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**ABOUT THE COVER**

Youth in Theology and Ministry Program (YTM) counselors and youth enjoy the afternoon sun on the shores of Saint John’s Lake Sagatagan. YTM is for high school age Catholic leadership youth who have had positive experiences of Church and want to gather with other like minded youth and adults to explore faith, leadership and vocation.

This program engages the adult mentors, who work in parish ministry, in a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

To learn more about YTM, visit www.YTM-SJU.org.
This past spring we witnessed a remarkable outpouring of emotion at the death of John Paul II from people in and out of the Catholic Church. The reaction watched on televisions around the world showed the power of the office of the papacy. Even more, it showed the power of personal witness. In a world where so much seems determined by polls and the fickle winds of public opinion, John Paul’s clarity of vision and consistency of commitment were respected even by those who disagreed with him. Few, if any, of us will ever come close to the opportunities—and responsibilities—of office John Paul II had. But all of us have the opportunity—and responsibility—of witness; the opportunity to live out our lives with consistency, commitment and compassion in whatever office we find ourselves.

This is true too for institutions like Saint John’s and the School of Theology•Seminary. While reading the signs of the times, the shifting needs and circumstances of the church, we are called to maintain a clarity of vision and consistency of commitment. The church should expect nothing less from us. Our vision, our witness, is needed now as much as ever.

Over the decades one of the things that has been consistent about Saint John’s is quality people teaching and living out that vision. In this edition of Conversatio we celebrate four such people, or in one case a group of people, whose contributions have been recognized in particularly public ways this past year. As it turns out, they also represent the four major components of the School of Theology•Seminary community: alums, students, staff, and faculty.

It is not widely known, even in the Saint John’s community, but we were the first Catholic theologate in the U.S. and probably the world, to offer graduate theological education to women. In the summer of 1958, well before Vatican II, even before Blessed John XXIII was in office, women began studying in the Benedictine Institute of Sacred Theology (BIST) sponsored by Saint Benedict’s Monastery. Since Saint John’s was already accredited to offer graduate degrees, this quickly evolved into a partnership with the Seminary (a partnership that evolved into the School of Theology) and the first class finished their degrees in 1962.

In recognition of this historic development the alumni association inaugurated the Sister Mary Anthony Wagner, OSB, Award this past year. Named for a guiding force behind BIST and the first dean of the School of Theology, it will be given to women graduates who have prophetically and courageously used their gifts for the good of the church and the world. Appropriately, and with great joy, the first award was given to that first class of women to receive their degrees. Four of them joined us in the spring of 2005 for a wonderful celebration of their pioneering work. As you can imagine, the time flowed with stories of their student days and their diverse work since.

More recently, Augie Turak, who was a sabbatical student in 2002, won the grand prize of $100,000 in the inaugural Templeton Foundation essay contest on “The Power of Purpose.” Augie’s essay, “Brother John,” was selected from more than 7,300 entrants. Augie says he came to Saint John’s seeking a place to pray, to learn and to think. He found all of that and more. Part of the “more” was the realization, through the encouragement of the faculty, that he could write and that he had something to say. This essay is the first fruit of that realization.

Victor Klimoski, graduate of the SOT•Sem and Director of Lifelong Learning, received the 2005 Bishop Loras T. Lane Award from the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), which is given for distinguished service to the Catholic seminaries of the United States. In presenting it, the NCEA said it...
All ministry is rooted in our baptism in the Risen Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are given to us in this sacrament. Each one of us, at some point in our life, needs to hear the words that Jesus heard as he came out of the waters of the Jordan, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit: This is my Beloved Daughter, Son, in whom I am well pleased. In this simple but powerful scene the relationship between humility and giftedness are in perfect harmony. I know the gracious gift of God – I know who I truly am. The gifts that are graciously given to me are oriented toward the building up of the Body of Christ.

After Jesus is baptized and is fully aware of his identity, he is immediately tested. Now there are choices that are wildly inconsistent with his identity. The three temptations are about how Jesus will use his gifts in ministry. Will he use them in a way that is inconsistent with whom he is as Beloved Son, that is, with loss of humility?

**FIRST TEMPTATION**

Who really is this Beloved of God? Well Satan has some ideas. “If you are the Beloved Son, you should be full. You shouldn’t be empty.” Jesus, in his response, says, “I am the Beloved, and I am hungry and empty. I live by the Word.” You should never be empty. As a gifted minister I can be surprised by the demands of this vocation and profession; and panic when I find myself empty. It is especially in these times that I need to follow the witness of Jesus and take time for prayer and reflection.

**SECOND TEMPTATION**

Then the tempter takes Jesus to the top of a high mountain and shows him all the kingdoms of the world – magic of course and says, “All these I will give you if you prostrate yourself in homage before me. If you are the Beloved, you should have the power to do anything you want.” Jesus replies that God’s power in the world is not the power of dominance and control, it is the power of love.

How easy for us to try to get our way by the use of force and power. As Christian ministers we have to be clear about the way we make decisions in community. We all know how difficult listening in community is, how hard it is to come to a balance between the needs of the community and letting our gifts be for the upbuilding of this community.

**THIRD TEMPTATION**

The tempter is not finished, but takes Jesus to the parapet of the temple. “If you are the Son of God, the Beloved, you should be safe from physical harm” As one commentator has said, “If Jesus wants to get down from the temple, he will have to walk down like everybody else.” Jesus is the Beloved and he cannot use force and power to do whatever he wants.

How easily I am tempted to think that God’s blessing will protect me from all harm, that God has absolute control over the events in my life. If God were to protect us from all harm, God would have to take all of the randomness out of natural processes, and extract all human freedom from our lives. To know that I am a beloved daughter or beloved son is to recognize that even in the midst of real awfulness and tragedy, there can be grace and blessing.

For Christian ministers this story of the temptations, coupled with the Baptism of Jesus, provides helpful insights into the relationship between humility and giftedness.

