Academic Dean
Elected ATS Vice Chair

By Kim Metzgar

When Sr. Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., told her parents she was going to enter the religious life, they were thrilled. Her father had only one question for her after she was assigned to teach in a school in Pittsburgh, “Who do you have to know to get stationed in Latrobe?”

Her career path took many turns before she finally returned to her hometown. She earned a bachelor of arts degree at Carlow College, a master of arts degree at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, and a doctorate from Saint Louis University.

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Cardinal Maida Honored

His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida received an honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology Degree from Saint Vincent Seminary during the annual Alumni Day Mass on October 1. Taking part in the degree presentation are, from left, Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor; Cardinal Maida; Dr. John C. Marous, Jr., Chairman, Seminary Board of Regents; Sr. Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Seminary Academic Dean and Rector Father Kurt Belsole, O.S.B. (See pages 14-16).

Three New Members Join Board of Regents

Three new members have joined the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents.

Most Rev. Roger Foys is Bishop of Covington, Kentucky. Formerly vicar general and vocations director for the Diocese of Steubenville, Bishop Foys was ordained and installed as Bishop of Covington on July 15.

The Hon. Maureen E. Lally-Green of Pittsburgh is a judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Appointed by Governor Tom Ridge and confirmed by the Senate in 1998, she was elected to a ten-year term in January of 2000.

Mr. Harry F. Murray of Fox Chapel is a former chief financial officer and vice president of finance at Westinghouse, and also served as chief executive officer of Group W Cable.

Bishop Foys

Bishop Foys was born in Chicago on July 27, 1945. He studied at St. Francis Preparatory School in Andover, Massachusetts, the University of Steubenville, St. John Vianney Seminary in Bloomingdale, Ohio, and the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Steubenville on May 16, 1973. He was appointed Prelate of Honor to his Holiness Pope John Paul II on December 30, 1986.

Bishop Foys served in both administrative and pastoral posts in the Diocese of Steubenville. He was Secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal from 1973 to 2002. Since 1982 he was Vicar General, Diocesan Consultant, Chairman of the Diocesan Finance Council, and Director of the Diocesan Data Processing Department. Among his memberships are the Canon Law Society of America, National Catholic Stewardship Conference, Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development and the National Association of Church Personnel.

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Dear Friends,

Every ten years, as part of its academic accreditation, the Seminary is visited by a joint team of evaluators from the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. This year, we are preparing to submit our Interim/Five Year Report to the Middle States Association on what we have done to improve our program at Saint Vincent Seminary during these last five years. I would like to share with you just some ways in which we have improved our program during this time.

Fr. Justin Matro, O.S.B. with his doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, Fr. Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B. with his doctorate in Sacred Scripture from the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem, and Fr. Emmanuel Afunugo with his doctorate from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute in Washington, D.C. have joined the regular faculty.

Dr. Mary Ann Boyarski, with her Ed.D. from Temple University in Philadelphia, Dr. Kathleen Borres, with her Ph.D in systematic theology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, and Fr. Drew Morgan, C.O., with his Ph.D. in systematic theology from Duquesne University have joined the adjunct faculty.

In 1999, the Seminary was authorized by the Vatican to grant the Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in affiliation with the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

The Hispanic Ministries Program has developed courses in both the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. Students are also being prepared to offer Mass and administer the sacraments in Spanish. Twice a month, Mass is celebrated in the Seminary in Spanish, and three times a week, students have the opportunity to join the “Spanish Table” in the dining room where they can practice conversational Spanish during meals.

In February 2002, the Board of Regents approved the initiation of the Pastoral Stewardship Program. This program is designed to enhance the pastoral preparation of seminarians by fostering leadership and management skills through providing a structured forum for the presentation and discussion of the practical realities of stewardship and the management of resources in the contexts of ministry. The Program will be initiated this fall.

These are just a few of the highlights of what we will be reporting on, but it is gratifying to be able to look back over the past five years and see how our seminary program has been enhanced during that time.

This has all been possible only because of your very generous support over the years. Saint Vincent Seminary is committed to forming happy, healthy, and holy priests to serve the Church in this new millennium. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in order to provide quality priestly formation. Please continue to join with us in this mission which is so important for the Church and the world.

Let us pray for one another.

Very Rev. Kurt Belsole, O.S.B.

Fr. Kurt
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Administrators.

The Diocese of Covington, established July 29, 1853, comprises 14 counties in the north and east of Kentucky. It has a Catholic population of about 90,000 in a total population of about 452,000.

Judge Lally-Green

Judge Lally-Green holds a juris doctor degree from Duquesne University School of Law and a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from Duquesne. She began her career at Duquesne University School of Law in 1983, moving from adjunct professor of law to visiting professor, assistant professor, associate professor and then professor of law, until her appointment as judge when she became an adjunct professor of law.

She has served as a consultant to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 1985 to 1998, had her own law practice (1986 to 1998), was counsel to Westinghouse Electric Corp. (1978 to 1983) and was counsel for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (1975 to 1978). Prior to that she was an instructor in business law at Robert Morris University and an attorney in private practice.

Her present professional memberships include the Allegheny County Bar Association, where she has served on its board of directors and as board secretary, as well as on a number of committees; the Pennsylvania Bar Association, where she is on the Commission on Women in the Profession, the Executive Committee and co-chair of the Governance Committee; Quality of Work Life committee Chair; and the Professional Ethics Committee. Other current memberships include the American Bar Association, Saint Thomas More Society board member, International Bar Association, International Women’s Judges Association and the Brehon Society. She also participated in “Race and Gender in the Judicial System,” a committee established by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 2000 to 2002.

She is married to Stephen Ross Green, Esq. The couple has three children: Katherine, 20; William Ross, 18; and Bridget, 17.

Mr. Harry F. Murray

Mr. Murray attended Harvard Business School and received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Saint Vincent College in 1951. He is presently a member of the Diocese of Pittsburgh Finance Council and the Diocese of Pittsburgh Investment Committee, was a member of SCORE (retirees helping businesses) from 1992 to 1994 and the Duquesne University Board of Directors (1988 to 1990).

Prior to his appointment as chief financial officer and vice president of finance at Westinghouse (1988 to 1990), he was staff vice president reporting to the corporate controller (1987 to 1988), chief executive officer of Group W Cable (1983 to 1987), vice president of pension investments and investor relations (1979 to 1983), divisions general manager of the electronics divisions (1977 to 1979), and in charge of strategic planning for the defense and government groups (1971 to 1976). He also served as comptroller for defense divisions and for the electric-mechanical division, and has worked in headquarters, government accounting, and payroll accounting and budgeting. He joined the staff at Westinghouse in 1951.

New Steubenville Bishop

Steubenville seminarian Christopher Fox- hoven, a third-year theology student, had a summer full of excitement during his pastoral assignment. He was working with Msgr. Roger Foyes, vicar general of the diocese, when word was received that Msgr. Foyes had been appointed Bishop of Covington, Kentucky. And he also was on hand to welcome his new Bishop, R. Daniel Conlon.

Bishop Conlon, who succeeds for the retiring Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon, was born December 4, 1948, in Cincinnati. He studied at St. Gregory Seminary High School and College, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West, and the University of St. Paul, Ottawa, where he earned the J.C.D. and Ph.D. degrees. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on January 15, 1977. Bishop Conlon held numerous pastoral and administrative posts in the Archdio- cese of Cincin- nati. In 1987 he was named Chancellor of the Archdiocese and Director of the Department of Executive Services. He was appointed pastor of Holy Redeemer, New Bremen, in 1996. In 2000 he was elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and that same year was appointed to the College of Consultants.

Bishop Conlon succeeds Bishop Sheldon, who was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland on February 28, 1953. He was named Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, April 12, 1976 and ordained to the Episcopacy on June 11, 1976 by Bishop James A. Hickey. He was named Bishop of Steubenville on January 28, 1992. He attended St. Philip Neri Elementary, Cleveland; Cathedral Latin High School, Cleveland; John Carroll University, Cleveland; St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland (Master of Divinity); The Ohio Consortium of Seminaries (Doctor of Ministry); and received Honorary Doctorates from Wheeling Jesuit College and Francis- can University of Steuben- ville.

