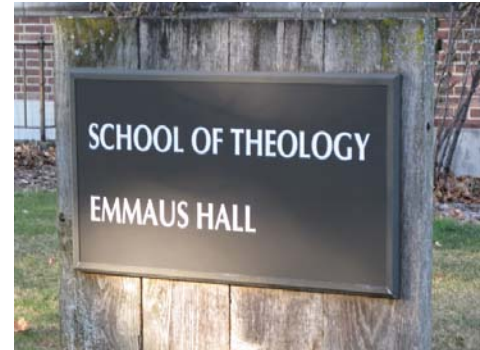




The last days of autumn have passed, the trees have dropped all their leaves, the grounds crew have taken in the benches, tied up the trees and put up the snow fences. Lake Sagatagan and the surrounding lakes have frozen and we wait, with some excitement, for our first measurable snow of the season.

One very exciting change that has taken place is that we now have official signage on the grounds around Emmaus Hall that read: "School of Theology Emmaus Hall". We are very pleased that we now have signage that more accurately identifies who we are.



To keep you updated on what is happening on campus, the following are some highlights of what is coming in 2009.

- + In January, the winter issue of *Conversatio*, our Alumni/ae magazine will be mailed to all our alums. *Conversatio*, published twice a year, in the winter and spring offers in depth articles on and from alums, and faculty, updates from Dean Cahoy and Abbot John Klassen, and general information on what is happenings here on campus. If you don't receive your copy by mid February, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to look into it.
- + On February 20, 2009, the Ministerial Formation department is sponsoring a daylong workshop: **Exploring the Limits: Boundaries in a Professional Relationship**. The workshop, geared toward lay ecclesial ministers, deacons and priests will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. On line registration and information on the presenter, Michael Morton are available at [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot).
- + Save the date: April 2-3, 2009 for the Changing Faces Multicultural Conference with this year's guest speaker, Fr. Virgilio Elizondo, professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology, University of Notre Dame. Watch our web site [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot) for more details and on line registration. The Changing Faces Multicultural Conference is co-sponsored by Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and College of Saint Benedict's Vocation Project.
- + In May we are planning the annual Holy Land Study Tour with Fr. Michael Patella, OSB as the faculty facilitator and guide. This is a three credit graduate course that is open to undergrads as a four credit course. More information and the application form are also available on our revised web site, [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot).

Throughout the summer months we will be sponsoring a variety of conferences, e.g., Monastic Institute, NCYC, Liturgical Music and the YTM Summer Institute.

In addition to these special events, we continue to offer a series of lectures known as *Theology Days*. The lectures, offered three times, twice at SJU/SOT-Sem and once at Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, are offered without cost to the general public as a way of deepening their understanding of their faith. Faculty featured in the 09 lectures series include Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB and Dr. Jon Armajani. Information and registration for *Theology Days* is available on our web site, [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot)

May God continue to bless each and everyone one of you with an abundance of his gifts.

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