Abbot John Klassen, OSB
CERTIFIED LAY CHURCH MINISTERS HONORED AT MCEA CONVENTION

The inaugural certification of Lay Ministers through the MCEA Lay Ecclesial Minister Certification Program took place on August 25. Forty-eight individuals from across Minnesota were acknowledged during Liturgy at the 2005 MCEA Convention in St. Cloud. Lay ministers were recognized for demonstrating established levels of competence in Youth Ministry or Catechetical Leadership.

The Catholic bishops of Minnesota are the first in the nation to approve this statewide certification process for lay persons involved with religious education/faith formation and ministry to youth. The Minnesota Catholic Education Association (MCEA) certification process is certified by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Commission on Certification and Accreditation.

Family and friends joined Archbishop Flynn, Bishop Pates, his associate, Bishop Kinney, Bishop Nienstedt, and Bishop Balke in congratulating these lay men and women on their accomplishment of being the first group in the U.S. to receive state certification. With more and more lay persons assuming ministerial roles once filled mostly by clergy and religious, church leaders recognize the need to support them with appropriate education and skills.

Of the 48 men and women receiving certification, half are graduates of Saint John’s SOT•Sem.

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL: MANY COMMUNITIES
July 1 - 7, 2006

The 21st Annual Monastic Institute examines the phenomenon of newly emerging monastic communities amidst the decreases in traditional monastic communities by convening a conversation among members and scholars of these various forms of community life. The goal is to increase understanding of the cultural dynamics generating new religious communities and to explore what established monastic communities and new communities can learn from each other’s experiences.

Featured speakers include Abbot Primate Norker Wolf, OSB; Abbess Máire Hickey, OSB, Moderator of Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum; Columba Stewart, OSB, Director of Hill Museum and Manuscript Library; Kevin Seasoltz, OSB, editor of Worship; Meg Funk, OSB, author of Thoughts Matter; and Christine Pohl, author of Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition.

The Monastic Institute is part of the 150th anniversary celebration of Benedictines in Central Minnesota: Saint John’s Abbey - 2006 and Saint Benedict’s Monastery – 2007.

For more information visit the News & Events section of the SOT•Sem website: www.csbsju.edu/sot/ or contact Linda Schreiber, lschreiber@csbsju.edu or 320-363-3154.

SOT•SEM STUDENT APPOINTED CATHEDRAL ORGAN SCHOLAR

Christopher Stroh has been appointed Cathedral Organ Scholar for the 2005-2006 season at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Saint Paul, MN. His duties include regularly playing the Sunday afternoon liturgy on the Cathedral’s 1929 E. M. Skinner and 1963 Aeolian-Skinner pipe organs, providing music for Cathedral weddings.

Photo by Joe Young, Courtesy of The Saint Cloud Visitor

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In the midst of many parishes clustering and closing in rural dioceses, Jennifer Hartmann has seized a rare opportunity – joining the staff at a new parish.

Hartmann, who graduated from Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary in 2002, came to Saint John’s with a Bachelors degree in Music Education and several years of teaching under her belt. She had volunteered since her youth in all aspects of parish ministry in her home parish – St. Michael’s in Sioux Falls, SD – but had not had any formal theological training. After deciding she wanted to be a Director of Liturgy and Music, Hartmann looked at several liturgical music programs. “I chose Saint John’s,” she said, “because I thought the program was well-rounded and would provide me both with the theological education and the hands-on skills I would need for parish ministry.”

After graduating from the SOT•Sem, Hartmann worked two years at the Church of St. Pius X in Rochester, MN, until learning of an opportunity that would bring her back to her roots. Responding to growth on the west side of Sioux Falls, SD, diocesan leaders decided to draw new parish boundaries in Sioux Falls and open St. Katharine Drexel Parish in July, 2004. Hartmann accepted a position as Director of Music and Liturgy and Volunteer Coordinator.

The parish began with 400 charter member families. “People in a new parish are eager to help and take ownership. Parishioners are stepping forward all the time to try something new that they wouldn’t have attempted in a larger parish for fear of becoming lost in the crowd. There’s a real ‘family’ feel here,” Hartmann said.

The parish also faces challenges. “Our biggest challenge is not having a permanent worship space,” Hartmann said, “It will be 2-3 years before we have the funds to build.” Currently, parish offices are located in one side of a duplex, and the congregation worships in a Reformed Church on Saturday nights and the Catholic junior high gymnasium on Sunday mornings. The challenging circumstances build community both among church members and outside the parish community. “We’ve been very lucky so far, and feel blessed by the generosity and hospitality others have extended to us,” Hartmann noted.

Hartmann has been challenged in her new position. She notes that ministers are expected to know a little bit about everything these days. She is responsible for directing several choirs, planning weekend liturgies, training liturgical ministers, meeting with engaged couples to plan their weddings, and making home visits to new parishioners.

She values her experience at Saint John’s immensely.

Hartmann feels well-equipped to address the challenges of the fledgling parish of St. Katharine Drexel in her hometown of Sioux Falls, SD.

“I value all of the ‘hands-on’ experience I gained at Saint John’s,” Hartmann recalls. “The ability to work well with others (whether or not you agree with what they have to say) is invaluable in ministry. People need to feel welcomed, listened to, and feel that they are an important part of the parish community.”

One has the sense that St. Katharine Drexel Parish is in good hands.
Father Matthew Luft, OSB, 32, grew up with two older sisters and three younger brothers in Des Moines, IA. His father, Dennis, a permanent deacon, and his mother, Sarah, work together as Family Life Ministers for the Diocese of Des Moines. He says that his parents’ example as ministers opened the door for his vocation.

“Growing up, being involved in the Church was an important piece of being Catholic.” Father Matthew recalls, “My father was a Eucharistic Minister and on the parish council. My parents always encouraged me and my siblings to take our faith seriously, and there was a real sense that it was all right to consider a vocation within the Church, as well as outside the Church.”

Discernment of a religious vocation took its own time for Father Matthew. A 1995 graduate of Saint John’s University, he recalls a vocational turning point during his senior year: “I participated in two key programs: a study abroad program in Sevilla, Spain and an Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program to Nogales, Mexico. On the study abroad program I began to realize what really is important to me. The ASB showed me that any ministry must begin with a calling from a community that knows you well.”