The Dio- cese of Steubenville, established in 1944, comprises 13 Ohio counties and has a Catholic popula- tion of about 40,500.

Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon

Most Rev. Gilbert I. Sheldon

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Seminary Graduate Answers Call To Military Chaplaincy

By Lesley Rice
The Georgia Bulletin

When he began college studies in speech communications in the early 1980s, neither the priesthood nor the Army seemed likely career choices for Michael Heninger.

But two years following his ordination, Father Heninger, 41, is making final preparations for his new ministry, combining both surprise vocations in the Army chaplaincy.

The Archdiocese for Military Services, or Military Ordinariate, is the largest Catholic diocese in the world, reaching over 100 countries. The archdiocese serves over 1.2 million Catholics, including active duty military personnel and their families, those in the Reserves and the National Guard, residents in Veterans Administration Hospitals and those in government services overseas.

The present shortage of Catholic priests is felt by the Military Ordinariate, particularly in the Army, no less than by the civilian world. Father Heninger related the story of a major who went without the sacraments for 10 months during the Gulf War as an example of the need.

Priests who hear the call to serve the men and women of the military may ask their bishop to “loan” them to the Military Ordinariate. After discernment and training, they serve in the military as commissioned staff officers but may be recalled to their original diocese if necessary.

“The idea is where the soldier goes, the chaplain goes. If the soldier steps out of the aircraft, so does the chaplain with the grace of God — on a wing and a prayer,” Father Heninger said.

Father Heninger is no stranger to military service. Following high school he was drawn to serve in the Air Force by images of the Vietnam War. Four years as an Air Force policeman offered him the opportunity for the service he desired. And the bond between soldiers is hard to dissolve; even after separation, he retained a sense of kinship with military personnel.

Nonetheless, he had no plans for further military service. Instead, he continued his formal education at the University of Georgia and the University of Indiana. He continued to serve others by working for a homeless shelter in Indianapolis and later for a mental health organization in North Georgia.

One Person was missing from his life: God. A younger Heninger spent several years away from the Church, but a spiritual reawakening in 1992 brought him back to his faith and integrated his longstanding wish to serve others with a new desire to serve God. His unexpected vocation to the priesthood followed soon upon his return to the Church. And it was more images of conflict and service — this time in Croatia and Kosovo in 1999 — that led then-Deacon Heninger to request that Archbishop John Donoghue “loan” him to the Military Ordinariate.

“I became ever more sensitive to the pressing need of providing spiritual support to military personnel,” Father Heninger recalls.

At the age of 38, as a transitional deacon, Heninger spent the last summer before his ordination in the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, a three-month introduction to the military and to the mission of the chaplain. With 90 other prospective chaplains, he took part in drills, field experiences, physical training, and classes explaining the structure and mission of the Army. Then they narrowed the scope of their study to the particular mission of the chaplaincy.

Father Heninger enjoyed the experience. “It was a little bit like heaven! Because here we were, men and women of various faith traditions, representing the population of the United States of America, coming together for three solid months, putting aside our differences and realizing that our mission was to serve God and country.”

This service plays itself out in a “ministry of presence,” Father Heninger explained. The Catholic chaplain’s role is to offer spiritual support for Catholic soldiers and families as well as for the broader community on post. These responsibilities entail making one’s self available in every aspect of the unique military lifestyle.

“We find (the soldiers) and establish a rapport with them to build that community tie and that family bond by visiting the motor pool, and going to the chow hall, going out into the field, being able to do the physical training in the morning with the soldiers, going out and visiting the families — really making ourselves known outside of the chapel . . . . The chaplain’s role is to go where the soldier goes.”

The chaplain’s role is also to minister to the families who share in the service and self-sacrifice of military personnel by accepting frequent moves and long absences of loved ones called away to training or even to armed conflict.

Father Heninger sees in the military a special ability to form quickly the sense of community he values so much. “Those people are coming together from all walks of life, and they’re coming together to create a family away from family.”

The universality of the church means that they are already family in Christ, but being a part of the military community creates an additional bond, Father Heninger said.

It is not only the military community that impresses Father Heninger, but also the indi-
Military Chaplain

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viduals who make up that community. “The men and women in uniform are people of great character. These are men and women who really know what it is to serve, and it’s that aspect of their character that really inspires me.”

Since his ordination and assignment as parochial vicar at St. Pius X Church in Conyers, Father Heninger’s military preparation has included serving the Georgia Army National Guard as chaplain one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. At age 39, he also attended Airborne School for three weeks at Fort Benning, overcoming the physical rigors with the help of God’s “never-ending grace” to experience what he likened to “flying with the angels.”

Father Heninger went through two weeks of physical conditioning and training and practice jumps from a tower to become conditioned to stepping out of an aircraft and adjusting the harness for gliding and landing. “The third week is spent jumping out of an aircraft, with and without combat gear, for a total of five jumps,” he said. The jumps are at approximately 2,000 feet, which is considered a low-altitude jump. “It is important that chaplains get as much training as possible to accompany the soldiers. We have had priests complete the Rangers’ and even the Special Forces’ training.”

Because of the hazard of jumping, it is entirely voluntary, he said. “The ministry of presence is so important for the chaplain. Being jump-qualified allowed me to be that much more present to the soldiers,” he said.

Father Heninger has received orders to serve as chaplain for the 3rd Forward Support Battalion of the First Brigade at Fort Stewart, Georgia, which is located near Savannah. He is excited about his mission. His last day in the parish was June 16. After two weeks of leave, he reported for duty July 1.

“It’s an honor to be called to serve God, and to extend that ministry in serving God and country. I thank the Archbishop for allowing me to join the Archdiocese for Military Services and (to be) able to serve in the next few years wherever God calls me to serve.”

Seminarians Receive Fourth-Year Assignments

Fourth-year seminarians have received their parish practicum assignments for 2002-2003, according to Father Richard B. Michel, O.S.B., Director of Field Education.

Daniel Beaumont of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will serve at St. Kilian Parish, Mars, with Father Charles Bober, pastor; Br. Brian D. Boosel, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey, will be at St. Peter Parish, Pittsburgh, with Father Benjamin R. Walker, O.S.B., pastor; James A. Caldwell of the Diocese of Tulsa will serve at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown, with Father William Kiel, pastor; Martin Celuch of the Diocese of Youngstown will be at Holy Family Parish, Poland, Ohio, with Msgr. William Connell, pastor; Paul M. Clark of the Diocese of Harrisburg will serve with Msgr. William Charnoki, pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana.

Br. Thomas P. Curry, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey, will be at St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, with Father Vincent E. Zidek, O.S.B., pastor; Steven W. Fauser of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be at St. Sebastian Parish, Pittsburgh, with Father Joseph Mele, pastor; Leo B. Fowler of the Diocese of Charlotte will serve at St. Edward Parish, Hermitage, with Father Larry Manchas, pastor; Matthew J. Kujawinski of the Diocese of Erie will be at Church of Notre Dame, Hermitage, with Msgr. John B. Hagerty, pastor; John M. Matejek of the Archdiocese of Atlanta will serve at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe, with Father Thomas Lukac, pastor. John A. Rice of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will serve at St. Mary’s Parish, Star City, West Virginia, with Father Dean Borgmeyer, pastor; and G. David Weikart of the Diocese of Youngstown will be at St. Louise de Marillac Parish, Pittsburgh, with Father Thomas Kredel, pastor.
22 New Students for 2002-2003 Academic Year

Saint Vincent Seminary welcomed 22 new students in its degree programs for the 2002-2003 school year. The new students are from six dioceses and seven religious communities. Total enrollment is 96 for the fall semester, including eleven lay men and women religious.

