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# DEAN'S MESSAGE



(Photo by Dean Rigotti)

This regular column of the dean is typically one of the last pieces written for the magazine, so I can develop a theme in keeping with the contents of the current issue. For this edition, that was the priesthood, the seminary, our work with priests in the field and the importance of collaboration and mutual empowerment among ordained and lay ministers in the parish.

As I was putting that together, Br. Dietrich, president and friend, died, three months almost to the day since he was diagnosed with metastasized melanoma. Much has been and will be said about his many contributions to Saint John's and beyond as monk, professor, faculty resident, and dean of the college, as well as the notable achievements in his long tenure as president of the university: visionary initiatives such as The Saint John's Bible and more typical undertakings such as buildings and endowments. It is an impressive list that deserves recounting. Saint John's will be forever in his debt as a place better for his leadership.

In the space I have here I would like to supplement that story with a few more personal observations for the readers of these pages, graduates and friends of the School of Theology-Seminary. Dietrich was a passionate supporter of the SOT-Sem. He understood the importance of our work to the mission of Saint John's and to the church. He took seriously the fact that he was president of Saint John's University, in all its dimensions, and was inspired

by comments such as those by Andrew Greeley in a recent *America* (November 3) referring to "Saint John's pervasive and unique influence on the church in this country" and noting that "the centers of creativity in American Catholicism seemed to be concentrated in a triangle that reached from Saint John's to Chicago to Notre Dame."

Br. Dietrich was committed to continuing this heritage of Saint John's. He knew, though, that our leadership in the 21st century could not just be more of what we had done in the 20th. He encouraged us to think creatively and boldly, like our forbears, reading the signs of our times, not theirs. He helped us continue Saint John's practice of tacking into the winds of faithful service to the church and creative response to changing circumstances.

Personally, I could not have asked for a more supportive president and am happy to say that we became good friends over our years together. I am blessed with a tabernacle of memories of Dietrich, as are many of you. Sad as it is to lose him as a friend and co-worker in something we both cared deeply about—Saint John's—those memories make me smile amid the tears.

We would regularly recall our first meeting, when I interviewed with him for a faculty position in 1990. It was a conversation of shared enthusiasm for the power of education, the importance of theology, and the then-new core curriculum for the college. Who gets excited about a core curriculum? Dietrich did. I loved that and wanted to be part of it. Over the next 18 years of working with him, I never saw that enthusiasm lessen—not even at the end.

When I became dean of the SOT-Sem in 1999, Dietrich was wonderfully supportive and continued to be so throughout my tenure. In the last couple of years he made a special point of sharing his experience as president for a long term as a way of helping me think through my time as dean and how to maintain vitality not only in my service to the school and the church but also in my life over an extended term. Those were wonderful conversations.

We named this publication *Conversatio* a few years ago after the monastic commitment to a life-long conversion into the likeness of Christ and the Love of God—a commitment that has corollaries for all of us. Dietrich's response to his diagnosis and the likelihood of an imminent death was a profound witness to the formative power of *conversatio*. He wrote candidly about his situation, his prognosis but also his realization that

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everything he experienced since his original melanoma 20 years ago was a grace and that he had never felt “so surrounded by love” or been so aware of the fullness of grace in his life. For me his most memorable comment, because so characteristic of Dietrich, was “Something wondrous is afoot. I just can't see it yet.”

Now he sees it. I have no doubt it is more wondrous than he or any of us can imagine. Whatever we might

be in that life, I cannot see Dietrich without his smile of impish delight in its surprising wonders.

May his *conversatio* be completed as he lives in the love of God.



## Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB

Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, died Monday, December 29, 2008, in the retirement center at Saint John's Abbey. Bishops, college presidents, family members, his brother monks, and members of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University community gathered to celebrate Br. Dietrich's life at his funeral on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, in Saint John's Abbey Church. He was buried in Saint John's Abbey Cemetery.

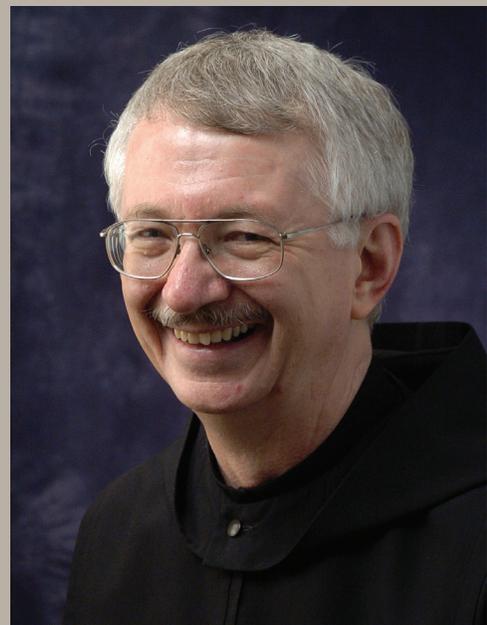
Thomas Edward Reinhart was born on May 17, 1949, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He attended schools in Minneapolis, then entered Saint John's University, graduating magna cum laude in history. He professed final vows in 1972. Br. Dietrich attended Saint John's School of Theology from 1972 to 1974 and earned a master's degree and doctorate in history at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Br. Dietrich returned to Saint John's University and became an adjunct instructor of history in 1981 and then an assistant professor of history in 1984. He also served as the abbey's director of liturgy. He became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1988.

In 1991, Br. Dietrich was named the eleventh president of Saint John's University, a post which he held until October 2008. He concentrated on defining what it means to be a Catholic college at the end of the second millennium. During his presidency, many campus building projects were completed, calligrapher Donald Jackson was commissioned to undertake creating The Saint John's Bible, the close collaboration with the College of Saint Benedict was nurtured, and Saint John's developed its arboretum.

As president of Saint John's, Br. Dietrich was a staunch advocate of the work and mission of the School of Theology-Seminary. During his tenure, the school formalized its commitments to educating and forming lay people for ministry in the church, leading to recent work with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and efforts to prepare lay ecclesial ministers for certification. Br. Dietrich oversaw the renovation of Emmaus Hall and Saint Francis House and the building of Saint Francis Chapel, and his leadership was critical to the establishment of the school's Board of Overseers in 1998.

Br. Dietrich is survived by a brother, two sisters, and his monastic community. In October 2008, the Board of Regents announced the establishment of The Benedictine Institute at Saint John's University in his honor.