After graduation, Father Matthew applied to the Diocese of Des Moines to enter the seminary program. The following year, his Bishop assigned him to the Catholic University of America to begin major seminary at Theological College. “I studied there for two years,” Father Matthew says, “and then took a leave to decide if I really wanted to be a diocesan priest.”

“I went to Tempe, AZ, to teach in the Chandler Public Schools and became involved with the Life Teen Program at Saint Benedict’s Catholic Church. My time at Saint Ben’s was influential in helping me discern entering the monastic community. I loved the parish, loved working with the teens, and I loved my teaching job, but I realized that I was missing the community aspect of life, and that for me to be healthy and happy, I would like to have it.”

This desire for community culminated in his return to Collegeville: “I joined the monastic community in September of 2000. After novitiate, the Abbot assigned me to teach and work at the Prep School. I asked Abbot John the following year to resume seminary studies because I felt called to priestly ministry.”

As Father Matthew completes his degree program, he is embarking on a new challenge, learning to balance his life as...
SAINT JOHN’S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY • SEMINARY GRADUATES

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FOLLOWING ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM GRADUATE REFLECTIONS.

“Four and a half years ago, I was in a discerning process on what to do with my life because I just decided to stay home with the family and that was my main vocation. But the Holy Spirit led me to Saint John’s, and it has been an adventure. There have been times of Psalms of confidence, lamenting with cohort members; times of thanksgiving and also of hymns of praise.”

Kristi Warne, MA Pastoral Ministry
YTM Cohort
Youth Director at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Richmond, MN

SPRING 2005

Seated front row: Sarah Thompson, MA Pastoral Ministry; Kristi Warne, MA Pastoral Ministry; Mary Pat Potts, MA Pastoral Ministry; Jakob Rinderknecht, MA Systematics; Patricia Vanni, Master of Divinity; Paul Thoemke, MA Monastic Studies
First Row standing: Donelle Poling, MA Pastoral Ministry; Rachel Wagner, Master of Divinity; Virginia Duschner, MA Pastoral Ministry; Patricia Flicker, MA Pastoral Ministry; Sara Heutinck, MA Pastoral Ministry; Tamara Moore, MA Monastic Studies; Lori Dowling, MA Pastoral Ministry; Walter Kiefer, OSB, Master of Divinity
Second row standing: Jennifer Knoll, MA Pastoral Ministry; Deborah Rudolph, MA Pastoral Ministry; Scott Frieler, MA Pastoral Ministry; Ray Hollcraft, MA Pastoral Ministry; Joseph Bender, Master of Divinity; Thomas Pinataro, Master of Divinity; Mary-Jo Schultz, Master of Divinity; Matthew Luft, OSB, MA Liturgical Studies
“I feel privileged to stand here with this community. When I came here four years ago, I didn't think this was possible. God has called and has set me on a path. Each one of you, as I look out here tonight, is part of that journey. I am ever so thankful. I thank God. God is so good.”

Deborah Rudolph, MA Pastoral Ministry, YTM Cohort
Director of Faith Formation, St. Anna, Holdingford, St. Wendle and Opole

“I’d like to thank the faculty for your dedication and patience and sharing your knowledge and your passion for learning. In the years to come, when I reflect back on this experience, I can say with utter certainty that I will not have forgotten my educational experience here.”

Joseph Bender, Master of Divinity CPE Residency, St. Paul, MN

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LIVING HIS VOCATION

vo·ca·tion (vō kā′shən), n. 1. a particular occupation, business, or profession; calling. 2. a strong impulse or inclination to follow a particular activity or career. 3. a divine call to God’s service or to the Christian life. 4. a function or station in life to which one is called by God: the religious vocation; the vocation of marriage. [1400–50; late ME vocaciō(u)n < L vocātiōn- (s. of vocātiō) a call, summons, equiv. to vocāt(us) ptp. of vocāre to call (see -ate1) + -iōn- -ion] —Syn. 1. employment, pursuit.

When people hear the word vocation, they typically think of those who are ordained, have made a profession of vows or are in full-time ministry for the Church. And, if you were to look up vocation in the dictionary, you would find a somewhat more elaborate definition.

Boyle, a 1981 graduate of Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary, lives out his vocation in many ways. He is dedicated to his children and wife Kathleen, volunteers at his church, works as an attorney, and serves on the SOT•Sem Board of Overseers.

The call to live his life for God came early in Boyle’s life. As a young man, he attended the seminary at St. Meinrad in Indiana for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. It was during this time that Boyle had an opportunity to visit Saint John’s. As he further discerned God’s call, Boyle realized that his vocation lay outside the priesthood. He later came to Saint John’s to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Theology and to work in campus ministry as a lay minister.

When you talk to Boyle, you get a strong sense that he is a man who has his priorities straight. You also learn that he is a very busy man who dedicates himself fully to the things that he believes in. Boyle uses the lessons he learned at Saint John’s to bring deeper meaning to his activities and to keep his hectic life in balance.

“Saint John’s helped me to be centered and to have balance in living with many challenges. My family is at the core,” Boyle said. He and Kathleen have two sons; Jeffrey, 18, and Joseph, 17. “It’s important for me to take the time to be with my family and to support the things that make their lives better, like our church and the children’s Catholic school.”

Boyle brings the same dedication to his law practice as a trial attorney at the Minneapolis firm of Moss & Barnett. “My experience in ministry taught me to be a good listener, which only makes me a better attorney. Litigation is emotional for all the people involved. Listening to the personal side of the issues helps get them resolved. It helps me to be a better advocate for my clients. I can be compassionate and competent in helping guide clients do what is right for them.”

John and Kathleen Boyle after a football game with their sons Jeffrey and Joseph.

If you ask John Boyle, he would tell you that your vocation is striving to live out God’s calling through your family life, work and service to the Church and community.

Boyle’s belief in the value of the SOT•Sem is evident in his tireless service on the Board of Overseers. In addition to serving as chair, Boyle serves on the development and membership committees. “The future of the Church depends on places like Saint John’s. As chair, I would like to see the Board as collegial and inclusive as possible to maintain the strength and viability of the School.”