New students, depending on their previous fields of study, will take up to two years of pre-theology coursework, or enter into the four-year theology program before ordination. Saint Vincent Seminary offers the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts and Bachelor in Sacred Theology degrees. The Seminary community now includes students from 16 dioceses and archdioceses, nine Benedictine monasteries and six other religious communities.

DIocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Aron M. Maghsoudi is the son of M. Ebrahim Maghsoudi of Vienna, Virginia and Colleen A. Carr of Ligonier. He is a 1992 graduate of Greater Latrobe High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in religious education from Saint Vincent College in 2002.

Charles C. Ugo is the son of Mrs. Cordelia Chizuba Ugo of Nigeria and the late Kevin Ugo. He is a 1995 graduate of Nguuru Secondary Commercial School, Nigeria, and earned a bachelor of philosophy and R.A. degree from the Claretian Institute of Philosophy in Nigeria in 2000.

DioceSe of Brownsville, Texas Congregation of the Oratory

Br. Juan Ortiz, C.O., is the son of Juan and Concepcion Luna Ortiz of Dallas, Texas. He is a member of the Pharr Oratory of Pontifical Right in Pharr, Texas and will be residing at the Pittsburgh Oratory of the Pontifical Right while at Saint Vincent Seminary. He is a 1992 graduate of Rio Grande City High School in Texas. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and English from The University of Texas - Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, in 1996. He also earned a bachelor of Catholic thought degree in philosophy from Saint Philip’s Seminary, which is affiliated with the Pontifical University of the Lateran, Rome.

DioceSe of Charleston

Donald G. Ballish is the son of Donald J. Ballish of Streetsboro, Ohio and Ann Lomac of Kent, Ohio. He is a 1980 graduate of Streetsboro Senior High School. He earned a bachelor of business degree in business administration from Central Wesleyan College in Central, South Carolina, and has also studied at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

DioceSe of Columbus

Keith M. Heise is the son of John and Paula Heise of Lancaster, Ohio. He is a 1998 graduate of Bloom Carroll High School in Carroll, Ohio and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Pontifical College Josephinum in 2002.

DioceSe of Greensburg

Timothy J. Kruthaupt is the son of Janet F. Kruthaupt of Littleton, Colorado, and the late Francis J. Kruthaupt. He is a 1970 graduate of Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Western State College of Colorado in 1974 and a juris doctor degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1980.

DioceSe of Erie

James C. Campbell is the son of John P. and Dolores M. Campbell of Erie. He is a 1998 graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie and a 2002 graduate of Gannon University, with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and philosophy.

DioceSe of Pittsburgh

Joseph A. Carr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carr of Pittsburgh. He is a 1975 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism from West Virginia University in 1980. He has done graduate studies at Duquesne University and at the Heinz School of Public Policy and Management of Carnegie Mellon University.

Mark R. Tobin is son of the late James R. and Audrey M. Tobin. He is a 1974 graduate of Central Catholic High School, Pittsburgh. He was certified in invasive cardiovascular technology from Cedar-Sinai Medical Center and Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California. He received a bachelor of arts degree in communications and rhetoric from the University of Pittsburgh. He will receive a master of arts degree in philosophy in December of 2002 from Duquesne University.

DioceSe of Steubenville Community of Sacred and Immaculate Hearts

Mark Gallipeau of the Community of Sacred and Immaculate Hearts is the son of Robert B. and Mary E. Gallipeau of Groton, Massachusetts. He is a 1974 graduate of Groton Senior High, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, in 2002.

Saint Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio

Br. Marcel J. Longe, O.S.B., is...
22 New Students for 2002-2003 Academic Year

Brother Stephen J. Patrizio, O.S.B., is the son of Pat and Roberta Patrizio of Pittsburgh. He is a 1994 graduate of Plum Senior High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies from Penn State University in 1999, and has done graduate work in theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

Sister Marilyn L. Schauble, O.S.B., of Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, Erie, has entered the master of arts degree program. She is a 1966 graduate of McDowell High School in Erie and earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1970 from Mercyhurst College, Erie, in music education, voice. She received a master of arts degree in church music, liturgy and voice from Saint Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana in 1979.

Brealie L. Caridi, of Derry has entered the master of divinity degree program. She is a 1992 graduate of Burrell High School, Lower Burrell and a 1996 graduate of Saint Vincent College with a degree in Spanish. She has also done graduate studies at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Lynette DiDonato of Greensburg has entered the master of divinity degree program. She is a 1980 graduate of Greater Latrobe High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in English writing from the University of Pittsburgh in 1986. She is presently completing the ministry certificate program at Seton Hill University.

Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B., is the son of Donald and Jo-Anne Miller of Allison Park. He is a 1979 graduate of Shaler Area High School, Glenshaw. He studied at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1985 from Don Bosco College, Newton, New Jersey. He taught elementary school at St. Joseph Regional School in Newton, before entering the monastery. His sisters are Jean Lowden of McKees Rocks and Nancy Miller of Allison Park.

Brother Maurus B. Mount, O.S.B., is the son of Frank E. and Alina M. Mount of Indianlantic, Florida. He is a 1996 graduate of Melbourne High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in classical languages from Marquette University in 2000.

the son of Eleanor M. Longe of Palmer, Massachusetts, and the late Gordon K. Longe. He is a 1992 graduate of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer and a 1999 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and theology. He has also attended graduate school at John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio.

Saint Andrew Abbey, Valyermo, California

Br. Vincent Ng, O.S.B., is the son of Shiu Cheung Ng of Lantao Island, Hong Kong. He graduated from Saint Louis High School in Hong Kong and has studied psychology at California State University of Long Beach, California and Cerritos College, Norwalk, California.

Saint Benedict’s Abbey, Atchison, Kansas

Br. Marion M. Charboneau, O.S.B., is the son of Donald Charboneau of Council Grove, Kansas and the late Joyce Charboneau. He is a 1989 graduate of Council Grove High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1993 and a master of arts degree in American history in 1995 from Emporia State University, Kansas.

Saint Vincent Archabbey

Brother Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B., is the son of Dante and Margueritte Alloggia of Noiseau, France. He is a 1986 graduate of St. Jean Baptiste de le Salle High School in France. He earned a degree in philosophy from St. Thomas Pontifical University in Rome in 1991 and a degree in nursing in 1993 from the school of nursing in Rieti, Italy.

Brother Barnabas S. Anderson, O.S.B., is the son of James C. and Colleen L. Anderson of Clearfield. He is a 1987 graduate of Clearfield Area High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Duquesne University in 1992 and has studied philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

Brother Bruno D. Heisey, O.S.B., is the son of Jacob L. and Ina H. Heisey of Mechanicsburg. He is a 1984 graduate of Cumberland Valley High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in Latin and history from Dickinson College in 1988.

Brother Michael J. Miller, O.S.B., is the son of Donald and Jo-Anne Miller of Allison Park. He is a 1979 graduate of Shaler Area High School, Glenshaw. He studied at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1985 from Don Bosco College, Newton, New Jersey. He taught elementary school at St. Joseph Regional School in Newton, before entering the monastery. His sisters are Jean Lowden of McKees Rocks and Nancy Miller of Allison Park.

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Seminary Picnic

The annual Seminary picnic, held over Labor Day weekend on Chestnut Ridge, featured seminarians Christopher Foxhoven; Don Ballish; Stephen Pontzer; Father Kurt Belsole, Rector; Mark Gallipeau; and John Mulcahy. bicycling up the mountain to the picnic. Middle, left, Joe Carr, Chuck McGinnis and Br. Vincent Ng, help with the grilling. Bottom, left, Drew Suelzer and Paul Clark enjoy the food. At top, right, Drew Suelzer and David Weikart play frisbee. Below that photo, Viliamu Emanuele, Michael Rothan, Keith Heise and Arthur Bufogle are among the crew playing volleyball. Michael Rothan has a “super” day, and Christopher Foxhoven sings to Br. Gabriel Rapisarda’s accompaniment on the guitar at evening prayer. (Photos by Mark Van Alstine)
Opening Day Mass

New students, faculty, staff and returning seminarians gathered on Monday, August 26, for the annual opening day Mass in the Archabbey Basilica. Father Kurt Belsole, O.S.B., Rector, celebrated the Mass and gave the homily. In the photo at right, Rev. Mr. Paul Clark, begins the preparation of the gifts as they are brought to the altar by David Young of the Diocese of Columbus. In the photo below it, Fr. Kurt gives communion to Stephen Kresak of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Standing to the left of Fr. Kurt is Fr. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., a faculty member.