(Photo by Lee Hanley)

# ABBOT'S MESSAGE

## The Footwashing in John 13: Ordained and Lay Ministry in the Church

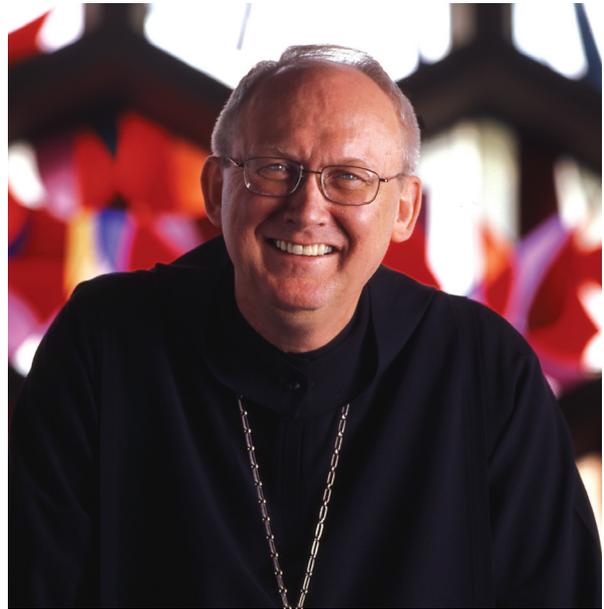
For the past 20 years I have explored the meaning of the parables in the Gospels in their relationship to the proclamation of the reign of God. This study, reflection, and speaking has been a constant source of delight and new learning. Jesus' teaching occurs not only in the words of parables, but in parabolic actions that communicate in dynamic form the meaning of the reign of God. A fine example of such an action occurs in the Gospel of John, chapter 13, in which Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

One can almost feel the tension in the disciples when Jesus stands up, takes off his outer garment, wraps a towel around his waist, and puts water in a basin. One senses the thought: "What is he doing now?" even though it is perfectly obvious. He is doing a visual presentation of *kenosis*. Jesus is truly "teacher" and "master." Yet he is their servant now, kneeling at each one's feet.

Peter gives expression to the reluctance of the group. "You will never wash my feet." That is, I don't want you to be my servant—I want you to be the leader, my Lord. "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." The word share in the Greek is *meros*, which means salvation.

Later, we hear more from Jesus: "Do you realize what I have done for you?" No! Not really! "If I who truly am Master and Teacher have washed your feet, you should wash each others' feet." Later still in this discourse—this is a long meal in John—"I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you." That is, love one another by serving one another. And you will have a community that changes the world because it is a community of radical equality.

By washing the feet of his disciples Jesus is insisting that Eucharistic eating must be as embarrassingly visible as feet washed in public. By bending his towel-wrapped body to the ground and doing for his disciples what could not be required of a Jewish slave, Jesus is revealing that to eat and drink at Eucharist is to live in a world where social roles are reversed, where ordinary bread can no longer be called food. From now on, ordinary meals do not define the meaning of Eucharist; instead, the nourishment of Eucharist defines the meaning of all meals.



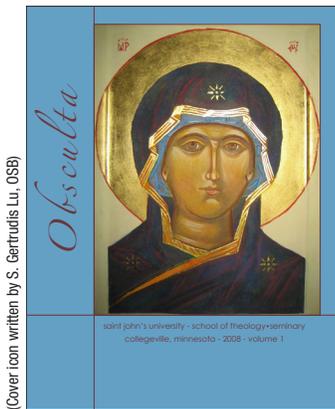
(Photo by Michael Crouser)

Furthermore, in a time of rethinking the relationship between lay and ordained ministry, I believe that we have to create the theological and practical basis for a completely new understanding of ministry, ordained and lay, that is much more broadly inclusive and seamless. I believe that this new work needs to be grounded in the understanding of ministry given expression in Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples in John 13. The parabolic action of Jesus integrates his entire ministry. It opens into the kenotic action of his dying on the cross and gives visible expression to his warning to the disciples: "You know the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it should not be so among you. Rather whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:25-28). Humble service, as it is made visible in the parabolic action of footwashing, unites ordained and lay ministry, each of which originates in the sacraments of initiation.

*H. Folien*

# NEWS

## School of Theology-Seminary Students Publish *Obsculta*



The inaugural edition of *Obsculta*, the School of Theology-Seminary student journal, was published in the spring of 2008 to widespread acclaim. Student editors Lauren Murphy, Genevieve Mougey, and Kendall Ketterlin accepted scholarly and creative submissions from students and faculty members,

selected those to be included, and designed and edited the journal. Kathleen Cahalan and Rose Beauclair served as faculty and staff consultants. For more information or to request a copy of the 2008 *Obsculta*, e-mail the editors at [obsoculta@csbsju.edu](mailto:obsoculta@csbsju.edu).

## Alum Reunion 2008

In August, 30 alums returned to the School of Theology-Seminary for a reunion. Their time together began with a presentation by Dr. Bernie Evans on his recent book, *Vote Catholic?: Beyond the Political Din*. A timely discussion of the role of faith in political choices and citizenship was followed by Mass and a dinner.

## Student Enrollment Rises

Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary saw its number of enrolled students rise to 147 in the fall of 2008, which continued an upward trend for the school. This was the most students enrolled in the SOT-Sem since 2005, and was up from the 139 students enrolled in the fall of 2007. Of these 147 students, 57 were full time, 75 were new to the school, and 42 lived on campus, the largest number in six years. They included 18 international students, the most enrolled in a fall semester in the last 12 years, representing 10 different countries. Benedictine men and women were also strongly represented, with 13 women and 12 men coming from 16 different communities.

## Homecoming 2008

In September, alums of the School of Theology-Seminary participated in the festivities of the Saint John's University Homecoming weekend. For the first time, the SOT-Sem had a tent on the Tundra near Sexton Commons after the football game, which gave alums and friends of the school a place to gather to enjoy one another's company. The day began with a Theology Day presentation by Dr. Bernie Evans, which was open to the public. For more information about the ongoing activities of the School of Theology-Seminary Alumni/ae Association, contact Bernadette Dunn, Alumni/ae Association Coordinator at 320-363-2839 or [sotalum@csbsju.edu](mailto:sotalum@csbsju.edu).

## Monastic Institute 2008



Over 130 individuals participated in the 23rd annual Monastic Institute, held June 29-July 3, 2008. The topic, "Do as I have Done: Authority and Obedience in Community," addressed a number of important questions, including valuing the authority of the Rule (the Rule of Benedict, or the community's particular way of life or expectations), wrestling with discernment and obedience to the Spirit, and fostering mutual understanding within a community. Members of traditional monastic communities and new intentional communities alike expressed gratitude for the conversation.

## ATS Accreditation

Following a visitation, the Association for Theological Schools evaluation team has recommended the School of Theology-Seminary for accreditation through 2018. S. Mary Forman, OSB, chaired the self-study committee.

## Monastic Witness and the Priestly Vocation



(Photo by Rose Beaudair)

In July 2008, Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary hosted representatives from monastic communities and theologians who gathered to discuss priestly formation and priestly life and ministry within a monastic context. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, rector of Saint John's Seminary, convened the conference, which has borne fruit in the ongoing evaluation and enhancement of the seminary's formation program. More information about the results of the consultation is available from Fr. Michael at [mpatella@csbsju.edu](mailto:mpatella@csbsju.edu).