“John has been an incredible asset to our Board of Directors,” said Bill Cahoy, Dean of the SOT•Sem. “He is a classic example of the many ways in which a person can live out God’s call in their own lives.”

Winter 2006
Benedictine Daily Prayer: A Short Breviary

Edited by Maxwell E. Johnson, with the Monks of Saint John’s Abbey Liturgical Press 2005

The first thing you notice is how it feels to hold. The size fits so nicely in your hand, and the soft leather-like cover invites you to open to its pages. Noting its heft, you flip to the back to check the number of pages – 2,496. Instead of being intimidated by the volume, you can’t wait to get to know it intimately. Open to any page, and the words jump out at you, pulling you into prayer before you have a chance to think about it.

For anyone who either has or desires a deep and ordered prayer life, this book is a gem. The monastic practice of stopping seven times each day to pray, to enter deeply into scripture through the recitation and singing of psalms, canticles and readings, has survived for more than 1500 years because it works. It transforms one’s way of thinking, of living, of being. If you have the good fortune to live in or near a religious community with whom to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, as we do here at Saint John’s, good for you. Even so, you will occasionally be away from the community during prayer time, and will want a tool to help you pray on your own. For those who do not have the privilege of praying regularly in a community, a book like this is even more valuable.

Anyone who is familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours will be able to move right into this breviary. But even for those relatively unacquainted with the order of monastic prayer, the transition will not be difficult. The book is set up in a very orderly, common sense way, and the five ribbon markers allow the user to mark the appropriate spots for the ordinary, psalms, canticles, commons and the like, so as to be able to move smoothly through the day, the week, and the liturgical year. If you are a complete novice at this style of praying, a 14-page introduction will tell you what you need to know in order to get started.

Benedictine Daily Prayer was edited by Dr. Maxwell Johnson, an alum of Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary and professor at the University of Notre Dame, in collaboration with the monks of Saint John’s Abbey. Although an abridged version of the monastic office hymnody, psalmody and Scripture, it nonetheless contains significantly more resources than many other adaptations of the monastic office have included.

It is no secret that interest in monastic life and prayer has grown over the past decade, as faithful Christians in all forms of life seek a way to order their own lives according to God’s wisdom. This awareness of the gift of monastic prayer has spilled over from its roots in the Roman Catholic tradition to virtually all Christian denominations. Not only, then, is Benedictine Daily Prayer a spiritual resource that will serve Christians of all traditions, but I think it also carries the potential to foster an ecumenical spirit. For as we pray together, so we grow together.

Reviewed by Kaira J. Adam ’00, Como, Colorado
Most of the people reading this newsletter never met her. Current theology students may not even know that she helped found the institute that later became Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary. The little girls of today who will be tomorrow’s pastoral ministers may never hear the name of the woman whose pioneering efforts opened the doors for women in the field of theology. But each one of them, and all of us, owe a debt of gratitude to Sister Mary Anthony Wagner, OSB.

A sister of St. Benedict’s Monastery for more than 60 years, Sister Mary Anthony was a woman of prayer, of courage, and of faith. She died at age 85 in September of 2002.

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Sister Mary Anthony’s memoriam in Conversatio in 2002 reveals the high regard with which she is remembered by her friends and colleagues. “She was a shining example of the Benedictine ideal of combining work and prayer in daily life,” says CSB/SJU theology professor John Merkle. Father. Killian McDonnell, OSB, recalls that “she was as gentle as a feather and determined as a rock.” “She was a very prayerful, holy woman. Yet, very joyful,” adds Father Luke Steiner, OSB. “The greatest thing was her warmth and hospitality.”

She was among the very first women to earn a doctorate in theology in this country, and she worked tirelessly to offer the opportunities she had been given to others. As early as 1950, according to Sister Angelo Haspert, OSB, of St. Benedict’s Monastery, Collegeville, MN, she gave a paper at St. Anselm’s Abbey in Manchester, NH in which she “pleaded for more theological and systematic training in Benedictine Monasteries preparing women to take on major leadership roles and for novice directors.” She helped to found the Benedictine Institute of Sacred Theology (BIST), which would later become the Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary.

When the academic program for seminarians and the graduate program for lay theology students merged in 1974 to form the School of Theology•Seminary, Sister Mary Anthony served as its first dean. With great vision, she recognized the need for women working in the Church to have sound theological education. Working with Saint John’s University in its prophetic mission to offer theological education to lay people, and especially women, Sister Mary Anthony was a dynamic role model for women in leadership roles in the Church.
ANNOUNCING THE SISTER MARY ANTHONY WAGNER AWARD

The Catholic Church of this country truly owes Sister Mary Anthony a debt of gratitude for the diversity of ministers and well-served churches we may be tempted to take for granted. To keep her memory alive, both as a way of honoring her and also as a way of keeping the fire she started ablaze, the Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary announces the Sister Mary Anthony Wagner, OSB, Award. This award will be given annually to one or more alumnae of Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary, and will honor women who have prophetically and courageously used their gifts and encouraged other women to develop their gifts for the good of the world.

The intent of this award is to remember the vision and courage of Sister Mary Anthony in her commitment to empowering women to use their talents and gifts for the good of the Church and society, and to thereby encourage new generations of women by honoring alumnae who have taken up her legacy and moved it forward.


The first recipients of the award were as groundbreaking as Sister Mary Anthony in their own way. They are a group of mainly Benedictine sisters, from all over the United States. Now, they are in their 80’s and 90’s – some of them are no longer living – but all of them should be remembered as the bold classes of 1962 and 63, of the BIST, the first class of women to receive a master’s degree from a seminary in this country.

They came to St. Benedict’s College in St. Joseph, MN, which hosted to BIST until the first class graduated in 1962. According to class member Sister Lucille Hubmann, OSB, (St. Bede Monastery, Eau Claire, WI), “The US Benedictine Prioresses… wholeheartedly responded to the BIST. They pledged to send at least one sister from their communities to begin this unique and foresighted institute.” Those sisters went on to serve their communities and the wider church as novice directors, teachers, pastoral ministers and other leaders.