Leaven Submissions

Saint Vincent Seminary alumni who want to let their classmates and friends of the Seminary keep up on their activities should mail submissions to Kim Metzgar, Seminary Public Relations, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650-2690 or e-mail them to her at kim.metzgar@email.stvincent.edu.

More Picnic Photos

“Football” of various types was played during the picnic, with Joseph Dougherty of the Diocese of Erie preparing to throw a long pass in the photo at left. At right, Alex Andrua of the Diocese of Arua, Uganda, worked on his soccer techniques.
Couple Supports Seminary Scholarship Fund

By Kim Metzgar

Sometimes parents teach their children with words, sometimes by example. In the case of Vic and Joan Ballash, their parents impressed upon them the importance of giving through both word and deed. The Hollidaysburg, Blair County, couple has continued those family traditions by establishing three scholarships to provide for the education of Saint Vincent seminarians, with plans to donate the equivalent of two more scholarships in the future.

The Frank J. and Joan Hoover Bonanno Memorial Scholarship Fund honors the parents of Joan Ballash, while The Victor and Christina Ballash Memorial Scholarship Fund honors the parents of Victor Ballash. The couple also established a scholarship in their own names.

“Our parents didn’t have money but they still believed in giving,” said Victor Ballash. “My mother never went anywhere without taking something to someone. My father was the same way.”

“My mother always said ‘If you don’t have money for the church, you don’t have money,’” Joan Ballash said. “My dad’s favorite saying was ‘You can’t take it with you but you can ship it ahead.’”

Married for 34 years, Victor and Joan have been heavily involved in various aspects of their church, St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Hollidaysburg. Over the years they have served as lectors, sung in the choir, and served on various committees, such as the Finance Committee and Health Ministries. Interest in the Seminary evolved not from parish work, but from the days when Victor was a seminarian for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He did not complete his studies for the priesthood, but he did spend a little over three years at Saint Vincent in the early 1960s, making friends he still has today, with many fond memories of his classmates and professors.

“Father Demetrius (Dumm) was the Vice Rector and then Rector of the Seminary. He taught me Scripture, Victor said, noting “when I became a Benedictine Oblate I took the Oblate name Demetrius in his honor.”

Victor remembers many Benedictines from those days, and mentioned more than a dozen by name, including Father Germain Lieb, Father Justin Nolan, Father Paulinus Selle, Father Sebastian Samay, Father Ermin Smith, Brother Pat Lacey, Archabbot Paul Maher, and several who are now deceased. In addition to his classes he enjoyed the Gregorian chant, singing in the choir, and the meditative peacefulness of the campus grounds.

When Victor decided to leave the seminary, he enlisted in the Army and spent a year in Vietnam. After discharge Victor accepted employment with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, working with individuals with mental retardation. He has a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent and a master’s degree in social work from Marywood University, Scranton. He retired in June of 1997, and currently volunteers with ARC, an advocacy group for individuals with mental retardation. He has a master’s degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent and a master’s degree in social work from Marywood University, Scranton. He retired in June of 1997, and currently volunteers with ARC, an advocacy group for individuals with mental retardation, where he is a past president of the Blair County Chapter. He is President of the Hollidaysburg Alumni Chorus, a member of Knights of Columbus in Hollidaysburg, and a number of other organizations.

Joan is a graduate of Seton Hill College. She and Victor met while participating in a summer psychology program at Torrance State Hospital. She earned a master’s degree from the University of Scranton and a doctorate from Penn State University. Joan retired from the Altoona Regional Hospital in Altoona. She has been involved in a number of local organizations and activities, volunteering for the Canal Basin Park in Hollidaysburg, the American Cancer Society and serving as a prayer partner at Bon Secours Hospital in Altoona and a caring companion at Altoona Hospital. Both Victor and Joan are members of the parish prayer group and Bible study.

They both look forward to their return visits to the Saint Vincent campus, to various Seminary events, and attend the married couples retreat and Oblate Day.

Although they give of their time and financial support to other worthy organizations, Victor and Joan both say their gift to the Seminary is one of the most satisfying. “This is something that will last,” Joan said. “Many people will benefit from the scholarships.”

“I like to give back to help others because I was helped as a seminarian,” Vic said. “The parishioners at St. Agnes Church, Richeyville, my home parish, helped me, and this is a great way to help the Church.”

Establishing a scholarship at Saint Vincent Seminary perpetually helps those seeking to become priests, Victor said. “I didn’t become a priest, but I had the opportunity to go to the seminary. If we can give an opportunity to others who feel the call, then, God-willing, perhaps they will become priests. I have a lot of good memories of Saint Vincent Seminary. I made many good friends that I still have.” he added.

“We believe in Christian stewardship,” Joan noted. None of their scholarship gifts are restricted in any way because of their faith in the Seminary and its administration.

“We wanted to do something while we are still living,” Vic said. “We can leave something in our will, which we have done, but with the twists and turns of life, you never know what legacies are going to be left. If we give now we know in fact the gift was given. To me that’s important.”
Pastoral Stewardship Program Launched

When Seminary Rector, Fr. Kurt Betsole, O.S.B., concluded his meetings with our constituent bishops and abbots, he reported his findings to the Board of Regents. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Without exception, the bishops and abbots stated that men trained at Saint Vincent Seminary are thoroughly prepared for work in the dioceses and religious communities.

These same bishops and abbots conveyed to Fr. Kurt their expectations for their future seminary graduates. They identified increased proficiency in Homiletics, Hispanic Ministries, and Pastoral Stewardship as requirements for effective service to the Church. The Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents, under the leadership of Chairman John C. Marous, Jr., built these priorities into the current Expanding the Vision Capital Campaign. To date, the seminary has received commitments of $4.2 million towards the $6.15 million goal. And while additional funding is required before the enhancements to the Homiletics Program and the Hispanic Ministries Program can be implemented, the funding goals have been achieved for the new Pastoral Stewardship Program.

Beginning in the Fall semester of 2002, Saint Vincent Seminary will kick off its new Pastoral Stewardship Program. With advisory board input from local bishops and clergy, members of the business community, and the faculty of the Saint Vincent College, the seminary faculty has developed a program that, over four years, will enhance the pastoral preparation of our seminarians by fostering leadership and management skills. Saint Vincent Seminary will provide a structured forum for the presentation and discussion of practical realities of stewardship in light of the social teachings of the Church. Program lectures will emphasize critical topics in managing human, physical, and financial resources, and will focus on ways to maximize the opportunities of the community, government, and corporate contexts in which the priest ministers.

The program will be mandatory for seminarians, and is also open to seminary graduates. Any ordained priest facing management challenges in his parish or assignment is encouraged to attend and bring his “real world” experiences. To enroll in the program please contact Bill Malloy at telephone (724)532-6740 or e-mail at bill.malloy@email.stvincent.edu.

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To give a tribute or memorial gift, please make a donation to Saint Vincent Seminary in honor of or in memory of a friend, colleague or family member. Donations should be mailed to Mr. William P. Malloy in the Seminary Development Office, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa., 15650-2690, telephone 724-532-6740.

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Former Seminary Board of Regents Member Succumbs

Former Seminary Board of Regents member Frank J. Schneider, Sr., 79, of Wexford, died Wednesday, August 21, 2002, at his home. Mr. Schneider was born on June 14, 1923, on the North Side of Pittsburgh, the son of the late Frank and Anna Marie Skasik Schneider.