## Dignitas Humana Award 2008



(Photo by Andra Van Kempen-Middlstaedt)

On September 30, Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai received the 10th Dignitas Humana Award from Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary. Maathai, the first African woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, is an environmentalist and advocate for human rights around the world. Following the presentation of the award, Maathai gave a lecture, "Environment, Democracy, and Peace: A Critical Link." More than 600 people heard her presentation; the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater was filled to capacity, and the lecture was simulcast in the Pellegrine Auditorium. Members of the audience came from as far away as Kansas for the event. Maathai's words were inspiring and encouraging as she challenged each of her listeners to take action to work for peace and environmental sustainability. Immediately prior to coming to Saint John's, Maathai spoke at the United Nations in New York City. The Dignitas Humana Award is made possible by the generosity of M. George and Gloria Allen.

## Holy Land Study Tour 2008



(Photo by Brian Chacek)

A group of 10 students traveled through Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sinai, Jordan, and Galilee from May 16-June 7 for the 2008 Holy Land Study Tour with Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, as their instructor and guide.

## Whalen Named Interim President of SJU

Following the resignation of Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, a decision which allowed him to focus more fully on his health after he was diagnosed with melanoma, Dan Whalen was named interim president of the university on October 21, 2008. A longtime member of the SJU community, Whalen has supported many campus projects and has served on the Board of Regents since 1997.

## SOT-Sem Receives Grants

In May 2008, the SOT-Sem received a grant of \$200,000 from The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to fund enhancements to the chapel and Emmaus. The school also received a grant of \$50,000 from an anonymous foundation to convene theologians and practitioners to continue the development of a theology of vocation and authorization for lay ecclesial ministry.

# FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES

**Charles Bobertz**, professor of theology, was the featured speaker at the annual ministry conference for the Diocese of Winona, Minnesota, October 24-25, 2008. Bobertz recently had four entries, “Cornelius,” “Cyprian of Carthage,” “Novatian,” and “Stephen I,” published in *The New Westminster Dictionary of Church History, Volume One*, printed by John Knox Press. In May 2008, he was recognized for 15 years of service as a faculty member.

**Fr. Allan Bouley, OSB**, professor of theology, retired in May 2008 and received the title “Professor Emeritus.”

**Kathleen A. Cahalan**, associate professor of theology, gave two addresses: “Toward a Theology of Ministry,” Callings Conference Keynote, Mount Saint Mary’s University, March 6, 2008; and “Toward a Contemporary Catholic Theology of Vocation,” Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry, San Antonio, Texas, February 22, 2008.

**Bill Cahoy**, dean, is on sabbatical for spring 2009.

**Martin Connell**, associate professor of theology, was recognized for 10 years of service in May 2008.

**Miguel Díaz**, associate professor of theology, has been featured in print, television, and radio interviews because of his role as a member of Barack Obama’s Catholic advisory group. Díaz attended the Democratic National Convention and the presidential inauguration. For more specifics, visit [www.csbsju.edu/sot/facultystaff/diaz.htm](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/facultystaff/diaz.htm). Díaz was elected to the Catholic Theological Society of America board in June 2008.

**Bernard Evans**, associate professor of theology and Virgil Michel Ecumenical Chair in Rural Social Ministries, traveled extensively during the campaign season in the fall of 2008, lecturing and leading conversations on his 2008 book, *Vote Catholic?: Beyond the Political Din.*

**Carolyn Finley**, professor of music, was recognized for 20 years of service in May 2008.

**Daniel K. Finn**, professor of theology and Clemens Professor of Economics and the Liberal Arts, published an article, “Libertarian Heresy: The Fundamentalism of Free-market Theology” in *Commonweal* on September 26, 2008.

**Kim Kasling**, professor of music, played at the dedication of the restoration of the cathedral pipe organ at the Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 21, 2008. Kasling served as official consultant for the restoration. In August and September, he

completed plans and specifications for two large organs, one in Richmond, Virginia, and one in Springfield, Illinois. Kasling participated as a solo recitalist on October 19, 2008, at Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a special program with several area artists.

**Jeff Kaster**, adjunct professor of theology and director of Youth in Theology and Ministry, received his Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota in December 2008.

**Fr. Dale Launderville, OSB**, associate professor of theology, began serving as faculty resident in Emmaus and School of Theology-Seminary chaplain in August 2008.

**Daniel McKanan**, associate professor of theology, was recognized for 10 years of service and as outgoing chair of the department of theology in May 2008. Following the spring semester, he took the position of Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity at Harvard Divinity School.

**S. Irene Nowell, OSB**, adjunct professor of theology, presented on the art of The Saint John’s Bible at the NPM Convention on July 10, 2007.

**Fr. Michael Patella, OSB**, associate professor of theology, Saint John’s Seminary rector, director of study abroad programs, and associate dean of faculty, is serving as acting dean during Bill Cahoy’s sabbatical.

**S. Helen Rolfson, OSF**, associate professor of theology, was recognized for 25 years of service in May 2008, when she also retired and received the title “Professor Emerita.”

**Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB**, associate professor of theology, received the second place Catholic Press Association 2008 Catholic Press Award in Liturgy for his book *Sacred Music and Liturgical Reform* (LTP, 2007). Fr. Anthony gave a plenum address for the NPM Eastern Regional Convention in July 2008. An article based on his address was published in *Pastoral Music* in October 2008. In May 2008, he was recognized for 10 years of faculty service.

**Fr. Kevin Seasoltz, OSB**, professor of theology, resigned from the faculty of the School of Theology-Seminary in May 2008 and received the title “Professor Emeritus.”

**Fr. Columba Stewart, OSB**, executive director of HMML and faculty member, was honored in September 2008, with a gift of \$825,000, part of a \$1 million fund established to support HMML’s manuscript preservation initiatives. Fr. Columba has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support his sabbatical research next year.

(Photo by Andra Van Kempen-Midtlestaedt)



**Suzanne Hequet** joined our faculty as adjunct assistant professor of theology in the fall of 2008. She holds a B.A. from Gustavus Adolphus College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Luther Seminary. Her specialty is church history. Suzanne recently had nine entries published in *The New Westminster Dictionary of Church History, Volume One: The Early, Medieval, and Reformation Eras*, and completed a translation of 30 texts for *A History of Christianity in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, 1450-1990: A Documentary Sourcebook* in 2007.

(Photo by Rose Beaudclair)



**Ellie McAllister**, writing tutor, joined our staff in the fall of 2008. A native of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and a 2008 graduate of the SOT-Sem with a Scripture concentration, Ellie took a course in the fall semester while working part-time as the writing tutor. She plans eventually to earn an M.Div. from another school. Her husband, Paul, is a

Lutheran pastor in St. Cloud. Ellie enjoys nature and is a competitive tennis player. "I thoroughly enjoy being the writing tutor for the SOT," she says. "I meet wonderfully diverse and fascinating people and I can expand my own passion and skills as a writer. Saint John's is a wonderful place to learn as a student and develop as a scholar."