DAILY LIFE AT THE BIST

The women of the class of ’62 with whom we were able to speak for this article remembered fondly their time at the BIST, and were grateful for the opportunity to talk about their time here. It was, for many of them, an exciting time, formative for them personally and opened doors within their vocation. They

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built community here, remembers Sister Lucille, “While on campus at St. Ben’s, we were sort of set apart from the rest of the students. We had our separate dining room and residence hall. We were encouraged to recreate together. Since almost all Benedictine congregations were represented this was an enriching experience as we shared our monastic, cultural and geographic difference. I recall Sister Mauris from Culman, AL (recently deceased) who let us northerners know how little we understand the southern side of the Civil War.”

Sister Angelo Haspert, OSB, of St. Benedict’s Monastery, also appreciated the community of students, “…we were sort of separated (from the monastic and college communities at St. Ben’s) and so formed a community of our own which enabled us to dialogue, argue, discuss, and appreciate each other’s wisdom. Our daily life enabled us to be for each other and to learn from one another. We did have time for leisure and what we called that time ‘recreation’ time. Long time friendships were formed.”

THE WORK OF LEARNING

The quality of the education the students received was challenging and useful for the sisters, as several of them described walking immediately into positions of leadership in their communities upon graduation. “I had just finished my 5th year in the BIST when I was asked to be the novice director for our community,” recalls Sister Angelo. “I felt basically prepared to step into that position. After nine years as novice director, I taught Scripture and Moral Theology at St. Benedict’s College for 25 years. My years in the SOT•Sem prepared me well and challenged me to continue my studies through continued reading and refresher courses as Vatican II challenged us religious to go back to our roots and renew ourselves.”

Sister Audrey Jones, OSB, of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, MO also remembers Vatican II as an important watershed of the time. “The classes opened new worlds to me in theology which prepared me to respond more enthusiastically to the ‘open windows’ of Vatican II. I was able to help explain Vatican II documents to sisters in our community who had not had my experience at BIST, also my reading has, since that time, been more enlightened by the background BIST provided.”

With a laugh, Sister Maureen recalls the joy of being a student, “One of the amusing things that happened was in a class on Patrology with Fr. Godfrey Diekman (now deceased). He would become so excited about his topic that we were sure he would fall off the raised platform, but he never did those summers.”

A WORD FOR THE STUDENTS OF TODAY

When asked what they would tell today’s students at the SOT•SEM, the sisters with whom we spoke revealed their affection for and deep memory of the institution. Sister Angelo offered this advice: “The message I would leave with graduates, men and women, is to be men and women of prayer. Knowledge is a gift but unless it is rooted and interiorized through and in prayer, it can remain static and dead and can leave your students, your ministry and you empty. Schedule time in your busy, busy day to pray; to be with God; to be with self. Listening to God’s invitation here at Emmaus will begin that love relationship and dance with the Spirit that will find a place your busy schedule. Seek out someone – a friend, a spiritual director with whom you can share the challenge of the new steps of the dance. Allow the Word of God, the Scriptures, to form you into the person God created you to be.”

“This time in the School of Theology is a wonderful experience that will continue to reveal its worth the rest of their lives,” offered Sister Audrey. “The best advantage they could take of the experience is to blend their studies with prayer to deepen their belief and trust in the God who loves them. My message to women working toward a graduate degree is (also) to stay open to ecumenism, to other beliefs or non-beliefs, to love others with the love Christ came to teach us all.”

Sister Maureen Truland, OSB, also of the BSPA community in Clyde, MO, offered simply, “For women studying theology now I would encourage them to continue with joy, relishing the time studying at Saint Johns.” Spoken like one who knows. Our gratitude and congratulations to them and to their colleagues, the BIST Classes of 1962 and ‘63.

2006 ALUMNI AWARDS

The 2006 Sister Mary Anthony Wagner award is being presented to Sister Mary Frances Reis, VHM, of the Visitation Sisters of Minneapolis on Thursday, April 6. She will be featured in the next edition of Conversatio.

The SOT•Sem is still accepting nominations from alumni for the 2006 Ezekiel: Prophet of Hope Award. Nominations can be forwarded to akampa@csbsju.edu or 320-363-3570.
various work with Cathedral musicians and ensembles, providing music for weekend liturgies in the absence of the incumbent Cathedral organists and regular study sessions of service playing and organ literature.

Stroh earned his BA Music concentration in organ performance, from Saint John’s University, Collegeville, MN, where he studied with Dr. Kim R. Kasling, Organist of the Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, MN. He is currently a candidate for the M.A. degree in Liturgical Music at the School of Theology•Seminary where he continues organ studies with Dr. Kasling.

**BISHOP DONALD TRAUTMAN TO PRESENT ANNUAL DIEKMANN LECTURE**

Bishop Donald Trautman presented “The Relationship of the Active Participation of the Assembly to Liturgical Translations” for the Godfrey Diekmann Center Lecture at SJU’s Steven B. Humphrey Theatre on March 27.

In his lecture, Bishop Trautman demonstrated that “full, conscious, and active participation” of the Eucharistic assembly should be the essential criterion and ultimate goal for all translations of the Sacramentary and Lectionary. A translated text must be more than precise and faithful to the original; it must also dispose and lead to active participation of those gathered around the Lord’s Table.

Bishop Trautman, Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, PA, and Chair of the Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Liturgy, studied under noted theologian, Karl Rahner, and renowned liturgist, Josef Jungmann, and earned a doctorate in Sacred Theology from St. Thomas Aquinas University in Rome. During his time in Rome, Bishop Trautman assisted at the Second Vatican Council.

The Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, Center for Patristics and Liturgical Studies promotes the study and teaching of the early church and sacred liturgy. The Center seeks to expand contemporary understandings of the foundations of Christian life and its worship traditions through the centuries by supporting research, publications, and public lectures.

**LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY ALLELUIA!**

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR 2006 SEASON**

Applications and audition tapes are now being accepted for the 2006 season of the National Catholic Youth Choir (NCYC).

The NCYC is a liturgically-based choir open to Roman Catholic youth entering 10th through 12th grade. The program, sponsored by Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary, takes place each summer on the beautiful wooded grounds of Saint John’s Abbey and University in central Minnesota. The conductor of the choir is internationally renowned choral clinician Dr. Axel Theimer.