He is survived by his loving wife, Hildgade M. Hirst Schneider; four children, Frank Schneider, Jr., and his wife, Meredith; Karen Schneider and her husband, Stan Rosenberg; Matthew Schneider and his wife, Tammy; and Patricia Schneider O’Connor and her husband, Brian O’Connor; a brother, Edward M. Schneider and his wife, Ann; fifteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Daniel Schneider.

Mr. Schneider received his elementary education at St. Basil Catholic School in Carrick and his secondary education in the Pittsburgh Public schools. He also did advanced studies at West Virginia University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Graduate School of Business of Carnegie Mellon University. In 1982, Mr. Schneider received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Saint Vincent College.

Mr. Schneider was a veteran of the Army Air Corps, having served in World War II. He was a member of the first apprenticeship class of the Steamfitters Local 449, and instructor and coordinator for the Steamfitters Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. In the midst of a successful management career in the mechanical contracting industry, Frank Schneider founded his own company in 1962. His entrepreneurial spirit and determination propelled his enterprise from its first $250 contract to a $500 million corporation over a period of 25 years. As his responsibilities to the business grew, so did his awareness of his obligation to serve an increasing higher level of humanitarian needs. In recent years he provided assistance to a select group of managers responsible for day-to-day business operations, and routinely made his vast expertise and experience available to a variety of community and philanthropic projects. Many of these involved the coalescing of diverse business talents, which he brought together from multiple sources, to achieve both community and humanistic goals.

He was a Knight of the Equestrian Order of Pope St. Gregory the Great and a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He participated in a number of church, civic and educational interests. He was founder and president of Christian Housing, Inc., a high-rise housing project for the elderly which grew into its present 28 facilities containing 1,332 apartments for over 1,500 senior citizens. He was also a founding member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and past member of the Board of Directors of the Vanadium Group of Companies, LaRoche College, Duquesne University, the Community College of Allegheny County, Craig House Technoma, Latrobe Die Casting, Sewickley YMCA, and the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. He is a past member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Pittsburgh Opera Society, the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America and chairman emeritus of the Three Rivers Area Labor Management Committee. He also served on the finance committees of Saint Alexi Parish and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frank J. Schneider Scholarship Fund at Saint Vincent College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA, 15650-2690, telephone 724-537-4584.
Academic Dean Elected Vice-Chair of ATS

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She has also done graduate work at The Catholic University of America and The Catholic University of Louvain. She taught at the elementary, secondary and college levels, did formation work in her religious community, the Sisters of Mercy, and served as major superior for her religious community in Pittsburgh for eight years.

In 1982 she became the Academic Dean of Saint Vincent Seminary. In 2000 she was elected to membership on the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), the first person from Saint Vincent to be elected to the Commission. She serves as one of two Roman Catholics on this fifteen-member Commission. This past June she was elected vice chair of the Commission on Accrediting.

Fr. Kurt Belsole, Rector of the Seminary, commented that Sr. Cecilia’s election as the Vice Chairperson of the ATS Commission on Accrediting would come as no surprise to anyone who knows her since her administrative skills and comprehension of evaluative procedures as well as her personal integrity insight are simply outstanding. He noted that her election was an honor for the Seminary and expressed his gratitude and admiration for her work at the Seminary throughout her entire time at Saint Vincent.

Sr. Cecilia chaired the self-study committee for the most recent evaluation of Saint Vincent Seminary by the ATS and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, a unit of the Commission on Higher Education. The Seminary received a ten-year accreditation from both organizations. Accredited status means an institution abides by certain standards in order to sustain and strengthen the quality and integrity of its higher education programs.

In 1982, when she was invited to serve as dean, Sr. Cecilia helped guide the Seminary through its initial accreditation by ATS and a Vatican Visitations, which was part of the U.S. Vatican study of seminaries in the 1980s. She has also helped prepare the first Seminary faculty and administrative handbook and the interim report for the Middle States Association.

But after three and a half years she was ready for a change. She went to the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in southeastern Pennsylvania for spirituality training, and worked for a year at Bon Secour Spiritual Center in Maryland. Then she was invited back to the Seminary to serve as Director of Field Education, which she did for seven years. When the Academic Dean resigned in 1994, Sr. Cecilia was once again asked to serve in that position, and she has continued in that role ever since.

Although she has served the Seminary in times when enrollment was much lower than the near-record levels it experiences today, Sr. Cecilia has always seen the “incredible potential here. The Seminary has grown a great deal and I see it continuing to grow in the future in terms of enrollment, faculty and programs.”

She noted that even though she had the ground-breaking role of being the first woman dean, “I have always felt treated like a person here. I enjoy the faculty and the students and appreciate the wonderful support staff that we have.” Sr. Cecilia has served on four ATS evaluation teams in the past four years. In March she was in California and in the past few years she’s also gone to Richmond, Indiana; Portland, Oregon and Spokane, Washington.

There are usually three people on an evaluation team, she said. “It is very enriching to be able to serve on a team with others in the field of theological education. During our site visits I have also learned a great deal about how different seminaries function, and how much of that information can help to improve our own Seminary.”

Sr. Cecilia also was chair of a team for the Pennsylvania Department of Education in June, evaluating a new degree program of an institution in Philadelphia. Although the Seminary was re-accredited by ATS in 1998, her work has not slowed any, as she is chair of a Seminary committee preparing an interim report for the Middle States Association.

In spite of all the paperwork, one of the best parts of her job is “getting to know the students. They are very open, friendly, and easy to interact with,” she said. “It is always a blessing to see them as they progress toward their fourth year and to see the growth and development that occurs.”

Although her family belonged to Holy Family Parish, which is in downtown Latrobe, she has many ties to Saint Vincent. Her mother was baptized in the old Archabbey Church in 1895, and made her first communion and confirmation in the present Basilica in 1908. Two brothers graduated from Saint Vincent Preparatory School, and one graduated from the College. Her late sister, Sr. Perpetua Murphy, S.C., served as financial analyst for the Seminary, a brother and sister are members of Saint Vincent Parish, and her parents are buried at Saint Vincent.

Last Fall, Sr. Cecilia took a six-month sabbatical, directing a 30-day retreat, and traveling in Ireland for three weeks. She also spent two months at the Jesuit Center. But she’s now happy to be back at Saint Vincent, and to dig into more challenging tasks as the Seminary prepares for its growth and expansion in the coming years.

“I think the Seminary is one of the best kept secrets in western Pennsylvania,” she concluded. But with the assistance of the faculty and administration, this dean’s secret shouldn’t be a secret much longer.

Seminary Graduate Elected Diocesan Administrator

Very Rev. Mauricio West, C’79, S.B., Chancel- lor and former Vicar General for the Diocese of Charlotte, was elected diocesan administrator following the acceptance by Pope John Paul II of the resigna- tion of Bishop William G. Culin. Bishop Culin submit- ted his resignation on August 30, in accord with canon law, when he reached his 75th birthday. He had served as Bishop of Char- lotte since 1994.

“I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, for allowing me to serve these past eight years in a diocese that is so rich with so much promise for the future of the Church in North Carolina,” Bishop Culin told The Catholic News and Herald. He will stay in Charlotte and plans to spend time working with the poor, sick and homeless.

On September 10, the diocesan college of consultants elected Father West to serve as diocesan administrator until the Holy Father appoints a new bishop. “It was a unanimous decision,” said Father Ignatius Zampino, O.F.M. Cap., senior consultant and pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Charlotte. “Father West brings a lot of experience to this position.”

“I am honored to be elected admin- istrator by my brother priests,” said Father West. “I am optimistic that our diocese will continue its growth and we will receive even greater blessings under our new lead- ership,” said Bishop Culin.
His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida received an honorary doctorate in conjunction with the annual Saint Vincent Seminary Alumni Day Mass and Banquet on October 1.