(Photo by Rose Beaudclair)



**Tyler Wessman**, admissions and accounting clerk, joined our staff in September 2008. After earning his undergraduate degree in accounting from Saint John's in 2007, Tyler spent the next year living in Honduras as a volunteer. He served with the Passionist Volunteers International program, a lay volunteer opportunity in which

participants utilize their gifts in order to accompany the poor, suffering, and crucified of today. Upon returning from this remarkable experience, Tyler is glad to be back

on campus in an atmosphere that he says, "is where my desire to serve and learn began." Tyler is a native of Cokato, Minnesota, and currently resides in St. Joseph.

(Photo by Rose Beaudclair)



**Dorothy Kantor**, National Catholic Youth Choir office manager, joined our staff in October 2008. She holds a technical degree in retail management and spent many years as a stay-at-home mom and professional volunteer at her local church, school and community non-profits. In the early 1980s, Dorothy

and her husband developed a computer consulting business which they owned for 12 years. From 2000-2006, Dorothy worked for the Diocese of St. Cloud as the Marriage Course Coordinator, facilitating two-day marriage preparation courses for over 4,200 engaged couples. From 2006-2008 Dorothy assisted the president, development director and board of the St. Cloud Area Economic Development Partnership and coordinated their marketing and development activities. Her passion is her husband, Roger, and she is extremely proud of their children and grandchildren.

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# GRADUATES



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## Spring 2008

Front, L-R: Andrew Gaylord (SYST candidate); M. Kate Weber (LTGY); Nathan Schlepp (SYST); Patricia Watkins (PMIN); Molly Goers (PMIN); Hannah Voss (PMIN)

Middle, L-R: Kristi Bivens (MDIV, granted summer 2008); Jennifer Ryan (SYST); Jolaine Jennissen (PMIN); Anita Fischer (PMIN, granted summer 2008); Catherine Stubbs (PMIN); Amber Christie (PMIN); Teresa Roessler (PMIN); Kateri Mancini (PMIN)

Back, L-R: Ian Gerdon (MONS); Christopher Carlson (PMIN); Fr. Michael Calhoun, OSB (MONS); Arlen Hanson (MONS); J. Nick Coffman (SYST, granted summer 2008); John Mark Feilmeyer (LMUS); James Nepl (PMIN); Lauren Murphy (SYST candidate)

Not pictured: Ellie McAllister (SSCR); Megan Enninga (LTGS); Mark Rood (HHTH)



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## Summer 2008

L-R: Karen Nordenstrom (LMUS candidate), Timothy Johnston (LTGS); Judy Kniss (LMUS); Paul Radkowski (LTGS); S. Anna Yu, OSB (PMIN)

Not pictured: Bonita Cler (SSCR), Eugene Kramer (PMIN)



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## December 2008

L-R: Walter Sweeney (SPIR); Jeremy Schwager (SPIR); Br. Jude Israel, OSB (MONS); S. Janine Metling, OSB (SPIR); Catherine Whetham (SYST); Larry Fraher (SYST)

Not pictured: Fr. Benedict Fischer, OSB (SSCR); S. Gertrudis Lu, OSB (MONS); Vernon Goodin (SYST)

# A Rector's Recollections

By Fr. Dale Launderville, OSB, M.Div. '79



Fall 1993 Seminarians, Saint John's Seminary.

L-R: Robert Pierson, OSB; Michael Kellogg; William Murphy; James Otremba; Nicholas Koerner; James Lyons; James Brokman; John Kowalke; James Hauver; Richard Kunst; Rev. Vincent Lieser; Greg Paffel; Joseph Herzing; Andrew Ricci; Bret Reuter; Donald Tauscher, OSB; Rector Dale Launderville, OSB; James Herzing; Greg Mastey

From January of 1993 to August of 1997, I had the privilege of serving as rector of Saint John's Seminary. Our community of 12 to 18 diocesan seminarians was small but vibrant. In the fall of 1994, we moved from the current Emmaus Hall to Saint Francis House. The gazebo in the courtyard of Frank House was transformed into a chapel, the community dining room on first floor was equipped with a kitchen, and another community room was created on the ground floor. There was something magical about Frank House; many attributed the spirit of the place to the many prayers by the sisters who had lived in it over the first 60 years of its existence. This place became a key location for our school's efforts to promote collaborative ministry.

A key argument in our program's emphasis on collaborative ministry was the goal of promoting the personal skills of relating to a wide variety of people, for this would be the reality in parish ministry. The seminarians were repeatedly interacting with women and men—students who were planning to work as directors of religious education, liturgy directors, and pastoral ministers. The desire to honor one another's vocation and the ability to draw upon one another's gifts were factors that would position future priests for effective parish leadership. Many of our ordained graduates have distinguished themselves as leading pastors in their dioceses. While they came as gifted students, our environment provided a meeting place in which those gifts could play off one another and lead them to a greater awareness of the ways that God had blessed them.

One of the more dramatic events for our seminary community in the 1990s was the arrival of the "three Josephs" from China: Joseph Wang, Joseph Cai, and

Joseph Zhang. They joined Matthew Zhen as the four Chinese seminarians who bolstered the international character of our seminary community. These four distinct personalities brought a quiet strength to our seminary formation program. They are now back in China and hold positions of considerable responsibility in their dioceses. They showed all of us how to be joyful and resilient in trying times. Their capacity for sensitive diplomacy was a powerful example of collaborative ministry in action.

On the seminary staff, I was privileged to work with Fathers Vince Lieser and Ralph Zimmerman of the St. Cloud Diocese and with Fathers Hilary Thimmesh, Bob Pierson, and Don Tauscher from Saint John's Abbey. These dedicated priests were strong role models for the seminarians. They helped the seminarians reflect on the full range of challenges posed by priestly ministry. They were generous and quietly confident in the assistance they provided.

The rector's quarters in Frank House was equipped with a kitchen and a small living room that proved to be an inviting space for dinners for small groups of faculty and students. On successive Saturday evenings, a few faculty would gather with a few seminarians and graduate students to share a meal and conversation. These social occasions hold a special place in my memory of my time as rector. They were times, in the context of a small group, in which each of us could get to know members of our community with whom we had previously not had many opportunities to converse. They were times in which we could realize the very important Gospel lesson: that life is a gift. The future may be unknown, but we rejoice in knowing Who it is that is ultimately in charge.

# “That in all things Go



## Beginnings

In 1856, before the roof on the first abbey building had been completed, the monks of Saint John's opened a minor seminary to train young men in service to the Church so that the people living on the frontier of the Minnesota territory could have access to the sacraments. From that small log and wooden frame building grew Saint John's Abbey and simultaneously, its first apostolate, the seminary. From this minor seminary rose the major one—almost as soon as the first graduating class picked up their diplomas—and with the seminary, Saint John's University. Thus, in true Catholic intellectual tradition, the study of theology was the first foundation stone in the abbey's educational endeavor. Now at 152 years old, through years of growth and transformation, the seminary continues in its proud tradition.