The Choir was founded by Father Anthony Ruff, OSB, of Saint John’s Abbey. He notes that “What is unique about the National Catholic Youth Choir is its liturgical focus.” Choristers learn about the Catholic liturgy and how the treasury of sacred music (Gregorian chant, Palestrina, Mozart, Bruckner, Poulenc, Duruflé...) fits in Catholic worship today. The choir also sings contemporary and newly-written music, some of it specially commissioned for the NCYC.

For more information about the NCYC and the application process visit the website at: www.CatholicYouthChoir.org or contact Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, at 320-363-3233 or awruff@csbsju.edu.

**SUMMER CLASSES AT SAINT JOHN’S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY•SEMINARY**

The SOT•Sem is offering summer courses from June 19 to July 28, 2006. Courses can be applied toward a degree program or can be audited for enrichment.

Theological education at Saint John’s is steeped in the Benedictine tradition of conversatio - a life-long conversion into the likeness of Christ through discipline, prayer, work, contemplation, study, community and service.

If you have a sense of being called to God’s work, please consider this an invitation to Saint John’s. Our Summer Brochure with class offerings is now available.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the Summer Brochure, please contact Brendon Duffy, Marketing and Admissions Director at 320-363-2102 or bduffy@csbsju.edu.
The North American Academy of Liturgy presented its 2005 Berakah Award to Father R. Kevin Seasoltz, OSB, JCD, Saint John’s Abbey, who teaches canon law and liturgy at Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary.

Members of the North American Academy of Liturgy are specialists in liturgical studies, theologians, artists, musicians, and persons in related disciplines, whose work affects liturgical expression and furthers liturgical understanding. The Berakah Award has is given each year to a member of the Academy who has made a significant contribution to liturgical studies or the liturgical arts.

The award citation lauds Father Kevin as an “intrepid editor, wide-ranging teacher, wise administrator, faithful pastor and Benedictine Anglophile.”

Father Kevin credits his mentors: Father Johannes Quasten, Father Johannes Hofinger SJ, Msgr. Frederic McManus and Father Gerard Sloyan. His long association with British abbeys has taught him, he says, "the primary importance of personal prayer in the life of a liturgist; without it, the liturgy soon degenerates into empty ritualism and mere aesthetic performance."

Among his many accomplishments, Father Kevin has served as editor of Worship magazine since 1987. Worship is a bi-monthly ecumenical journal devoted to the study of liturgical theology and practice. He also served as Rector of Saint John’s Seminary from 1988 to 1992. He studied at Saint Mary’s College, Baltimore, MD, and the Lateran University, Rome. In 1962, The Catholic University of America awarded Father Kevin the doctorate in canon law. From 1962 until 1988, Father Kevin taught at The Catholic University of America. He is the author of four books and over 200 academic articles and has lectured extensively throughout the English-speaking world.

Benedictines are frequently recipients of the Berakah Award. Other monastics honored include Father Aidan Kavanaugh, OSB, Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, Oblate Frank Kacmarcik, Father Michael Marx, OSB, Father Aelred Tegels, OSB and Sister Mary Collins, OSB.

Father Kevin also has recently published a major work on theology and art. A Sense of the Sacred: Theological Foundations of Christian Architecture and Art explores developments in the early Church in terms of the conflicts that emerged between religion and art since the Enlightenment and the significant advances made since the middle of the twentieth century to reconciling a wide range of architects, artists, and craft persons to the ministry of various churches.
August Turak, entrepreneur and founder of The Self Knowledge Symposium Foundation (SKSF), won the Grand Prize of $100,000 in the first Power of Purpose Awards: A Worldwide Essay Competition sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation.

The competition, which attracted 7,351 essays from 97 countries worldwide, awarded a half million dollars in total prizes. The intent behind the competition is to counter the overwhelming number of negative images of humankind by focusing on the goodness of the human soul, thereby inspiring persons to act on their higher purpose.

In addition to a varied career as an executive at places like MTV, A&E and UPI, he founded the Self Knowledge Symposium Foundation, an interfaith non-profit, 15 years ago to help college students find a deeper and more spiritual purpose to their lives. The organization has a chapter each on the campuses of Duke University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

So why did a man who has invested so much of his energy in the corporate world choose to write about a Trappist monk in his definition of meaning and purpose?

Because he experiences in Brother John a more than ample portion of his own truest belief that “We must resolve to act decisively while trusting in the aid of something we don’t understand and can never predict. We must open ourselves up to the miraculous, to grace.” More than this, though, he found in the simple monk a gentle, humorous, tireless worker and living saint, an exemplar of the virtuous life and a man “who loves God so much he doesn’t know what to do with himself.”

To read Turak’s essay, visit: www.selfknowledge.org/whoweare/templeton_augie.htm

“What impressed us most about Turak’s story was that it was inspirational, but it didn’t pull any punches, either,” said judge Nancy Brinker. “He is very provocative, and he challenges the reader to face all the uncertainty, fear, and doubt that prevents them from fulfilling their life’s purpose to the fullest.” Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, was one of five panelists judging the competition.

Scott Frieler, MA Pastoral Ministry, YTM Cohort Pastoral Minister, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud, MN

“It was my love for the church that brought me to Minnesota out of our beautiful home in Florida. I got here and realized what was involved with an Master of Divinity, and I said that I was on a fifty-year plan. I happen to say that in front of one of the monks, I think it was Fr. Luke or maybe Don Lemay or maybe both of them, and they said, “And what a wonderful fifty years it will be!” And you know, it’s only been five years but it’s been a wonderful five years.”

Thomas Pinataro, Master of Divinity Summer Ordination to the Diaconate

“To those of you who have gone before me and have graduated, thank you for being signs of hope and possibility that this could actually happen. To those of you I’ve graduated with, we did it; we succeeded. My blessings and best wishes to all of you.”

Mary Jo Schultz, Master of Divinity Gifted Students Program Oregon State University

“I just want to say to God, to Abbot John, and to my confreres, to Dr. Cahoy and the administration, faculty and staff of the School of Theology, to my fellow students, and to all who have supported me, thank you.”

