staff at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Bronx, NY, as the Catholic/hospice chaplain. He also wrote an article for the Spring 2013 issue of *Salute*, the magazine for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, on the spiritual health of the nation's veterans.

Mr. Don Lilak C'87 ('83-87), of Vancouver, WA, is working as a physician assistant in orthopedics in Portland, OR.

Abbot Justin Dzikowicz, OSB, O'73 ('63-64; '69-73), has returned to St. Benedict Priory of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in Windhoek, Namibia, South Africa, to continue serving as their chaplain.

Mr. Linus Mundy O'73 ('61-66; '89), of Jasper, IN, has written a new book, *Simply Merton: Wisdom from His Journals*, published in 2014 by Franciscan Media.

Mr. Matt O'Hare O'73 ('65-69), of Berlin, MD, was inducted into the Maryland Sports Hall of Fame on April 12. He served as a high school athletic director for 40 years, was named U.S. Lacrosse Man of the Year in 2012, and is

credited with starting boys and girls lacrosse on the eastern shore of Maryland. During his teaching career, he directed more than 70 plays and musicals. Since his retirement, he has performed several roles for the Naples Players.

Mr. Robert Rivers T'02 ('96-00), of Atlanta, GA, presented two talks on his national survey of wives of deacons and deacon candidates at the National Association of Deacon Directors annual convention in Atlanta on April 25.

Mr. David Stippler O'72 ('60-68), of Carmel, IN, was named secretary of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates at its meeting in June. He is serving a four-year term as the Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor.

Fr. Ray Stratman O'58 ('46-54), of the Diocese of Lexington, KY, is chaplain at Taylor Manor Nursing Home in Versailles, KY.

Fr. Christopher Vasko O'83 ('79-83), a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, OH, was featured in a story in the June 4 issue of *The Toledo Blade* about the garden he tends at Historic St. Patrick's Church.

Sr. Shirley Warner, OSU, SS'93 ('89-93), celebrated 60 years of service as a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland with a Mass and reception at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Ashtabula, OH, where she has served for the past seven years. She has formally retired. ✠



Fr. Joseph Grace

Fr. Joseph Grace O'53 ('48-53), a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, retired in July as a chaplain with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion, IN.

At 93, Fr. Grace had served as chaplain there for 40 years. A World War II veteran, he began his chaplaincy while serving as pastor at nearby St. Paul Church. When he was assigned to Immaculate Conception Church in Portland, about an hour away, he continued his work.

In 1998, he retired and moved to Muncie, but continued his work as chaplain. Fr. Grace celebrated 60 years of priesthood in 2013.



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