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of two confreres**

New priest ordained

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under way**

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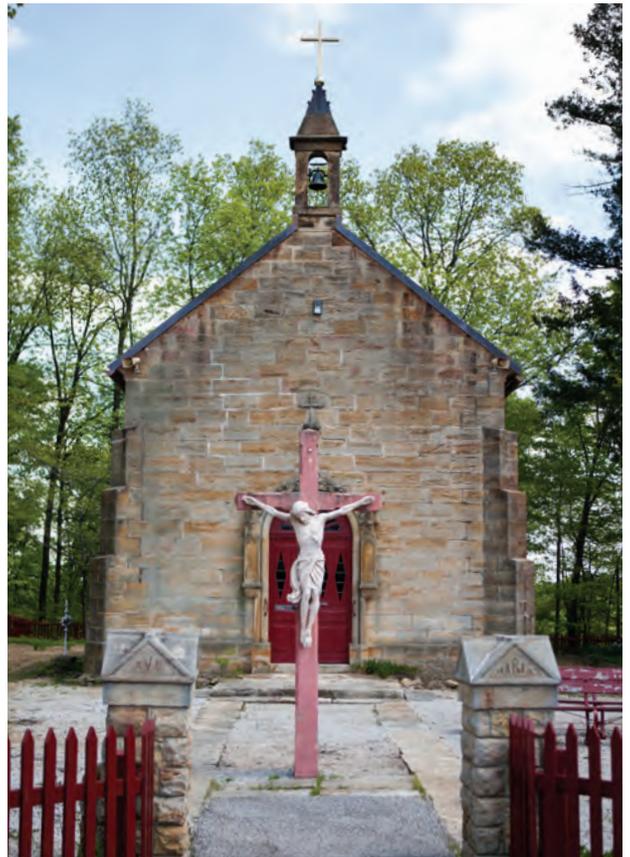
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Monks' Personals

Fr. Anthony Vinson attended a meeting of the investment committee of the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NFCRV) in January.

Archabbot Justin DuVall attended the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on March 31. Also in attendance were **Brother Kim Malloy** and **Novices John Avery** and **Timothy Herrmann**.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain presented a workshop for the American Benedictine Formation Conference on screening for formation. The meeting was held at Christ the King Priory in Schuyler, Nebraska, in late April.

Archabbot Justin DuVall led the team of monks who conducted the regular assessment (visitation) of Ascension Priory in Jerome, Idaho, April 26-30.

Fr. Eugene Hensell and **Fr. Thomas Gricoski** were elected to a two-year term on the Abbot's Council. **Fr. Raymond Studzinski** was also elected to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees for the Seminary and School of Theology.

Fr. Christian Raab defended his dissertation and has earned a doctorate from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He graduated *summa cum laude*.

Fr. Thomas Gricoski defended his dissertation and has earned a doctorate from the University of Leuven. He graduated *summa cum laude*.

Fr. Subprior Gueric DeBona is on a sabbatical, which will extend through mid-January. He will be the visiting professor of homiletics at the University of Notre Dame.

Fr. Anthony Vinson participated in a home build mission trip to Belize, Central America, June 7-22.

Br. Peduru Fonseka, **Br. William Sprauer** and **Br. André DeDecker** attended Benedictine Junior Summer School at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS, June 13-28. **Br. John Mark Falkenhain** taught a weeklong workshop on celibacy formation for the monks in temporary vows.

Br. John Mark Falkenhain presented a workshop for the Northwest regions of the National Religious Vocation Conference and the Religious Formation Conference in Portland, Oregon, in May. Both presentations emphasized the importance of an effective screening process in setting goals for initial formation in religious communities. ✚

Monastery News

Three monks celebrate jubilees



▲ From left art Fr. Micheas Langston, OSB, Abbot Alan Berndt, OSB, and Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB.

The Benedictine monks at Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated the jubilees of three of their confreres on May 24.

Honored were Abbot Alan Berndt, OSB, for his 75 years of profession and 70 years of priesthood ordination; and Fr. Micheas Langston, OSB, and Fr. Colman Grabert, OSB, for their 50-year jubilee of ordination.

Abbot Alan is a native of South Bend, IN, where he attended St. Matthew grade school before studying at Saint Meinrad in the high school, college and seminary.

He professed his vows as a monk of Saint Meinrad on August 6, 1940, and was ordained to the priesthood on February 2, 1945. He then served as a missionary priest in South Dakota. At that time, Saint Meinrad oversaw four mission communities: two in South Dakota and two in North Dakota.

In 1950, Saint Meinrad founded Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD. Fr. Alan joined the new community as a founding member. He served as the

community's second abbot from 1970 to 1986.

In 2012, Blue Cloud Abbey closed and Abbot Alan returned to Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

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.

Fr. 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 is currently serving as chaplain at Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, NC.

Fr. Colman, a native of Evansville, IN, professed his monastic vows on August 15, 1960, and was ordained a priest on September 5, 1965.

He attended Saint Meinrad for high school, college and seminary. He then earned a licentiate in sacred theology from Collegio di Sant' Anselmo in 1969. He began teaching at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1967, where he was assistant professor of systematic theology until 1994.