Cardinal Maida, a native of East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, completed high school at Saint Mary’s Prep, Orchard Lake, Michigan, in 1948. He attended Saint Mary’s College in Orchard Lake for two years before transferring to Saint Vincent College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy in 1952. In 1956, Cardinal Maida received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Saint Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Following his ordination, Cardinal Maida served in the Pittsburgh Diocese, as an associate pastor, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

On November 8, 1983, Cardinal Maida was appointed the ninth Bishop of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and was ordained bishop on January 25, 1984. He was installed as Archbishop of Detroit on June 12, 1990, and elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II on November 26, 1994, at Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

Cardinal Maida has served as chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Canonical Affairs Committee; chairman of the Most Reverend Moderator and President of the Pope’s Congregation of the Clergy at the Vatican; and legal Texts at the Vatican. He has served as a member of the United States Catholic Conference Ex Cordon of America Board of Trustees; Basilica of the Board of Trustees; the Pope John XXIII Medical-Moral Research and the Education Center; and the Pope John Paul II Cultural Foundation in Rome.

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Cardinal Maida, was presented with a golf club autographed by local golf legend Arnold Palmer. His Eminence achieved his hole in one at the Northville Golf Course, designed by Arnold Palmer, during a benefit for Detroit inner city schools.

Cardinal Maida expressed his gratitude for the education he received at Saint Vincent, and thanked the many family members and friends who attended the Mass and Banquet.

Many of Cardinal Maida’s family members and friends from East Vandergrift, his hometown, were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. His brother, Father Thaddeus Maida, a Seminary alumnus, gave the Benediction. Father Maida is a Pittsburgh diocesan priest.

Cardinal Maida is reunited with fellow Kiski Valley natives, Robert and Irene Bozzone.

Cardinal Maida greets long-time friends Joseph and Carolyn Massaro.
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Your residence, vacation home, farm or acreage may have appreciated in value through the years such that its sale would mean a sizeable capital gains tax. By making a year-end gift of this property instead, you would avoid the capital gains tax, and, at the same time, receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the property.

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**Development Corner: A Message from the Director**

**YEAR-END GIVING**

As you finalize your year-end tax planning, we hope you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction. Your year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes, while providing meaningful support for Saint Vincent Seminary. Regardless of your income, if you itemize you can almost always lower the taxes you pay through charitable giving. The amount of the income tax savings will depend on your tax bracket.

Giving, as you know, is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts make an important difference in our ability to prepare future priests to serve the people of God.

Here are some of the best year-end gift ideas. We would be pleased to provide you with further information. Also, we urge you to discuss your tax planning with your accountant or other professional advisor.

**CASH**

If you itemize, you can lower your income taxes simply by writing us a check by December 31. There is no easier way to garner a year-end charitable deduction. Make sure your envelope is postmarked by December 31; if it is, your gift will qualify as a current year gift even if it is not received by us until the first week of next year.

Some employers will match your charitable gifts, meaning your gifts are worth even more. If your company or firm has a matching gift program, simply enclose the form along with your check.

Gifts of cash are fully deductible — up to a maximum of 50 % of your adjusted gross income. For example, if your adjusted gross income is $50,000, up to $25,000 of charitable gifts may be deducted in this year. Any excess can generally be carried forward and deducted over as many as five subsequent years.

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If you own stock, it is almost always more beneficial to contribute stock than cash.

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News of the Newly-Ordained Seminary Class of 2002

Father Gary W. Krummert, ordained to the priesthood on June 22 for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, was a programmer/analyst with USAirways when he began to feel a call to the priesthood. He was inspired by several priests, including Father Paul Staud and Father Nicholas Mastrangelo, and his interest was heightened by a trip to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, in 1991. He completed the pre-theology program at St. Paul Seminary before entering Saint Vincent Seminary. He has been assigned to St. Ferdinand in Cranberry Township.

Father Shawn O. Malarkey was working toward a degree in elementary education at Penn State University when he began to feel the call toward priesthood, he told Pittsburgh Catholic staff writer John Franko. He discerned that call through prayer and by looking to the example of priests in his life, including Father Fred Byrne, a Saint Vincent Benedictine who at the time was a campus minister at Penn State.

He noted that the call to priesthood can be lost in the noise of today’s world, but that “God does call. It’s our responsibility to listen.”

While working for Northwestern Mutual in Pittsburgh, Father Matthew R. McClain felt a calling to priesthood. He discussed it with his uncle, Capuchin Father Bob McCready and entered St. Paul Seminary in 1996 and Saint Vincent Seminary in 1998. In addition to his uncle, he was inspired by a number of priests, including Msgr. Charles Owen Rice, C’30, S’34, D’80, a former pastor of St. Anne in Castle Shannon where he grew up.

He was also inspired by the image of a priest as an ‘icon’ of Christ in that priests have the freedom to be prophetic and stand up for what is right in the world. His first assignment is at St. Alexis Parish in Wexford.

“He started Georgia Tech intent on working in electrical engineering, and got a degree in it. But what Father Terence Crone found was that his mind and heart were wired for the priesthood,” Priscilla Greear wrote in The Georgia Bulletin, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He told Greear that his scientific background and his seminary training work together.

“I don’t think I’m going to be wasting my scientific background because I learned a way of thinking and a way of looking at different angles that will assist me in explaining the truth of our faith.” Following his June 15 ordination he was assigned as parochial vicar at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Woodstock, Georgia.

Father Bryan D. Small grew up loving movies and once thought of a film career. But he was also inspired by a priest who was his high school religion teacher and by a priest in college. He said the best part of his priestly formation was his pastoral internships, and noted that he is eager to begin drawing on Scripture, Church tradition and personal experience at the pulpit. He will have that opportunity at All Saints Church, Dunwoody, in the Atlanta Archdiocese.

Father Thomas W. Dagle, a newly-ordained priest in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has felt since high school that he was called to the priesthood, but pursued education and work before entering the seminary. Now 45, he told Colleen Duncan of The Catholic Spirit, he did not feel fulfilled in his life. After obtaining a bachelor’s degree in both business administration and psychology from Fairmont State University, he worked there as a cost analyst for 11 years and in the 1980s served as a volunteer manager of the Hope Incorporated Domestic Violence Shelter.

His third year in the seminary was even more challenging when he was diagnosed with Hodkin’s disease. For two and a half months he received outpatient treatment while completing his seminary requirements. The disease is in remission. He is now associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling.

Although his June 1 ordination comes at a challenging period for the Roman Catholic Church, Father Douglas E. Dorula of the Diocese of Greensburg noted he sees it as a “wonderful opportunity for everyone in the church to see that, despite human frailty and sin, the power of God stands tall.”

Interviewed in the Uniontown Herald-Standard, Father Dorula noted that he worked as a disc jockey, was then in sales and advertising before entering the seminary. “This is the happiest I have ever been in my life,” he said.

He noted in an interview with The Catholic Accent that he took to heart the words of former Seminary Rector Father Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B. “He told us that if we don’t form a life of prayer in the seminary and if we have no commitment to prayer, we might as well leave. If we weren’t going to take the time and commit ourselves to build relationships with Jesus Christ, then he could do nothing for us.” So Dorula has based his life on what Father Thomas told him.

His classmate, Father William G. Berkey, also ordained June 1, always felt he was called to the priesthood, but never answered. His great-aunt told him (Continued on Page 15)
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she hoped one day he would be a priest.
A former maitre d’, he likens his previous profes-
sion with his current one in that they’re both a life
of service.
“I’ve always had a great joy working with people,” he said.
“In the priesthood, you must also work well with people.”
He added that “Christ is still calling men to serve in the priesthood. They
need to be open to that, knowing the Church will continue to grow. Do not be
afraid.”
Father Dorula has been assigned as parochial vicar at St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Parish, Indiana, while Father Berkey is parochial vicar of Mount St. Peter Parish,
New Kensington and St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell.

In the Diocese of Youngstown, Bishop
Thomas Tobin ordained Robert M. Miller
to the priesthood on May 25. Deacon
Peter Haladej was ordained to the priest-
hood by Joseph Cardinal Tomko on June 15 in Slovakia, and is now at St. Patrick
Church in Hubbard, Ohio, in the Diocese
of Youngstown.