## Growth in the Spirit

As the Catholic population in the upper Midwest grew, so did Saint John's Seminary. Its rural location in central Minnesota assured that the great percentage of the diocesan student body hailed from the farms, small towns, and villages of Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Montana, while monastic seminarians arrived from other foundations and priories in Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Missouri, North Carolina, Alabama, and eventually, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the Bahamas. The seminary building, where most of the formation and education of future priests took place, then reflected the great mosaic of American society. Indeed, until the civil rights movement, Saint John's was the only major seminary to accept African-American seminarians.

In the Spirit manifested at Vatican II, and at the request of and in cooperation with the sisters at Saint Benedict's Monastery in neighboring St. Joseph, Saint John's developed the Benedictine Institute of Sacred Theology for the sisters there, and in so doing, became the first Catholic theologate to admit women. Shortly thereafter, the Institute's name was changed to the School of Theology, thereby becoming a vital component to theological education in Collegeville. Not only were seminarians living and thriving among an international student body, but they were also now encountering women working on ministerial and academic degrees in service to the Church in the School of Theology.

# d may be glorified”

a history of Saint John’s Seminary by Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, M.Div. ‘89, rector

## The Spirit Continues

Christianity’s new millennium has brought with it new challenges for the Church, and like most challenges, they ultimately work for the good. Although dioceses in the upper Midwest have seen priestly vocations in a downward slide for 20 years, monastic seminarians at Saint John’s have been a constant presence during the course of the past two decades. In addition to North and South American abbeys, these seminarians have come from monastic houses in Australia, Canada, China, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Tanzania, and Uganda. Saint John’s Seminary even has had inquiries from Armenia, which are coming to fruition as *Conversatio* goes to press. Together with students in the School of Theology, these priesthood candidates take on the joys and rigors of theological studies and discipline. The classroom mix has grown from the American mosaic to a microcosm of the universal Church, which makes students’ time in Collegetown exciting, fruitful, and enriching.

Pastoral formation occurs according to the students’ degree programs and their future aims within the Church. Consequently, students convene regularly with their respective directors of formation: men and women in lay ministry with the director of ministerial formation and field education, and candidates for the permanent diaconate with the director of diocesan diaconate formation. Monastic seminarians meet weekly with the rector. It is the latter program about which I write.

## Priestly Formation at Saint John’s

In 2005, the American bishops reworked the *Program for Priestly Formation* so that seminaries in the United States would be in compliance with the new Vatican directives outlined in *Pastores dabo vobis*. Among the changes made in the 2005 document was a reassessment of what the *Program for Priestly Formation* has come to call the four pillars of priestly formation: the pastoral, intellectual, spiritual, and human. These four pillars are meant to encompass the four essential dimensions of priestly life, and therefore are necessary components of priestly formation.

In order to give clear focus to the *Program for Priestly Formation*, this past July, Saint John’s Seminary sponsored a consultation entitled, “Monastic Witness and the Priestly Vocation.” Gathered were monks and theologians from several houses and schools within the United States. Based on input from these scholars’ research, thoughts, and reflections, Saint John’s School of Theology-Seminary has developed a priestly formation program that addresses the needs of monasteries for this point in time. As such, the discussions and deliberations all showed that the greatest Benedictine gift to the Catholic Church is its monastic character. Our seminary seeks to cultivate the Benedictine ethos at every level of its priestly formation program.

At Saint John’s School of Theology-Seminary, the Rule of Benedict is the matrix through which the *Program for Priestly Formation*’s four pillars have been interpreted and implemented. The seminary formation program addresses the concerns of *Pastores dabo vobis* and the U.S. bishops while fostering and enhancing monastic life. Moreover, it attempts to address the concerns and insights expressed at the consultation, such as emotional and psychological maturity of the candidates, the monastic charism of individual houses, implementation of the monastic liturgical patrimony, and life within the monastic spiritual tradition. The rationale for such a program is that a monk studying for ordination should not only be formed for priestly ministry, but he should also grow in maturity for and appreciation of the life as lived in his abbey. When a monk returns to his home abbey, therefore, he can enrich the common life of his confreres, thereby helping his monastery in its service to the whole Church.

From its earliest days on the American frontier, Saint John’s Seminary has served the Church by applying the Benedictine values of prayer, scholarship, and hospitality to the formation of priests and theologians. It continues to do so today as it embraces the challenges of the new millennium in the faith and confidence of the resurrected Christ. The future is a new frontier within an old and venerable tradition.

# The Meaning of Labor

## A Summer Internship Experience in Arizona

By Genevieve L. Mougey, M.Div. '09

This past summer, as part of an internship with an organization called Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ), I spent two months in the Phoenix area with the Iron Workers Campaign. I spent my time advocating for the rights of workers with the IWJ organization after plunging into the campaign. My experiences as a child and high school student growing up in western Nebraska did not make me aware of the idea of worker rights. This problem did not even enter into my comprehension until college, and even then, I had no firsthand knowledge that some people do not always have safe, efficient work sites.

The story of the men I spent my summer with begins almost three years ago. Great Western Erectors (GWE) was at the time one of the largest re-bar construction companies in the area. Because of their size and economic influence in the area, they had the ability to bring about great understanding of how to treat workers justly. Instead, they have continued to abuse their workers by not providing adequate drinking water on the job site. This is the most frightening of the problems, but not the only one that I heard from the workers.

We forget that adequate access to water is a basic human right. Since we first started putting a price tag on water there seems to be an understanding that we can treat it like a commodity. We no longer look at this symbol in our religious tradition as a natural part of life, but rather as a way to make money. One of the most blatant illustrations of this trend was the ten cents an hour raise that GWE gave to its re-bar employees during the months of May-November to compensate for the cost of water that was not being provided on the work site. So, if a worker worked a 12 hour shift (for argument's sake, we will give this worker some breaks and a lunch) that raise would

amount to \$1.20 for an entire day—about the cost of a single 20 ounce bottle of water!

I would attend delegations or meetings with the men on strike daily. We would visit developers, contractors, and other builders to share their story. One of the greatest

devastations I witnessed was the palpable racism when we as a group would walk into these buildings. As my supervisor noted, “We always are treated differently when you are with us, Guenava. Lucky for us that you are white!”

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The benefits of this experience greatly outweighed the inconsistencies I saw in human interactions. There were many laughs as the workers continually treated me to phrases in Spanish, as we talked about faith, and as we challenged each other in our assumptions about the others' culture. One of the fun parts was that every week the guys would play soccer against another group of men who are on strike. Since I played on and off growing up, and refereed some games for my city league, I figured I could handle myself. Nope. They traded me to the other side at half time, and I was never invited to play again!

One of the reasons that I chose this internship was because I anticipated a transformational experience. I was seeking transformation and wanted it to be directly linked to my faith! I felt it important to make sure that my faith, spirituality and religious expression were respected by the organization I would work with, and that during my time of service I would be able to practice my faith. There were

# Door Day: Arizona

several times over the summer when I was having difficult discussions with area clergy about what it means to have workers struggling to make ends meet and unable to find a safe work environment. I found myself embracing my baptismal identity through the many documents in our rich tradition of Catholic social teaching.