For many years, he served as one of the Archabbey's principal organists. He has also served as house prefect and as secretary to the archabbot. He currently works as a gardener and in the mail service. ✚

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61 earn degrees

from Seminary and School of Theology



▲ Graduates process to St. Bede Hall for commencement on May 9.

Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were awarded master's degrees on May 9. Graduates accepted their diplomas from the Rt. Rev. Justin DuVall, OSB, archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and chairman of the school's Board of Trustees.

The graduation address was given by the Most Rev. Timothy Doherty, bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Master of Divinity Degrees:

Adam Ahern, Michael Keucher and Andrew Syberg, Archdiocese of Indianapolis;
Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero and Gary Clark, Diocese of Owensboro;
Fr. Simon Baker, OSB, St. Benedict's Abbey;
Peter Bucalo, Adam Carrico and Shayne Duvall, Archdiocese of Louisville;
Gerard Carrillo and Hiep Nguyen, Diocese of Cheyenne;
Michael Cronin, Diocese of Sioux City;

Aaron Foshee, Daniel Grover and Lance Warren, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City;
Jesús Guerrero Rodríguez, Diocese of Knoxville;
Isaac Kariuki and Carl Wertin, Diocese of Pueblo;
Br. Philippe Tchalou, OSB, Monastère de l'Incarnation d'Agbang;
Br. Luke Waugh, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey;
Scott Woods, Diocese of Toledo.

Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies Degrees:

Sean Aaron, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana;
William Banowsky, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City;
Gregory Bentley, Diocese of Lexington;
Michael Bialorucki, Diocese of Toledo;
Ross Caniglia and Timothy Pick, Diocese of Sioux City;
Michael Davis, Diocese of Little Rock;
Br. Theodore Haggerty, OSB, Marmion Abbey;

Michael Harp, Archdiocese of Mobile;
Br. James Jensen, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey;
Kirt Prospere, Diocese of Bridgetown;
Steven Reeves, Archdiocese of Louisville;
Mark Schuster, Diocese of Knoxville.

Master of Arts (Theology) Degrees:

Robert Barzilauskas, Bloomington, IN;
Audra Douglas and Gregory Schaefer, Evansville, IN;
Paula Fogt, Cincinnati, OH;
Andrew Hardesty, Utica, KY;
Peter Jansen, Greenwood, IN;
Kimberly Johnson, Nineveh, IN;
Jared Kaelin, Owensboro, KY;
Kelly Meineke, Columbus, OH;
Daniel Phillips, Montgomery, AL;
Joseph Tumasian, Indianapolis, IN.

Master of Theological Studies Degrees:

Juan Castro, Columbia, MO;
Mary Gutzwiller, Baxter, KY;
Lois Lane, Aurora, CO;
Cathy Scott, Indianapolis, IN;
Keri Stevens, Thompson's Station, TN;
Joseph Wathen, Owensboro, KY;
James Woebkenberg, Ferdinand, IN.

Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology) Degrees:

Linda Bieker, Jasper, IN;
Jeremiah Carter, Kapolei, HI;
Mary Kay Elpers, Wadesville, IN;
Kimberly Hayes, Bloomington, IL;
Tim Heller, Lawrenceburg, IN;
Mary Ortwein, Frankfort, KY;
Meredith Riley, Indianapolis, IN;
Robb Schrader, Louisville, KY;
Michael Tant, Franklin, TN. †



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Photos, beginning at top left: Candee Mackell joins her classmates for morning prayer before weekend classes in March.

Dua Nguyen, from left, Ryan McCandless, Tim Pick and Joe Lee warm up their voices before the priesthood promises ceremony in March.

“One Bread, One Cup” youth participants take part in community building activities on the first day of the conference.

Br. William Sprauer, OSB, played on the monastery team during the seminary softball tournament in May.

Novice Timothy Herrmann speaks about “Mary, Our Mother: A Voice of Consolation” during a pilgrimage to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine in May.

[Meet the Student]

Georgene Beiriger

Residence: Indianapolis

Degree: Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology)

Q. *When did you begin your studies?*

September 2012

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

I interned for two years with the Sisters of St. Benedict in Beech Grove, Indiana, for spiritual direction certification. After I finished their program, I became acutely aware of how much more there was to learn and I committed to ongoing education and formation.

My need for structure led me to inquire about the Lay Degree Program at Saint Meinrad. After reviewing the pastoral theology program, and speaking with the director and other folks who had completed their master's here, my spiritual director and I determined that it was a good next step for me.

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

I work full time as controller (accountant) for Wessler Engineering Inc., a consulting civil and environmental engineering firm in Indianapolis. I have worked there for 16 years and plan to retire in two years – March 15, 2017, to be exact. In the evenings, I have a steady spiritual direction practice. I thoroughly enjoy directing and consider it more ministry than work – and definitely a blessing.

My husband and I will be celebrating our 37th anniversary this July. We have one daughter, 25, who will be married this fall. My parents, both 90, require quite a bit of tender, loving care right now. They

live in Merrillville, IN, so it involves some travel time when I see them every few weeks.

I volunteer as much as I can now, mostly as a member of the Advisory Board of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. They do some incredible outreach and ministry to the marginalized, as well as wonderful programs for healing and spiritual growth for folks of all denominations.