Father Miller (no photo available) noted in The Catholic Exponent that Catho-
lics in the diocese have been overwhelm-
ingly supportive of his ordination and the priesthood as a whole. He worked as a
computer projects analyst for a health insurance company for about 15 years before entering the seminary. During his career, he experienced downsizing, pay
cuts, and unemployment for a time, and
career, he experienced downsizing, pay
analysis of Oklahoma before entering the
seminary in 1996. Father Medina earned a degree in acting from the
Universidad Inter-
continental in Mexico before completing a phi-
losophy degree. He worked in theater and radio before answering the call
to the priesthood.

On Saturday, June 1, 2002, Father
Michael M. Calhoun, O.S.B., was
ordained to the priesthood at St. Bede
Abbey, Peru, Illinois, by the new bishop
of the Peoria Diocese, Bishop Daniel
Dorula, O.S.B.
Father Michael moved to Utica with his
family at an early age. He graduated from
St. Bede Academy in 1989 and earned a
bachelor of arts degree in education from
St. Mary’s University in Winona, Minn., in 1993.
After graduating from college he joined the
Saint Bede community, professing first vows on
Dec. 8, 1994, and
final vows on Dec. 8, 1999. He has
taught religion at the academy, serves as sacristan and second master of cer-
emonies for community liturgies, and is also a member of the abbey’s Mission
Advancement Team.

The St. Leo Abbey community celebrated the ordination for Father

Isaac J. Camacho, O.S.B., to the priest-
hood on Saturday, December 22, 2001, in the Abbey
Church. Bishop
Robert Lynch of the Diocese of St.
Petersburg pre-
sided. His first
years of schooling were in Mexico City; how-
ever, he completed high school at the San Carlos Institute in Spain in 1985. He entered the monastic
life in 1987 at Tepeyac Abbey in Mexico where he professed Simple Vows in 1988. Fr. Isaac transferred his stability in July 1991 to Saint Leo Abbey. He com-
pleted his undergraduate education in 1995 at Saint Leo Abbey and began theo-
logical studies at Saint Meinrad Archab-
bey’s School of Theology the following
year. Fr. Isaac earned a master of arts
degree in theology in the summer of 1996.

His superiors requested that he begin
studies to prepare him as the Novice
Master and Formation Director for the
Abbey. In January 2001, he was sent
to Saint Vincent Seminary to complete
theological studies leading to the priest-
hood. Fr. Isaac will continue in his role
as formation director as well as assist in
the Abbey Youth Retreat Program.

Father Christopher A. Roux was
appointed parochial vicar at St. Leo
Parish in Winston-Salem,
North Carolina. He
was ordained to the priesthood on December 15,
2001, by Bishop
William G. Curlin
at St. Patrick
Cathedral in
Charlotte.

Father Matthew A. Reese is now the
parochial vicar at Our Mother of Sor-
rows Parish in the Westmont section of Johnstown, fol-
lowing his ordina-
tion. He said his
call to the priest-
hood began when he was young, and that the Mass
has always held
a unique place in his life.
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In the front row are, from left, Rev. Kevin Dominik, Dean of Students; Very Rev. Kurt Belsole, O.S.B., Rector; Sr. Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Academic Dean; Rev. William Fay, Vice Rector.

In row two, from left, are: Br. Benoit Allogia, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Br. Marcel Longe, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio; Cyril Chae, Archdiocese of Atlanta; Alejandro Ayala, Diocese of Charlotte; Christopher Turner, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Rev. Mr. Paul Clark, Diocese of Harrisburg; Br. Peter Rayappan, O.S.B., Asirvanam Monastery, India; Br. Anthony Pham, O. Cist., Phuoc Son Abbey, Vietnam; Br. Mario Parisi, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio; Sean Francis, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Rev. Mr. Steven Fauser, Diocese of Harrisburg; Br. Bruno Heisey, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Mark Tobin, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Arthur Bufogle, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Charles Ugo, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; Aron Maghsoudi, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; Br. Michael Miller, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey.

In row three, from left, are: Br. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Br. Stephen Patrizio, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; James Campbell, Diocese of Erie; Joseph Carr, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Rev. Mr. James Caldwell, Jr., Diocese of Tulsa; Drew Suelzer, Diocese of Charlotte; Stephen Pantzer, Diocese of Savannah; Fredy Angel, Diocese of Savannah; Br. Gabriel Landis, O.S.B., Saint Benedict Abbey; John Mulchay, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Michael Rothan, Diocese of Harrisburg; Stephen Kresak, Diocese of Pittsburgh.

In row four, from left, are: Br. Vincent Ng, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey, Valyermo, California; Br. Paula Panza, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Alex Andrua, Diocese of Arua; Steven Neff, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Neil Herlihy, Archdiocese of Atlanta; Rev. Mr. John Matejek, Jr., Archdiocese of Atlanta; Charles McGinnis, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; David Vogel, Diocese of Steubenville; Br. Gabriel Rapisarda, C.M.M.I., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Monastery, Ohio; Rev. Br. Thomas Curry, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Mark Van Alstine, Diocese of Savannah.

In row five, from left, are: Br. Mark Floreanini, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Timothy Marcose, Diocese of Harrisburg; Chidi Osondu, Diocese of Savannah; Douglas Ondeck, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Stephen Cotter, Diocese of Tulsa; James Fair, Diocese of Harrisburg; Br. Marion Charboneau, O.S.B., Saint Benedict Abbey; Daniel Beaumont, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Christopher Foxhoven, Diocese of Steubenville; Eric Filmer, Diocese of Savannah.

In the last row, from left, are: Br. Barnabas Anderson, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; John Rice, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Timothy Kruthaupt, Diocese of Greensburg; Joseph Dougherty, Diocese of Erie; Rev. Mr. Leo Fowler, Diocese of Charlotte; David Young, Diocese of Columbus; Samuel Odeh, Via Christi Society; John-Paul Otana, Via Christi Society; Luis Mercado, Archdiocese of Atlanta; Br. Gregory Gresko, O.S.B., Mary Mother of the Church Abbey; Keith Heise, Diocese of Columbus; Timothy Kozak, Diocese of Steubenville; Peter MacLellan, Diocese of Pittsburgh; John Atkinson, Diocese of Charlotte; Br. Mark Purcell, O.S.B., Mary Mother of the Church Abbey; Rev. Br. Brian Boosel, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Br. Juan Ortiz, C.O., The Pharr Oratory; Br. Paul Paproski, O.S.B., Saint Peter’s Abbey; Rev. Mr. Matthew Kujawinski, Diocese of Erie; Alan Polczynski, Diocese of Greensburg; Donald Ballish, Diocese of Charleston; Br. Maurus Mount, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Mark Gallipeau, Community of Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.
Seminary to Host Annual Bishops’ Breakfast in Washington D.C.

On November 13, 2002, Saint Vincent Seminary will once again play breakfast host to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops during their annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The Board of Regents and the constituent bishops join Fr. Kurt Belsole, O.S.B., Rector, in welcoming all of the bishops from across the country to a breakfast hosted by Saint Vincent Seminary. The breakfast allows bishops to acquaint themselves with the priestly formation program at Saint Vincent. Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, is expected to attend.

The USCCB’s fall meeting will be held from November 11-14. The agenda will include: A Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration to be issued jointly by the bishops of the U.S. and Mexico; a document entitled “A Place at the Table: A Catholic Commitment to Overcome Poverty and Respect the Dignity of All God’s Children”; a statement on the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade; a document on diocesan financial issues to assist dioceses in financial reporting; several items pertaining to the Church’s liturgy; Encuentro and Mission: A Renewed Pastoral Framework for Hispanic Ministry; and a report on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse.

New Book By Bishop Wuerl

To Come Follow Me: Reflections on the Ministerial Priesthood, is a new book by Pittsburgh Bishop Donald W. Wuerl, who serves on the Seminary Board of Regents. The 108-page book is a compilation of excerpts from reflections Bishop Wuerl has delivered in his 35 years as a priest. Published by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the book was edited by Father James Wehner, director of the diocesan Department for Clergy and Ministerial Formation. Father Wehner is also Rector of St. Paul Seminary.