The tragedy of Postville, Iowa, is a great reminder that the issue of the rights of workers is all around. The community continues to reel from the injustices of the meat packing plant that was raided by Immigration Services in May 2008. I believe that there is much to take into consideration from our written tradition of Catholic social teaching. We can be informed about the topics we encounter on a daily basis, everywhere, not just in Arizona. Injustices take place all over America.

I have continued to be surprised by how dismissive some people—people of faith—have been about workers’ rights. Instead of dealing with the understanding that workers’ rights affect everybody, there seems to be a bit of a blasé approach to these difficult topics. Some easy dismissals include the thought that because the workers’ citizenship may not be documented, they are not entitled to the same compensation or benefits as those whose citizenship is not questioned. I encountered one person who thought it would be best if the workers just moved to a different part of the country, yet we believe that regardless of where people live, they are still our brothers and sisters. The issue of workers’ rights will not go away even if workers move.

I wonder where this disconnect that is plaguing our Church, this inability to see each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, has come from. Why are we so intent on dividing ourselves on issues that we have been dealing with for years? This is not an acceptable position for the Church. Worker rights affect everyone in this nation,

regardless of citizenship. This then becomes a right to life issue, along with abortion, end of life, and other such topics. When water and safe working conditions are being denied to one, they are denied to all!

It is our obligation as brothers and sisters in Christ to welcome one another, to help one another. Those of us who have are asked to give. No longer is it enough to give out of our surplus—we are to give out of what we have! Certainly, this is a hard position, this is not an easy stance, but I imagine that dying on a cross was not easy either. The model of Jesus Christ calls us to understand that Christian witness is not about comfort. We are called to be uncomfortable.

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One of the best ways to begin this witness is to become more informed and educated about the problems that are present in our own dioceses and what the Church teaches about them. *Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage*, edited by David J. O’Brien and Thomas A. Shannon, is a wonderful English translation of all the social teaching documents published as encyclicals and bishops’ documents, many of which are also available online. To find an IWJ chapter, visit [www.iwj.org](http://www.iwj.org).

# STUDENT PROFILE

## Genevieve Mougey, M.Div. '09

Genevieve Mougey discerned her vocation to ministry very early in life. Mougey, a student in the Master of Divinity program at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary, is devoted to her Catholic heritage and continued faith journey.

Mougey's faith life was nurtured by her upbringing in the small, rural town of North Platte, Nebraska. As she grew up, she had a strong experience of the family as the domestic church. Her mother, a former Catholic elementary school teacher, taught Mougey and her siblings their first lessons in religious education in their home. Mougey also recalls her parents leading the family's celebrations of Advent and Lent each year.

As her college years approached, Mougey decided to pursue an education at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. It was there that she was first introduced to the Benedictine values of hospitality, worship, and work. She majored in English and religious education, but really fell in love with youth ministry. The example of one of the campus ministers she met at the University of Mary was a great inspiration for Mougey's own faith and spiritual life.

After graduating, Mougey got her "dream job" as the associate director of campus ministry at the Newman Center at the University of Nebraska in Kearney. She felt called to this ministry, where she could engage young people in lively discussions about their faith and help to provide them with a solid foundation in their religious heritage. As Mougey puts it, "It's not enough for students to simply go through the motions of their faith because the Church says it must be that way. I wanted students to know the why behind some of the teachings and practices that are followed in the Catholic Church." Mougey brought her own enthusiasm for ongoing education and faith growth to her ministry with these college students.

After some time working as a youth minister, Mougey decided to pursue a graduate degree. Saint John's made a powerful first impression when she visited campus. Mougey immediately fell in love with the beauty and serenity of the institution and decided that with its strong academic reputation and flourishing Benedictine values, this was the place for her.

Mougey truly enjoys her experiences at the School of Theology-Seminary and says that she cannot imagine



herself in any other situation. Active in the student community, particularly as a founding member of the editorial team for the school's student journal, *Obsculta*, Mougey finds her academic duties and the readiness of her fellow students and teachers to engage difficult questions in conversation to be the most rewarding parts of her time at Saint John's.

After graduation, Mougey not only hopes for, but truly anticipates, a life of faith. After spending last summer in Arizona completing an internship dealing with worker rights (see article on pages 14-15), she sees herself working with justice issues for the rights and dignity of workers. Until then, Mougey plans to enjoy her remaining time here and revel in the great opportunity with which she has been blessed!

# BOARD PROFILE

## Marcia Hanson



(Photo by Richard Rodeheffer, trip to the Holy Land)

Marcia Hanson is a woman of deep faith.

She has contagious energy, inspiring others to greater creativity and commitment. As a member of the Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Board of Overseers since 2006, Hanson has found a new outlet for her passion, one which allows her to act on her conviction that faith and growth in faith are essential.

She lives out this belief in other ways, as well. Hanson, who lives with her husband, Harlan, in Orono, Minnesota, invests significant time and energy in her own spiritual life. Hanson has been a faithful member of a weekly Bible study group for 15 years. The women who form this strong faith-sharing community are so intricately involved in her life and her "faith walk," she says, that they have become like family.

The women of the "Boathouse Bible Study"—they once had their meetings in a boathouse on Lake Minnetonka—have explored both Scripture and spiritual books through the years. Each member brings her own perspective to this thoroughly ecumenical group, which includes women from several different Christian traditions.

This experience of a stable ecumenical community has deepened Hanson's appreciation for ecumenism. Raised in Iowa in the Episcopal Church, she encountered people

from other Christian traditions at an early age. "I grew up thinking that being a Christian meant being faith-filled," she says. Her parents led by example; Hanson remembers three Catholic priests dining with them regularly when she was young. When asked what kind of Christian she is today, Hanson responds without hesitation, "A good one, I hope." Wholly ecumenical, she focuses on unity in the Body of Christ.

The ecumenical work of Saint John's appealed to Hanson when Lynn Fazendin, a Boathouse Bible Study regular and then a member of the Board of Overseers, invited her to become a member of the Board. Hanson recalls, "She knew I was praying for God's direction in putting my faith to work." Though she was already active in the community, becoming a member of the Board of Overseers seemed like a logical next step for Hanson to further engage her faith. Bill Cahoy, dean of the School of Theology-Seminary, is still impressed by how Hanson sees her service to Saint John's as a part of her Christian life. "Marcia brings the experience of a marketer and entrepreneur, the commitment of a disciple, a heart formed by long study of Scripture, and seeming boundless energy to her work on the Board," he says.

As a member of the School of Theology-Seminary Board of Overseers, Hanson combines an enthusiasm for theological education with expertise in marketing, design, and management. Her professional career at Target and then as a consultant, toy designer, and toy store owner gave her important goal-setting and strategic planning skills that she now uses in new ways.