Q. *Favorite saint and why?*

My longtime favorite saint is Teresa of Avila. My prayer and spiritual life have been greatly influenced by her wit and practical wisdom. She's taught me not to take myself so seriously and not to sweat my flaws and failures – everybody has them and God loves us all the more because of them.

Her determination and success as a reformer and community builder has inspired me in my past ministry and in my growth as a Christian woman.

Q. *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

If I had to pick just one, it's Proverbs 3:5-7: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

I tend to want to overthink things and have long struggled with being a perfectionist and kind of a control freak. I have made great strides in "letting go" with the help of this verse. It reminds me



that as long as I walk humbly with God, all will be well.

Q. *Hobbies?*

I love to write. Right now I write a lot of reflections, but someday I plan to write a book. I already have the subject and the title – all it needs is the text. Minor detail. When I retire, I plan to learn something I have longed to do – work with stained glass. Many a story has been told with stained glass art, and there are so many more stories to be told.

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

My pastoral classes have given me a deeper understanding of what it is to be human, benefitting me with personal knowledge and insight, as well as learning how to accompany others in the challenges that life brings. I find that developing the ability to help others to grow through their challenges and respond with faith, hope and love is very rewarding.

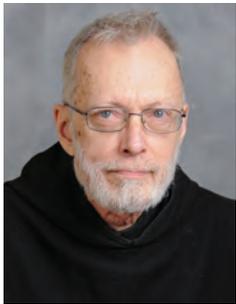
Q. *What aspect of your coursework has been most challenging?*

Time management has been my greatest challenge. It requires much effort for me to balance studying with current obligations. Occasionally, I find that I have not given as much time to studying as I want to – or need to – because it doesn't come as easy as it once did!

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

I'm hoping that my degree and retirement will happen in close succession. I don't want to quit working; I just want to do something other than accounting and administration. I am hoping to actively grow my current spiritual direction practice. I don't know what else God has planned for me, but I am open to the possibilities and I'm sure it will be fulfilling and rewarding.

Fr. Aelred Cody, OSB, studied and taught Scripture



Fr. Aelred Cody, OSB

Fr. Aelred Cody, OSB, monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died on May 11, 2015, in the monastery infirmary. He was 83 and a jubilarian of both profession and ordination.

Surviving is a brother, Robert Cody of Ames, IA.

Fr. Aelred was born in Oklahoma City, OK, on February 3, 1932, and given the name Joseph Francis Jr. at his baptism. After completing his elementary and high school education at the Cathedral schools in Oklahoma City, he briefly attended the School of Music at the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

Transferring to Saint Meinrad College, he was invested as a novice in 1951 and professed his simple vows on August 1, 1952. In 1955, he professed his solemn vows and graduated from the college, receiving the first of six degrees he would acquire over the next 15 years. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1957.

In addition to his college BA in philosophy, he received STL and STD degrees from Ottawa University, an

Q. *Other comments?*

Studying at Saint Meinrad has been most rewarding – not just from the standpoint of education, but also for personal growth in faith formation, spirituality and friendship. I have met so many wonderful people here and the Hill has become a sacred place of refreshment for me. It's one of the best things God has done for me. ✚

SSL from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, an SSD from the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and an Élève diplômé from the Ecole biblique at archéologique française de Jérusalem.

He authored an extensive list of publications, including books, entries in encyclopedias and reference works, articles, and essays in a half-dozen languages.

His involvement in the world of professional biblical scholarship covers half a century. Examples include his service as a trustee and a member of the Executive Board of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, as an associate editor and then general editor of the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, as a member of the Consultative Committee of *Concilium*, and as a member of the Editorial Board of *Biblica*.

From 2003 to 2005, he served first as vice-president and then president of the Catholic Biblical Society of America. He was also a member of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament and the Society of Biblical Literature.

In 1970, he was appointed as consultor to the Holy See for the opening session of the Mixed Study Commission of the Roman Catholic Church and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. In

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EVENTS ON THE HILL

July 31-August 2

Guest House Retreat: "A Step 11 Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics and Alanons"
by Dave Maloney

August 3-5

Alumni Reunion

August 7-13

Guest House Retreat: "The Image as a Window to the Spiritual: An Artist's Six-Day Hands-on Workshop and Retreat" by Br. Martin Ersperer, OSB

August 28-30

Guest House Retreat: "Being Born Anew" by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

September 11-13

Guest House Retreat: "Caravaggio's Concern" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB

September 15

Dolle Lecture, speaker to be announced

September 18-20

Guest House Retreat: "Sleeper Awake!"
by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

October 2-4

Guest House Retreat: "Essential Structures of Catholic Life" by Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB

October 6 and 7

Marten Lecture and Workshop, Dr. Lori Carrell

October 9-11

Guest House Retreat: "Looking Deeper into the Rule of St. Benedict" by Fr. Harry Hagan, OSB

October 19-23

Guest House Retreat (Priests Retreat): "The Sermon on the Mount: Challenges for Contemporary Priestly Ministry" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

October 31

Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Reflection

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Infirmary renovation

will add more space, better facilities



▲ An artist's rendering shows the expanded infirmary wing that will look onto the monastery courtyard.