Fr. Matthew Luft, OSB MA Liturgical Studies Saint John’s Abbey Associate Pastor, St. Boniface Parish, Cold Spring

“As I look back at the four years here at the School of Theology, the word that comes to me is ‘hope.’ Hope, because the School of Theology is willing to promote a program like YTM, to give people in ministry an opportunity to receive and education while still working and trying to make a living.”

Scott Frieler, MA Pastoral Ministry, YTM Cohort Pastoral Minister, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud, MN
STAFF & FACULTY UPDATES

STAFF CHANGES

Welcome to Bill Marsella, the new SOT•Sem Director of Development and External Communications. Marsella is an experienced fundraiser with 28 years of service to the United Way in Minneapolis. He is replacing former director Kaira Adam who has accepted a position in Denver, Colorado.

Carol Clement has left the position of assistant to Dean Bill Cahoy to take on the job of executive assistant to the president of Saint Cloud CentraCare Hospital. Welcome to Mary Stamps who is serving as the new assistant to the dean.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dean William Cahoy and Father Columba Stewart, OSB, executive director of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, were guests on the Minnesota Public Radio show “Midday,” hosted by Gary Eichten. They discussed the legacy of Pope John Paul II. The program can be accessed on the “Midday” archives for April 1, 2005, at http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/programs/midday/listings/md20050328.shtml.

Kathleen Cahalan, Martin Connell and Dan McKanan, associate professors in the School of Theology•Seminary have been awarded tenure.

Miguel Diaz, associate professor of theology, has accepted an invitation to serve as a theological consultant for “The Catholic Alliance for the Common Good” project in Washington, DC. He also presented “In the Trinity: Living the Life of God” at the March 15 Theology Day in Naples, FL.

Bernard Evans, associate professor of pastoral theology and Virgil Michel Chair in Rural Social Ministries, has been honored by the Crosier Fathers and Brothers as recipient of the 2005 Crosier Award for Outstanding Ministry.


Sister Mary Forman, OSB, associate professor of theology, has been named Associate Dean of the School of Theology•Seminary. She has also recently published *Praying with the Desert Mothers* (The Liturgical Press).

Victor Klimoski, director of the Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary Lifelong Learning Program, is the recipient of the 2005 Bishop Loras T. Lane Award, presented by the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). The award recognizes distinguished service to the Roman Catholic seminaries of the United States.

Cindy Maile, secretary for special projects, and her husband Lee welcomed Justin Lee on December 28, 2005.

Chris McConnell, instructor and tutor in the School of Theology•Seminary, received a PhD from the University of Notre Dame.


Fr. Anthony Ruff ’93, OSB, assistant professor of theology and liturgical music, has been granted a $5,000 Lilly Theological Research Grant in support of his coming sabbatical project to write a manual of Gregorian Chant and a brief history of Catholic liturgical music.

He recently accepted the position of contributing editor for the publication Assembly of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy for the year 2006. He has also accepted a position on the board of directors of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada.

Three lectures were presented by Father Anthony in October. The first was a two-part lecture at the music University (Conservatory) in Graz, Austria, titled “Neuere Entwicklungen im Amerikanischen Gemeindegesang” (“Recent Developments in American Congregational Hymnody”). He presented the keynote address at a chant conference in San Francisco titled “The Use of Gregorian Chant in the Liturgy After Vatican II: Why?” Fr. Anthony was invited to present a talk at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein) in Chicago on “Gregorian Chant Settings of English Presidential Texts,” which dealt with methodology for setting the sacramental chants to music in the forthcoming retranslated Roman Missal.

Father Luke Steiner, OSB, has been appointed professor emeritus. He was also recognized for his 45 years of service to the School of Theology•Seminary.

Axel Theimer, professor of music and director for the National Catholic Youth Choir, has been inducted into the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) Hall of Fame.

a monk with the life of a parish priest. “I am thrilled to be almost finished with the student piece of my life and will work on the monk and parish priest pieces now. I plan to go home regularly (to Saint John’s Abbey) so that I can maintain the connection with the community. I am still learning the parish priest piece.”

He describes his assignment as associate pastor at Saint Boniface Parish, Cold Spring, MN as varied and exciting. “I am doing sacramental ministry as well as beginning to work with the Hispanic Ministry team. The SOT•Sem was helpful, but parish life has also been a bit surprising thus far. I was not expecting to preside at Spanish Masses so soon, but have found them to be delightful.”

Father Matthew on his ordination day with Bishop John Kinney and his parents Sarah and Dennis Luft.

He is grateful for the quality of education and formation he received at the SOT•Sem. “The field education piece was by far the most helpful in terms of preparation for the work and the classes were helpful in terms of the knowledge on how to use the resources within the parish.” He continues, “My time at the School gave me a solid education that broadened my perspective of church and the needs of the Church, as well as affirmed my monastic life and vocation.”

Both a monk of the Abbey and an alum of the University, Father Matthew is proud of his affiliation with the SOT•Sem. His sense of ownership of the school, as a monk, and respect for it, as a student, shines through as he describes his time at the School: “I enjoyed the ability to form community with the folks who come. I also like knowing that this is part of the work of the monastic community that benefits the Church.”
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Father R. Kevin Seasoltz, OSB, long-time member of the faculty, teacher of many readers of these pages, rector of the seminary, and editor of Worship, received the Berakah Award from the North American Academy of Liturgy this year. The award honors significant achievements in liturgy.

Quality institutions depend on quality people. We at the SOT•Sem are blessed with many such people who maintain our vision and commitment to serve the church. We delight in congratulating these award winners for their richly deserved recognition. We also delight in the knowledge of all you who go about your work in faithfulness and love, often without accolades. Our thanks for a job well done. In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus.

Dr. William J. Cahoy, Dean
The other day, I was trying to remember the title of a book that had the word excellence in the title. I turned to the internet for help, and my Google inquiry was rewarded with 117 million entries for “excellence.” No kidding.

As my tenure as development director comes to a close, one of the characteristics of this great place that will inspire me forever is the ever-present aura of excellence in purpose and deed.