For Hanson, being on the Board of Overseers has been life-giving. A trip to the Holy Land led by Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, has had particular meaning. "The Holy Land Board trip this past summer significantly deepened my faith," says Hanson. The experience changed the way she will read the Bible, she says, but spending time with such "wonderful, faith-filled people" also had a profound impact.

# MILESTONES

- 1964 **Fr. William Skudlarek, OSB**, moved to Rome in August 2008 in connection with his position as Secretary General (international coordinator) of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue.
- 1971 **Rev. Charles C. Parker** has retired but is active in Phoenix, Arizona, parishes on weekends.
- 1972 **Very Rev. Robert B. Flannery** is serving his second three-year term as president of the national Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (CADEIO) in the United States. He is pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Church in Carbondale, Illinois, and has been Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for the Diocese of Belleville since 1998.
- 1972 **Fr. Glen Lewandowski, OSC**, Master General of the Crosier Order, participated in the fall 2008 Synod on the Word of God. With **Fr. Jerry Schik, OSC**, '72, he contributed to the Catholic News Service blog on the synod.
- 1973 **Dr. Bette Ekeya** is living in Kenya, working to build a home for young women in broken relationships.
- 1978 **Jeff Fromm, Jim Connor, Ken Frisch, Denny Barnett, Paul Larson, Lauren Germann, Dale Nau, Vern Dobis, Dunstan Moorse, and Alan Ruppert** met for a 30 year seminary class reunion at the Abbey Guesthouse July 8-10, 2008.
- 1978 **Fr. Robert Pierson, OSB**, is guestmaster and director of the Abbey Spiritual Life Program at Saint John's.
- 1978 **Rev. Mark Stanger** contributed to the newest volume of *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, now in publication by Westminster John Knox Press.
- 1979 **Rev. William Hubmann** is a chaplain at Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.
- 1980 **Donna Madej** is working through the Spiritual Care Department of Providence Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington, as a full-time music-thanatologist, playing live prescriptive music with harp and voice for the dying.
- 1982 **S. Mary Willette, SSND**, is in her seventh year as principal of San Miguel Middle School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a Catholic, Lasallian school for inner city youth.
- 1984 **Catherine Johnston** has coauthored a book, *101 Questions and Answers on Catholic Married Life*, recently published by Paulist Press. She is the director of mission leadership for Providence Health and Services in Olympia, Washington, is married, and is the mother of a teenage son.
- 1986 **Rev. Becket Franks, OSB**, has been director of Abbey Advancement at Saint Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois, since 2005. Since 2008, he has been a pastoral associate in university ministry at Benedictine University.
- 1987 **Nick Wagner** is the editor of *Today's Parish Minister* and *Religion Teacher's Journal* (Bayard/ Twenty-Third Publications). In August 2008, he published *The Way of Faith: A Field Guide for the RCIA Process* (Twenty-Third Publications). He cofounded TeamRCIA.com, a free, online resource for catechumenate leaders.
- 1990 **S. Kathleen Lois Atkinson, OSB**, is the director of the Christian Leadership Center at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota.
- 1990 **Rev. Daniel Patrick McCarthy, OSB**, completed his S.L.D. degree in June 2008 at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, Sant'Anselmo. He remains in Rome to teach and write. He has coedited the book *Appreciating the Collect: An Irenic Methodology*, Saint Michael's Abbey Press, Farnborough, England, 2008. He has begun a third cycle of commentaries for the weekly column "Listen to the Word" in *The Tablet*.
- 1992 **Bea Callery** was installed as chair of the National Association for Lay Ministry at the National Ministry Summit in April 2008.
- 1993 **Robert Mueller** continues as a military chaplain (U.S. Air Force), moving from Washington, D.C. (2003-2007) to Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 1993 **Rev. Erich Rutten** is the director of campus ministry at the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. In spring 2008 he was appointed chair of the Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
- 1994 **Mike Hagstrom** received the Nano Nagle Award

- from the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fargo, North Dakota, in 2007.
- 1994 **S. Molly Weyrens, OSB**, made her first profession at Saint Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota, in July 2008.
- 1995 **Scott Hoffman** was nominated for a Lone Star Emmy for a PBS documentary, "The World, the War & Texas." It aired in Austin and other Texas markets in September 2007.
- 1995 **Lino Rulli** was featured in *The New York Times* on July 13, 2008, for his radio show, "The Catholic Guy," produced by Sirius Satellite Radio and the Archdiocese of New York.
- 1996 **Rev. James Lyons, Jr.**, is the formation director for All Saints Episcopal Church in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 1997 **Julie Kavanagh** is liturgical resource person for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, as part of the Diocesan Faith Development services. She serves on the National Commission for Liturgy and is on the panel of lecturers for the National Centre for Liturgy in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, and is a visiting lecturer for the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, England. With her husband, John, she has three daughters: Ellen (9), Kate (6) and Róisín (4).
- 1997 Katherine and **Robert Puchniak** welcomed Laura Elizabeth Puchniak on April 18, 2007.
- 1998 **S. Pegge Boehm, PBVM**, was recently appointed to half-time Hispanic ministry in the Aberdeen area and half-time representing her community with the International Presentation Association.
- 1998 **Fr. Dominic Lenk, OSB**, began living at Saint Anselm's Abbey in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2006 as part of a small group of monks from the English Benedictine Congregation to help revitalize its monastic life.
- 1998 **S. Dottie Moss, CSJ**, and her community in Concordia, Kansas, remembered the SOT·Sem in prayer on September 27, 2008, as a part of the celebration of their 125th anniversary.
- 2001 **Cynthia Rapacke Betz** is living in southern Illinois and raising 18-month-old twins, Michael and Julia, with her husband, Jerry. Previously, she was director of liturgical music at Saint Francis Seminary for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- 2001 **Kristopher Seaman** has been the associate director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Gary since 2002. He earned an M.A. in systematic theology from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, as a Bernardin Scholar in November 2008. In the fall of 2008, he was enrolled in the D.Min. program there, concentrating in liturgical studies.
- 2001 **Virginia Stillwell**, pastoral associate of liturgy and worship at Saint John Neumann Church in Eagan, Minnesota, wrote an article, "Lay Ecclesial Ministers, Looking Back, Looking Forward: One Process" published in the summer 2008 issue of *Church* on her experience as part of a Ministry Learning Community in the Saint John's School of Theology·Seminary *Conversatio* Lifelong Learning Program. Read it at [http://www.churchmagazine.org/issue/0806/par\\_lay.php](http://www.churchmagazine.org/issue/0806/par_lay.php).
- 2002 **Fr. George Busto, CO**, was featured in the August 22, 2008, *Hawaii Catholic Herald*. He was ordained on May 26, 2005, in the Philippines. Fr. Busto is a priest-in-residence at Holy Trinity in Honolulu and a chaplain for Saint Francis Healthcare System.
- 2002 **S. Marie Garman, IHM**, is in her 25th year of teaching first grade. She cantors for Incarnation Parish and for IHM congregational events, and participated in planning for the recent renovation of her community's Motherhouse Chapel.
- 2002 Megan and **Brendon Duffy** welcomed Margaret Eleanor Duffy on November 12, 2008.
- 2003 **Mary O'Neill McManus** is active in the RCIA team at her parish church with her husband, **Mike McManus '04**, who continues his work with the homeless. Their three children, Teresa, Katie, and Vincent, keep them both busy.
- 2004 **Becka Nubson** has been working full-time for the Church since graduating and in 2006 adopted a girl from Russia, who turned three in 2008.
- 2005 **Denae Fielder** and Tom Fielder welcomed Thomas Wayne Fielder, III, on February 1, 2007.
- 2005 **Julie (Olsem) Ludwig** and John Ludwig welcomed Samantha Elizabeth Ludwig on