Chapter 36:1 of the *Rule of St. Benedict* states: "Care of the sick must rank above and before all else, so that they may truly be served as Christ."

Saint Meinrad monks who are sick or infirm are able to stay home in the monastery and receive the care they need in the infirmary.

When the monks moved into the newly built monastery in 1982, rooms were set aside for infirmary use that had not been designed for health care. Thus, the infirmary does not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, which were enacted later. Ann Rohleder, director of health services at Saint Meinrad, says this is the main reason for the infirmary renovation that is now under way.

"We want to look at the infirmary as the monks' home, but it is a nursing facility as well," says Ann.

As the infirmary currently stands, both the doorways and the hallway need to be widened to accommodate wheelchairs and hospital beds. Bathrooms and showers also need to be wheelchair accessible.

The 14 existing infirmary rooms will be renovated to be ADA compliant, allowing monks to stay in their rooms for normal living and bathing needs.

The second reason for the renovation, Ann explains, is that the nurses station needs to be relocated to provide better care for the monks in the infirmary. The nurses station used to be tucked into a corner.

The corridor in front of the infirmary rooms will be expanded to eight feet to allow for better circulation through the infirmary. An improved nurses station will be located off the new corridor and will be centrally located to all of the rooms.



▲ Work began on the monastery projects in May and is expected to conclude by August 2016.

In addition to the renovations to the existing infirmary rooms, four slightly larger rooms will be created to assist monks who need more hands-on care.

A total of 5,200 square feet will be renovated and 4,400 square feet will be added to the infirmary.

The timing for the infirmary renovation coincides with extensive repairs under way in the monastery that required the monks to vacate the building. As part of those repairs, the heating/ventilation/air conditioning and plumbing systems will be replaced.

Pat Clark, the monastery renovation project manager, explains that the cast iron sewer lines have deteriorated and the copper water lines have thinned to a point where they need to be replaced.

Also, most of the valves no longer function. "Today, if we wanted to shut off a heating or cooling line, it would have to be shut off at the powerhouse," explains Pat. "Performing that operation now means no one can have cooling in the entire monastery. The same is true for domestic cold and hot water lines."

The monastery repairs are estimated to cost \$8.5 million, and the infirmary renovation will cost an estimated \$1.6 million. The work is expected to be complete by August 2016. ✚

Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB,

noted for chronicling U.S. Black Catholic history



Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB

Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died on May 18, 2015, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, IN. He was 84 and a

jubilant of both profession and ordination.

Surviving are a cousin and a niece.

Fr. Cyprian was born in Washington, D.C., on September 9, 1930, to Clarence W. and Evelyn (Jackson) Davis, who named him Clarence John.

He studied at Saint Meinrad Seminary from 1949 to 1956. Invested as a novice monk on July 31, 1950, he professed his simple vows August 1, 1951, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1956.

Fr. Cyprian received a licentiate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in 1957, and the license and the doctorate in historical sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1963 and 1977, respectively.

He was professor emeritus of Church history at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, where he had begun teaching in 1963.

Fr. Cyprian served also on several occasions as a visiting professor at West African monasteries in Togo, Dzougbe, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Benin and Nigeria. Additionally, he taught at the Summer Institute associated with the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

Fr. Cyprian was awarded several honorary doctorates: from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, in 2001; from the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, in 2002; from St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, in 2003; and from The Catholic University of America in 2006.

He also served as an archivist of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, of the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation, and of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, of which in 1968 he was a founding member. He also belonged to the American Catholic Historical Association and the Society of American Archivists.

In addition to dozens of articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia and dictionary entries, Fr. Cyprian wrote six books. His first book, in 1981, was *The Church: A Living Heritage*, a textbook for high school students.

He subsequently edited *Taking Down Our Harps: Black Catholics in the United States* (1998), "*Stamped with the Image of God*": *African Americans as God's Image in Black* (2003), and *To Prefer Nothing to Christ. Saint Meinrad*

Archabbey: 1854-2004. His last book, published in 2004, was *Henriette Delille. Servant of Slaves. Witness to the Poor*.

However, it is his 1990 work for which he will be especially remembered. *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* is a 350-page study of American Black Catholics from the early Spanish explorations to 1970, and it is regarded as the essential study of the American Black Catholic experience.

Among the honors he received for this book were the John Gilmary Shea Award in 1990, and the Brother Joseph Davis Award in 1991. Fr. Cyprian was preparing a revised edition of the book at the time of his death.

In addition, Fr. Cyprian contributed to the second draft of *Brothers and Sisters to Us*, the 1979 pastoral letter on racism published by the United States Catholic bishops, and he helped write the initial draft of *What We Have Seen and Heard*, the 1984 pastoral letter on evangelization from the black Catholic bishops.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on May 21, followed by burial in the Archabbey Cemetery. ✝



▲ Archbishop Joseph Tobin, CSsR, stands with newly ordained deacons on April 11. From left are Nicolás Ajpacajá, Jude Meril Sahayam, Kyle Rodden, Matthew Tucci, Archbishop Tobin, Anthony Hollowell, Douglas Hunter Jr. and James Brockmeier.

New director named for Lay Degree Programs, other school appointments

President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, recently announced some new appointments in the Seminary and School of Theology.

Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB, has been named the new director of the Lay Degree Programs, succeeding Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, who begins a five-year term as president-rector of Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO, this summer.

Since the spring of 2013, Sr. Jeana has served as director of assessment and orders documentarian for the Seminary and School of Theology.

A member of the Sisters of St. Benedict at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN, she earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Kenyon College and a master of arts in theology from St. John's University. She is currently pursuing a doctor of ministry degree from The Catholic University of America.

Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, was named the director of enrollment, a position also held

by Fr. Brendan. Fr. Luke graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Seminary and School of Theology in May and was ordained a priest in June.

Br. Jacob Grisley, OSB, joins the administration staff as evaluation and records manager, a new position in the President-Rector's Office.

Fr. Patrick Cooney, OSB, begins fulltime work in the tribunal for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He will continue to teach canon law next year.

Fr. Christian Raab, OSB, will take up the responsibilities of a house dean next year, in addition to his position as assistant professor of systematic theology.

Fr. Anthony Vinson, OSB, becomes the faculty supervisor for the UnStable and Jack's Coffee Shop, in addition to his position as director of pastoral formation.

Dr. John Schlachter, formerly a school principal from Hibbing, MN, is the new director of assessment. He holds a

doctorate in philosophy from The Catholic University of America.

Mrs. Erin Dwyer has been named the administrative assistant for the offices of enrollment and lay degree programs. She succeeds Mrs. Carol Heeke, who retired in June after more than 40 years of service to Saint Meinrad.

Mrs. Karen Scherzer will assume the responsibility of orders documentarian, while continuing her work as executive secretary to the president-rector.

Departures

Fr. Damian Dietlein, OSB, is retiring after 47 years as a Scripture professor in the Seminary and School of Theology. He will return to Assumption Abbey in Richardton, ND. (see story, p.11)

Fr. Joseph Moriarty has completed 10 years of service as a spiritual director in the seminary program. He is the vice rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. ✝

New School Appointments



Sr. Jeana Visel, OSB



Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB



Br. Jacob Grisley, OSB



Fr. Patrick Cooney, OSB



Fr. Christian Raab, OSB



Fr. Anthony Vinson, OSB



Dr. John Schlachter



Mrs. Erin Dwyer



Mrs. Karen Scherzer

Fr. Damian Dietlein

retires from faculty after nearly 50 years

After nearly 50 years of teaching at Saint Meinrad, Fr. Damian Dietlein, OSB, will retire at the end of this summer.

Fr. Damian, a monk of Assumption Abbey in Richardton, ND, joined the faculty in the fall of 1968. This year, he completed his 47th year of teaching Scripture courses to priesthood candidates and lay degree students on the Hill.

Fr. Damian professed his vows as a Benedictine monk in 1952 and was ordained a priest in 1957. He earned his bachelor's degree at St. John's University, a licentiate in sacred theology at Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo, and a licentiate in sacred Scripture at Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

After completing his degrees, he returned to Assumption and taught at its seminary from 1961 to 1967, when the school closed. During the summers of 1964 and 1965, he taught Scripture to the sisters at St. Teresa's College in Winona, MN.

He then served for a year as prior (second in leadership) at Assumption Abbey, before joining the faculty at Saint Meinrad.

When Fr. Damian arrived on campus, two other monks shared his name (Fr. Damian Schmelz and Br. Damian Schepers). To avoid confusion, he quickly became known as "Damo," a name coined by Fr. Matthias Neuman, OSB.



Besides teaching Old Testament and New Testament courses to seminarians and lay students, Fr. Damian has taught in Saint Meinrad's Permanent Deacon Formation Program, the January Interterm, Summer Session and independent study courses. In addition, he was the associate director for visiting Benedictine students for many years.

In early September, Fr. Damian will pack up a U-Haul truck and return to Assumption Abbey for a new assignment from Abbot Brian Wangler, OSB, one of Fr. Damian's former students and an alumnus of Saint Meinrad.

The North Dakota abbey has 53 monks. Until recently, the abbey operated a cattle ranch, where Fr. Damian typically returned each summer to help with hay baling.

"It has been a good ride, and I am grateful for all the blessings I have received, as well as the privilege of learning from the many students and faculty members over all these years," said Fr. Damian about his retirement.

"I have always said that what makes our school so great is the spirit, the morale and mutual support," he said.

President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, says the Seminary and School of Theology will miss Fr. Damian's influence. "He has become a legend at Saint Meinrad. The love he has inspired over the years from seminarians and lay students is truly an inspiring legacy.

"There are few today who can hope to achieve what he has achieved, but his legacy will long outlive him. It is ingrained in the mind and heart of every student he ever taught." ✝



◀ *Fr. Damian Dietlein, OSB, has been a popular teacher of Scripture for nearly five decades at Saint Meinrad.*

Alumni Board elects president and vice president

The Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors elected Fr. Alan Carter as president of the Alumni Association and Mr. William McGuire as vice president during the spring meeting. They will begin their two-year terms on September 1.



Fr. Alan Carter

Fr. Alan Carter T'13 ('07-13), of Lexington, KY, earned his master's in Catholic philosophical studies from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in 2009

and received his Master of Divinity and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lexington in May 2013.