Excellence is a hot topic in business, government, and education, a catchword for marketing and promotion. Who doesn’t want excellence? Why would anyone aspire to anything less than excellence?

We talk about excellence here at Saint John’s, too. We strive for excellence in our faculty, our students, and our programs. But with all the hype about excellence in our culture, do we really know what we mean when we talk about excellence for the School of Theology•Seminary?

I think we do. It means a faculty that has been educated at the top schools nationally and internationally. It means a student body of intelligent, compassionate and committed men and women preparing for a variety of ministries in the church and the world. It means a comprehensive program of theological education, spiritual formation and practical experience to solidly ground our graduates in the Catholic tradition and give them the skills they will need to wisely and effectively shepherd our parishes.

This is what excellence means to Saint John’s SOT•Sem. We work hard at it, and I think we are doing a pretty good job at it. But excellence in any context requires not only hard work, but concrete resources as well. Lots of them.

In our context, those resources include compensation packages that will attract and retain a highly qualified faculty and staff, funds to maintain a fine theological library, facilities to house both students and programs, and, perhaps most important, scholarships to enable all who desire to study at Saint John’s to have that opportunity.

Yes, we aspire to excellence, but we cannot get there alone. We must rely on the help of friends like you – people who care deeply about the Gospel and the church whose charge it is to spread its love and truth around the world.

How do we measure excellence in ministry? I think we measure it by our experience of the people engaged in it, of the outreach of the Word into the larger community and its power to be present to those who struggle, of the work of the church to make the world a more just and compassionate place.

So, as I prepare to leave Saint John’s and embark on a new spiritual journey in Colorado, I want to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest thanks for your generous support of the School of Theology•Seminary. If you have not yet had the opportunity to become a financial supporter of the School, I sincerely invite you to become part of the team.

There are many ways to target your assistance to help sustain our work – direct funding for annual operating expenses, contributions to student scholarship funds, or estate bequests to the endowment for long-term stability, to name just a few. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities or discuss how best to promote your own hopes for the church in directing your contribution, please feel free to call incoming director, Bill Marsella, or drop him a note. I know that he would love to tell you more about Saint John’s, its role in creating a vibrant future for the church, and your role in moving this mission forward.

Saint John’s School of Theology•Seminary will always have a special place in my heart. I will work to live up to the standards of excellence I have witnessed here, and I will continue to support the mission through my prayers, my work for the church, and my contributions. Together, we can all make a difference.

Kaira J. Adam ’00
'68 Rev. Robert Hale, OSB Cam, is stationed part of the year at the Camalolese Benedictine Incarnation Monastery in Berkeley, CA, where he is professor of spirituality at the Jesuit School of Theology of the Graduate Theological Union. The rest of the year he is at New Camaldoli Hermitage, Big Sur. He also is involved in the Buddhist/Catholic dialogue, and regularly gives conferences and retreats, and writes articles in spirituality and other topics.

'78 Sister Louise Bond, SNJM, is the new Catholic Chaplain at the California Institution for Women in Corona, CA. She asks that you offer the women your prayers and support.

'80 Father Richard Reiser spent the past five years as Servant Minister to the priests in the Archdiocese of Omaha. He is now serving as pastor of Saint James Parish in Omaha. Father Reiser can be reached at: Saint James Parish, 9025 Larimore Avenue, Omaha, NE 68134.

'81 Rev. Daniel Felton, was appointed by Green Bay Diocese Bishop David Zubik as the pastor of a newly consolidated Manitowoc, WI, parish on July 1, 2005. The three communities that make up the parish are St. Paul, St. Boniface and Sacred Heart, whose worship sites will remain open operating as one parish.

'87 Thomas G. Crowley has been named Senior Development Officer of the Alegent Health Bergan Mercy Foundation, Omaha, NE. Crowley will plan and implement fundraising campaigns and facilitate major gifts to support the medical and spiritual healthcare needs of patients, families and the community served through Bergan Mercy Medical Center.

'98 Anne Cronin Tyson, Ironwood, MI, is in private practice as a certified spiritual director. She is cofounder of The Dandelion Project, which offers women's wellness workshops and other reflection experiences.

'99 Christopher and Sarah (Athmann '05) Thompson welcomed their newborn son Benjamin Saxe Thompson on October 7, 2005.

'99 S. Antonia (Erin) Ryan, OSB, of Mount Saint Scholastica Monastery, is currently working in the editorial department of the National Catholic Reporter in Kansas City, MO.

'02 Father George Busto was ordained to the priesthood in Santa, Ilocos Sur, Philippines at the Saint Catherine of Alexandria Church on May 26, 2005. After travels in Italy, Croatia and Honolulu, he began his full time ministry as a chaplain at St. Francis Hospice in July.

'02 Brendon Duffy and his wife Megan welcomed their newborn son Patrick Michael Duffy, on March 4, 2006. Patrick joins big sister, Clare.

'03 Juan Palm and his wife Heather are pleased to announce the birth of their third son, Basil Athanasius Luther Palm. He was born June 8th, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. and was 19 in. tall. He joins his big brothers Ambrose and Cyril.

'03 Sherri Vallee has been awarded a four-year doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). She began doctoral studies at Saint Paul University (SPU) in Ottawa in September.

'04 Paula Koshiol Kraus married Tom Kraus from Maumee, OH, on October 23, 2004, at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. They live in the Twin Cities. Paula teaches high school religion at Convent of the Visitation School, Mendota Heights, MN. They welcomed their newborn daughter Virginia Carol Kraus on October 14, 2005.
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**04** Father Matthew Rios was ordained on July 23, 2005, at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in North Hollywood, CA.

**04** Christopher Stroh has been appointed Cathedral Organ Scholar for the 2005-2006 season at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Saint Paul, MN. He recently appeared on the nationally syndicated radio program “Pipedreams”.

**05** Father Robert Sum, OSB, was ordained a priest of Saint Procopius Abbey, a Benedictine monastic community of 46 monks in Lisle, IL, a western suburb of Chicago.

**Karl Henkel** (current student) and his wife Dana welcomed their newborn son Charles Benedict Henkel on August 29, 2005.
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