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# MILESTONES

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- October 1, 2008.
- 2005 **Diana Macalintal** wrote an Epiphany door-chalking ritual that was published in the January 2009 *Today's Parish Minister*.
- 2005 **Sarah (Athmann) Thompson** and Chris Thompson welcomed Samuel Thompson on September 21, 2008.
- 2006 **S. Annette Kestel, PBVM**, is associate director of faith formation at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Hiawatha, Iowa. Her parish was very active in flood relief work in the summer of 2008.
- 2007 **Mary Birmingham** wrote an article on liturgical catechesis that was published in the January 2009 *Today's Parish Minister*.
- 2007 **Bill Griffiths** has been named the CEO of the National Catholic Education Commission of Australia. He has served as a deputy principal and principal of secondary schools, and for 15 years was director of Catholic education in the Northern Territory.
- 2007 **Jim Stolpa** is undergoing treatment for cancer while serving part-time as bereavement coordinator at Quiet Oaks Hospice House in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

- 2007 Denae and **Karl Henkel** welcomed Emily Marie Henkel on December 15, 2008.
- 2008 **Molly Goers** is serving as a full-time youth ministry coordinator at Saint Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and is engaged to be married to Nick Schorr on April 25, 2009.
- 2008 **Paul Radkowski** is liturgy and music coordinator at the Church of Saint Peter in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

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## Corrections

In the Spring 2006 issue, the caption of the photo on page 19 was incorrect. The photo was of Fr. Matthew Luft, OSB, his mother Sarah, and his brother Jim.

In the Spring 2008 issue, Diana Macalintal was mistakenly credited with writing an article, "Mary in Contemporary Protestant Theological Discourse," for *Worship*.

In the Spring 2008 issue, the caption on page 12 was incorrect. It should have read, "Bishops Pates and Aymond enjoy a presentation."

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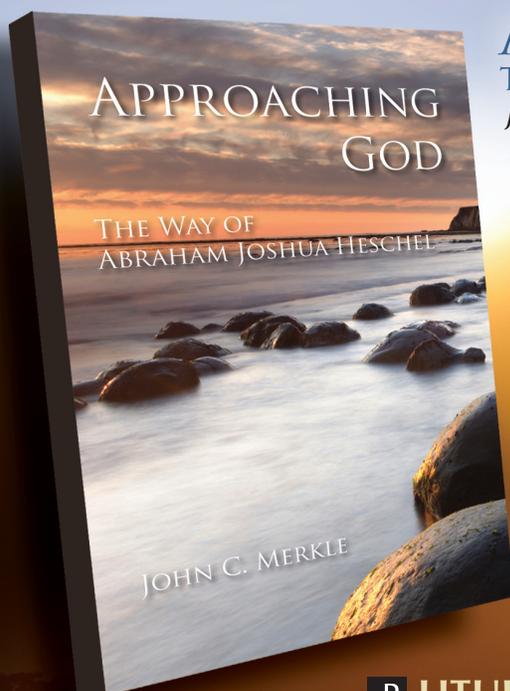
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Dear Friends,

When the apostle Paul writes, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6), he makes it clear that it is God who builds his Church, but also reminds us that the people he calls into his service have different parts to play in building it. I recently came upon this story about one of our graduates at work in the community:

Susan and her husband Wally were enjoying retirement and living the good life when Alzheimer’s took his life after 28 wonderful years of marriage. When Wally started receiving hospice care, Susan met Michelle, a 2006 graduate of Saint John’s School of Theology-Seminary, now working for the St. Cloud Hospital as a hospice chaplain. Susan remembers wondering at the time what a chaplain could do for her. She’d been alone trying to care for Wally for so long; she felt she needed practical help in caring for him at home, not spiritual.

Michelle became a very special friend to Susan during the final two years of Wally’s life. Susan came to realize that this wonderful woman came to “walk beside her” during the long process of saying goodbye to her husband. Michelle faithfully made a visit every single week up until Wally’s death. She was always there to lend a hand, say a prayer, or to help Susan process the fact that someone she loved was going to die.

We rely on local faith communities and Christian ministries to help our fellow brothers and sisters in their times of need. Our task is then to prepare leaders for the responsibilities to which God is calling them: to be that soft voice, listening ear, or warm hand to hold. Perhaps we could say that families and parishes plant the seeds, Saint John’s School of Theology-Seminary waters them, but God gives the growth.

Saint John’s School of Theology-Seminary has a vital part to play in preparing the Church for the future. We are forming Christian leaders for the mission of spreading the gospel through their words and actions.

It is a joy to witness what God does here at Saint John’s School of Theology-Seminary: to watch as the Lord graciously prepares his children to serve him in many



new ways. So you may be thinking: What is my role in this? How can I help in this important work? We want to keep the cost to students as low as possible so they are not unduly burdened with debt as they leave and begin or continue their ministries. Your support enables them to get ready for years of service. We all have a part in building up the kingdom of God.

*Grace Ellens*

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- April 2-3 **Fr. Virgilio Elizondo**, professor of pastoral and Hispanic theology at the University of Notre Dame, to give the Changing Faces Series lecture and workshop, "Jesus on the Border" and "Jesus' Border Crossings: Social and Cultural Challenges to Ministry" sponsored by the SOT·Sem and CSB's Companions on a Journey.
- May 16-June 6 **2009 Holy Land Study Tour**. Call 320-363-2839 or e-mail [bdunn@csbsju.edu](mailto:bdunn@csbsju.edu) for information.
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- June 15-July 24 **SOT·Sem Summer Session**. For both beginning and continuing graduate students.  
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- June 28-July 2 **2009 Monastic Institute**, "Household Economics: Simplicity and Sustainability in Community"
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- July 20-23 **Collegeville Conference on Music, Liturgy, and Theology. "A Church in Change: Hope and Creativity."** Presenters: Fr. Michael Joncas; S. Sheila Browne, RSM; Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB. Clinicians: Kim Kasling, Lynn Trapp, Axel Theimer, and others. Codirectors: Kim Kasling, Lynn Trapp.  
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