He currently serves as administrator of Sts. John & Elizabeth Parish in Grayson, KY, and Prince of Peace Parish in West Liberty, KY, which includes ministry to two large state prisons.

Born and raised in Lexington, Fr. Alan earned a bachelor's degree from Washington & Lee University, studying politics, religion and philosophy. He was the director of an information technology

practice at a management consulting firm for a little over a decade before entering the seminary.

Fr. Alan is passionate about catechesis, having led more than 30 Confirmation retreats, offering study days on preaching and pastoral care, and leading retreats and parish missions on discipleship, social ministry, the role of catechesis in Catholic education, and mystagogical reflection on the Mass.

This spring and fall, Fr. Alan will be leading presbyteral assemblies on the nature of lived priesthood and priestly prayer. His weekly segment on RealLife Radio's Mike Allen Show called "First Cup Theology" covers a variety of spiritual, liturgical and discipleship topics.

Fr. Alan has completed clinical internships in pastoral counseling and is recognized as a Pastoral Care Specialist by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He received Saint Meinrad's two certificates in supervision (pastoral care and homiletics), and will complete the graduate certificate in spiritual direction in early 2016.

Fr. Alan joined the alumni board in 2013 and is in his first term.



Mr. William McGuire

Mr. William McGuire O'64 ('52-58), of Indianapolis, IN, retired from Hancock Telecom in 2009, where he held the position of director of settlements and special projects.

He previously worked for Indiana Bell/Ameritech for nearly 30 years in various management positions.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Evansville. He was honored with the Indiana Telecommunications Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

He is an active participant at St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, where he has served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist for 40-plus years and was the coordinator for 28 years. He has been actively involved in Habitat for Humanity, and is currently active in "40 Days for Life." In the last nine years, he has made mission trips to Tijuana, Mexico and Gallup, NM.

He joined the alumni board in 2011 and is in his second term. ✚



▲ Four retiring members of the Board of Overseers were honored at the spring meeting. From left are Fr. Richard Doerr, Bonnie Graham, Cecile Blau and Robert Shine.



▲ Archabbey Church's towers point toward a summer sky.

Alumni Giving Program

benefits today's students

The Alumni Annual Giving Program has capped off another successful year. Gifts totaling \$546,984 were received during 2014-15 – an impressive 25% response rate.

“This past fiscal year, the gifts to Saint Meinrad’s unrestricted annual fund demonstrated, once again, the generosity of our alumni,” says Duane Schaefer, director of development.

Through their annual gifts, alumni make possible a range of programs and services – from classroom instruction, spiritual formation, ministry opportunities and

guest lecturers to day-to-day expenses such as the upkeep of buildings and grounds.

The amount Saint Meinrad charges a student covers about 61% of the costs of his or her education. Annual unrestricted gifts help make up the difference. In addition, those gifts help Saint Meinrad keep its tuition rates competitive with other seminaries.

Alumni can look for the 2015-16 Alumni Annual Giving Program to kick off in September, Schaefer says, when the first mailing goes out. ✚

Stay Connected

Alumni website offers better ways to stay connected

If you haven’t visited the Saint Meinrad Alumni website recently, you may have missed:

- Online registration for the August 3-5 Alumni Reunion
- Information about the 2016 Saint Meinrad Day of Service
- Alumni resources, such as online access to academic theology journals through the Archabbey Library
- Details on how to nominate a classmate for the Distinguished Alumnus Award

- The list of upcoming tours and pilgrimages hosted by Saint Meinrad’s Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB
- The online alumni directory, where you can search for classmates.

Some items on the website are open to all, but make sure to register for full access. Just follow the on-screen prompts to sign up.

To get started, visit <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu>. ✚



▲ *Seminarian Will Banowsky, right, called the next name during the room lottery in April. James Brockmeier holds the bowl of names.*

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1981, he was appointed by the United States Bishops’ Committee as a member of the Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation in the U.S.

Fr. Aelred was a professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome from 1968-1978. He returned in 1978 to Saint Meinrad, where he served as novice-junior master for 14 years.

He served many years as an elected member of the Swiss-American Congregation Council of the Abbot-President, as Saint Meinrad’s elected delegate to the Swiss-American General Chapter, and as an elected or appointed member of the Archabbot’s Council.

An accomplished organist, he was a member of London’s Royal College of Music and Royal College of Organists.

The funeral Mass and burial were held on May 13. ✚

Save the Date!

August 9, 2015

Louisville/New Albany Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

September 10, 2015

Evansville Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

September 22, 2015

Belleville/St. Louis Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 13, 2015

Toledo Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

October 21, 2015

Jasper and Lincoln Hills Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

November 10, 2015

Indianapolis Alumni & Friends Dinners

ALUMNI ETERNAL

Br. Donald H. Bengert, SJ, O'58 ('50-51), died on March 25, 2015, in Pontiac, MI.

Mr. Robert E. Bern (formerly Nurrenbern) O'56 ('44-52), of Louisville, KY, died on March 25, 2015.

Mr. Walt Beyer O'50 ('39-41), of Houston, TX, died on February 2, 2015.

Fr. Charles J. Bindner O'58 ('54-58), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on May 3, 2015.

Mr. John J. Birchler O'48 ('34-40), of Indianapolis, IN, died on April 26, 2015.

MSgt. Raymond F. Boyden Jr. O'67 ('55-58), of Savannah, GA, died on March 21, 2015.

Mr. James J. Breslin O'62 ('50-53), of Duluth, GA, died on January 1, 2015.

Mr. Joseph W. Callahan O'56 ('50-56), of Peoria, AZ, died in March of 2015.

Fr. Michael J. Clifford O'59 ('53-56), of Peshtigo, WI, died on April 23, 2015. He was a priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, WI. ✚

Mr. Thomas J. Cronin SPH ('48), of Bargersville, IN, died on March 25, 2015.

Mr. Charles W. Dehne Sr. O'53 ('46-48), of Cincinnati, OH, died on December 26, 2011.

Dr. Paul DeZarn O'67 ('61-66), of Louisville, KY, died on June 16, 2015.

Sr. Mary A. Ferraer, SSSJ, SS'85 ('79-85), of Flourtown, PA, died on April 19, 2015.

Mr. Paul Hoffman O'73 ('61-65), of Tell City, IN, died on April 21, 2015.

Mr. William J. Kaiser O'51 ('40-42), of New Albany, IN, died on June 10, 2015.

Mr. Paul G. Kelley O'46 ('44-47), of Tampa, FL, died on February 1, 2015.

Msgr. Vincent L. Lengerich O'48 ('43-48), a priest of the Diocese of Gary, IN, died on February 27, 2015.

Mr. David G. Mader O'68 ('60-61), of Parkersburg, WV, died on May 6, 2015.

Mr. Richard D. Mathena SS ('87), of Linton, IN, died on May 24, 2015.

Mr. Clarence W. May O'61 ('49-51), of Owensboro, KY, died on July 11, 2012.

Mr. Charles D. McWilliam O'77 ('71-73), of Dallas TX, died on July 31, 2014.

Sr. Mary Frumentia Mikula, FSSJ, Sab ('04), of Hamburg, NY, died on September 23, 2009.

Sr. Mary Alan Miller, SND, SS ('89), of Toledo, OH, died on February 21, 2015.

Mr. Ralph C. Moorman O'57 ('45-46), of Oldenburg, IN, died on February 12, 2015.

Fr. Robert L. Napier C'86 ('83-86), a priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine, FL, died on May 19, 2015.

Mr. Edward A. O'Mara O'62 ('50-51), of Greensburg, IN, died on June 5, 2015.

Mr. Ralph D. Patterson O'66 ('54-55), of Verona, KY, died on February 23, 2013.

Fr. Jose Flavio Santillanes O'65 ('59-61), a priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM, died on March 6, 2015.

Mr. Melvin J. Schapker O'58 ('46-47), of Evansville, IN, died on April 28, 2015. ✚

Mr. Paul V. Shanahan O'55 ('43-46), of Indianapolis, IN, died on March 21, 2015.

Mr. Joseph E. Spearing O'67 ('59-61), of Indianapolis, IN, died on March 13, 2015.

Fr. John J. Strebig O'52 ('46-52), a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN, died on April 9, 2015.

Fr. George M. "Pat" Thompson O'52 ('48-52), a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, IL, died on January 11, 2015.

Fr. Ambrose G. Wathen, OSB, SPH'49 ('45-49), of St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, LA, died on July 3, 2013.

Msgr. John M. Wright O'62 ('52-58), of San Diego, CA, died on April 11, 2015. He was a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Mr. Charles August "Gus" Zurface O'69 ('57-62), of Bloomington, IN, died on May 14, 2015. †

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ALUMNI NEWS

Fr. Crispine Adongo T'12 ('08-12), associate pastor of Holy Rosary and Nativity parishes in Evansville, IN, gave a presentation on Lent to the Coraggio group on February 13.

Fr. James Bacik O'62 ('54-56) was honored on November 2, 2014, at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH, at the dedication of the Father James J. Bacik Archives in the university's Duns Scotus Library.

Fr. Patrick Beidelman T'98 ('94-98), executive director for the Secretariat for Spiritual Life and Worship of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, led a

Lenten day of reflection for parish staffs at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish in Zionsville, IN, on March 11.

Msgr. Jack Bendik O'67 ('59-67; '95), pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston, PA, received the 2015 Achievement Award given by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on March 17.

Mr. Jared Bryson C'97 ('94-96) and his wife, Emily, of St. Louis, MO, welcomed a daughter, Lillian June, on December 28, 2014. They also have a son, Gus.

Mr. Brian (Joshin) Byrnes C'82 ('80-82) has been named vice abbot of Upaya Zen Center in Santa Fe, NM.

Fr. Nathan Castle, OP, O'83 ('78-79), a member of the Western Dominican Preaching Team, gave a Lenten mission at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in West Lafayette, IN, in February.

Fr. John F. Cunningham O'74 ('68-74), a retired priest of the Diocese of Phoenix, AZ, received his doctorate in religious studies from Arizona State University on May 12.

Fr. Michael Dandurand T'97 ('83-88; '90; '93-97), of Swanton, OH, completed Air Force Officer Training in February 2015. He is a captain assigned to the 180th Fighter Wing. He is pastor of Assumption, Holy Trinity Parish.

Fr. Jay Davidson O'64 ('52-60), Fr. Henry Kuykendall O'65 ('53-55) and Fr. Ted Tempel O'64 ('52-64), priests of the Diocese of Evansville, IN, were welcomed as affiliates of the Daughters of Charity of the province of St. Louise to honor their commitment of service and collaboration.

Mr. Mark Erdosy LD'95 ('93-95), of Indianapolis, IN, was invited to serve in a consultative role at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Lay Ecclesial Ministry Summit held in St. Louis this June. He is the executive director of the Rebuild My Church Program and the director of the San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership at Marian University.

Mr. Robert Feduccia C'91 ('89-91); LD'01 ('98-00), of Portland, OR, collaborated with Rick Modlin on a contemporary Ascension hymn, "One Sacrifice of Christ," for Oregon Catholic Press.

Mr. Joseph Fey T'89 ('81-89); LD'96 ('94-95) and Evelyn Diaz were married on February 14. He is the director of faith formation for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in St. Cloud, FL.

Deacon Dennis Hilderbrand PDP'05 ('01-05), of Washington, IN, is a chaplain at the Evansville State Hospital in Evansville, IN, and serves as a deacon at Our Lady of Hope Parish, Washington.

Dr. Lanny Hollis C'80 ('76-80); T'86 ('82-86), of Cleveland, OH, has been elected to the board of directors of the Northern Ohio Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. He recently completed six years as vice chair of the Academic Board of St. Julie Billiart School in Lyndhurst, OH.

Fr. Kevin Huber T'91 ('83-91), pastor of Queen of All Saints Parish in Michigan City, IN, gave a presentation on April 15 at the parish on hints to promote religious vocations.

Fr. J. Ronald Knott O'70 ('64-70), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, was presented a distinguished alumnus award on March 18 by the Catholic Education Foundation of Louisville.

Fr. Joel M. Konzen, SM, O'76 ('68-72) received the Educational Excellence Award from the National Catholic Educational Association. He has served as principal of Marist School in Atlanta, GA, for 23 years.

Fr. Vincent Lampert T'89 ('83-86) is pastor and **Fr. David Marcotte T'14 ('10-14)** is associate pastor of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood, IN, where the new Harvest Food Pantry was blessed by then-Auxiliary Bishop Christopher Coyne on September 7.

Fr. Hilary Meny O'40 ('29-40), a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, celebrated his 100th birthday on January 18 at a celebration held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Haubstadt, IN.

Fr. Ken Mikulcik T'97 ('92-97), a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, took his oath of office as a canon lawyer for the diocese on July 3, 2014. He is pastor of St. Anthony Parish.

Fr. Rick Nagel T'07 ('02-07), pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, IN, led prayers and Eucharistic adoration at the January 21 Disciples for Life Rally at the parish, which was attended by 400 students and youth leaders.

Fr. Christopher Rhodes T'12 ('05-08) delivered the keynote address at the 28th annual African American Catholic Leadership Awards banquet on March 7 in Louisville, KY. He is associate pastor at St. Patrick Parish in Louisville.

Mr. Richard Rolwing O'58 ('49-50), of Reynoldsburg, OH, is a retired theologian. He has published numerous books, including *Was Frankenstein Really Uncle Sam?*, volumes 1-13.

Msgr. Joseph Schaedel O'82 ('78-82), pastor of St. Luke Parish in Indianapolis, IN, was guest speaker at the Marriage on Tap event on February 7.

Mrs. Marcia Schaefer LD'07 ('03-07), of Georgetown, IN, is a case manager at Family Health Center of Southern Indiana in Jeffersonville.

Fr. Donald Senior, CP, O'67 ('65-67), president emeritus of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, has been named chancellor by the school's board of trustees and corporate members.

Msgr. William Stumpf T'85 ('80-81), vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, led a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey in April. ✚

Fr. Lou Vallone O'73 ('69-73), pastor of two parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA, was featured in an article in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in May.

"What you see is what you get": Catholic priest is a biker with a message" told about Fr. Vallone's nontraditional pastime as a motorcycle rider, a passion that began when he was 14 years old.

As the pastor at St. John of God Parish in McKees Rocks and St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Crescent, Fr. Vallone rides his 2003 Harley Davidson to relax. His motorcycle experiences often find a place in his homilies, as well.

The story also mentioned that he is a master scuba diver and self-proclaimed grilling expert.

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Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, ordained priest



▲ *Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, (left, in white vestments) smiles at the end of his ordination Mass on June 7. Also pictured are Archbishop Joseph Tobin, CSsR, and Fr. Thomas Gricoski, OSB.*

Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest on Sunday, June 7, 2015, by the Most Rev. Joseph Tobin,

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

Fr. Luke, 50, was born in Weston, WV, where he attended Lewis County High School. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Salem, VA. He graduated from Radford University in Radford, VA, and worked in information technology for a company in Roanoke, VA.

He joined the monastery in 2009 and professed his solemn vows in 2014. Fr. Luke received his Master of Divinity degree from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in May.

He was recently named the director of enrollment for the Seminary and School of Theology, and he is an assistant to the oblate director for Saint Meinrad's Benedictine oblate program. ✝

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