The little book is just a nice timely piece with these pastoral reflections on priesthood in a time when people are speculating what is priesthood, and celibacy and what are the values of leading a lifestyle like this,” said Father Wehner, “especially when a scandal could undermine all the good work of it.”

“At the installation of every pastor in this diocese I speak about the Church’s belief that the priest is to minister in the midst of that parish faith community as the image of Christ,” Bishop Wuerl said in The Pittsburgh Catholic. “He is to teach, administer the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and to be the spiritual leader for that portion of God’s flock entrusted to his care.

“While it is in earthen vessels that we carry this great treasure, it is nonetheless a truly magnificent treasure. My hope is that this collection of thoughts on the priesthood might be of some small help as we all regularly reflect on and thank God for the gift of the priesthood.”

Greensburg Bishop Anthony G. Bosco celebrates the Eucharist during the Annual Red Mass held on September 27. Father John Beal, homilist, is at the far left. Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor, was one of the concelebrants of the Liturgy.

Seminary, Archabbey, College, Diocese, Host Annual Red Mass

Saint Vincent Archabbey, College and Seminary and the Diocese of Greensburg hosted the annual Red Mass, held this year at the St. Joseph Center in Greensburg. Father John Beal of the Catholic University of America was the homilist. Father Beal is Chairman of the Department of Canon Law at the university, and oversees the only program of canon law studies in the United States. Named to the post in 1998, he began teaching canon law at the university in 1990. An active member of the Canon Law Society of America, he is recognized internationally for his academic scholarship and professional advice, and is a popular lecturer. He provides canonical counsel to various organizations, including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has authored a number of articles published in North America and Europe. Before moving to Washington, D.C., Father Beal held several positions in the Diocese of Erie, including Judicial Vicar for the Marriage Tribunal.

He earned a doctorate in canon law from The Catholic University of America in 1985, attended Gannon University, Erie; St. Bonaventure University, New York; the American College at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium; and The Catholic University of America.
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Bishop Phelan led the diocese from 1889 until his death in 1904. Bishop Phelan left Ireland in response to a call for priests from Pittsburgh’s first Bishop, Michael O’Connor. While a priest at St. Peter on the North Side of Pittsburgh he oversaw construction of the current church building. Eventually he became Vicar General then Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese. He helped construct St. Paul Orphanage, eliminated the debt of the diocese, built St. Paul Cathedral and Epiphany, a co-cathedral in the city’s Uptown neighborhood. He also appointed a board of examiners to assure the qualification of the city’s diocesan teachers, created and named the first school board of the diocese and oversaw three synods of the diocese.

At the time of his death in 1904 there were 218 parishes and 20 missions in the diocese, as well as 405 priests and approximately 300,000 Catholics. Bishop McDowell’s new book was written up in the October 4 edition of The Pittsburgh Catholic. It is available at Kirner’s, the Diocesan Purchasing Commission and Merhaut in Gibsonia.

Greensburg Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, S’52, a member of the Seminary Board of Regents, received the Bishop John England Award for 2001 from the Catholic Press Association at its annual convention in Minneapolis. The award is given to publishers in the Catholic press for their defense of freedom of the press and freedom of religion and is awarded by past presidents of the Association. Bishop England was the first publisher of a Catholic newspaper in the United States.

Bishop Bosco also received the Companion on the Journey Award at the annual diocesan youth awards ceremony. Bishop Bosco was surprised with the honor during the June 18 prayer service and awards ceremony. He is celebrating 50 years of service in the priesthood.

He was also given a scrapbook with photos from a presentation put together by Matthew Dowling of Uniontown, one of two youths presented with the Outstanding Catholic Youth Award.

Father Lawrence T. Persico, a 1977 seminar graduate, recently observed his 25-year jubilee. Father Persico is presently pastor of Saint James Parish, New Alexandria, chancellor and associate general director of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Father Edward Lohse, S’88, is the new vice chancellor of the Diocese of Erie and will also serve his “second tour of duty” as vocation director for the diocese in a recent announcement made by Bishop Donald W. Trautman. Father Lohse, who was vocation director for the diocese from 1995 to 2000, recently returned from Rome where he earned a licentiate in canon law at Pontifical Gregorian University.

As vice chancellor, he will assist the bishop with correspondence and other matters and also serve as his master of ceremonies at liturgical functions. As vocation director he will head an office which will now include regional vocation directors, allowing for a more localized effort.

“It is Christ who gives the vocation. To foster vocations is to foster a person’s relationship with Christ,” Father Lohse told Gary Loncki of the Lake Shore Visitor. “A priest is consecrated to the priestly heart of Christ in the offering of one’s whole life in the service to the church and others.”

Following his ordination in 1989, Father Lohse was parochial vicar at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Carry, from 1989 to 1990; then taught at Central Catholic High School, Dubois, from 1990 to 1995, while serving as a weekend assistant at Immaculate Conception Parish, Brookville, and living at St. Tobias Parish, Brockway. He served on the diocesan Presbyteral Council from 1994 to 1999.

Father Scott E. Katren, S’91, will continue as Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Erie, with an additional appointment as a sacramental assistant at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie. He recently completed his licenti ate degree in canon law. He works in the Tribunal Office. His duties include being a judge in the tribunal and he has been delegated by the Bishop to issue dispensations and permissions for marriage.

He was temporary parochial administrator at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Erie, during 2000, and was sacramental assistant while in residence there from 1999-2000. He was also an auditor in the Office of Matrimonial Concerns for the Diocese and served as parochial vicar at St. Stephen, Oil City; St. Francis of Assisi, Clearfield; and St. George, Erie.

Recent appointments in the Diocese of Greensburg include:

* Father Anthony W. Ditto was appointed pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Brady’s Bend, and administrator of St. Mary Parish, Parker. He has previously served as pastor of Visitation Parish, Mount Pleasant. His parochial vicarships were at St. Mary Parish, Uniontown; St. Edward Parish, Herminie; St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City.

* Father John M. Foriska has been named pastor of Ascension Parish, Jeannette, and administrator of St. Boniface Parish, Penn. His previous parishes have been at the former St. Michael Parish, Glen Campbell; St. Thomas More Parish, Indiana; St. John the Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont; St. Florian Parish, United and administrator of St. Stanislaus Parish, Calumet. His parochial vicarships have been at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis; St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell; St. Therese Parish, Uniontown.

* Father Lawrence R. Kiniry has moved from pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, where he has been since 1988, to pastor of St. Louis Parish, Lucernemines, and administrator of St. Francis Parish, Coral. He has also served parishes at St. James Parish, New Alexandria; St. James the Greater Parish, Apollo, and parochial vicarships at St. Bernard Parish, Indiana; Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg; St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis.

He noted in The Catholic Accent that “considering where we are with the number of priests in the diocese, everyone is called upon to help meet spiritual needs. So that might necessitate working at two parishes.”

* Father Micah E. Kozol moved from the Church of the Resurrection in northern Indiana County, where he has served since 1995, to pastor of St. Mary of the Nativity, Uniontown. He served a parochial vicarship at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell.

* Father Larry J. Kulick will continue to serve as consultant for priestly vocations for the Diocese of Greensburg and has moved to his second pastorate at St Joseph, New Kensington. He had served at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, since 1997. His parochial vicarships were at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg and Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin.

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* Father Raymond E. Riffle is the new pastor at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, moving there from St. Sylvester Parish, Slickville. He also served as pastor at St. Thomas More Parish, Indiana. His parochial vicarship was at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. He will continue to serve as executive director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Father Riffle won’t be seeing all new faces at the parish, The Catholic Accent noted, since he was in residence at Our Lady of Grace while serving as a chaplain at the State Correctional Institution at Greensburg and Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg.

* Father E. George Saletrik has been named pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent. It is his first pastorate. He has served parochial vicarships at St. Sebastian Parish in Belle Vernon, St. John the Evangelist in Uniontown and The Epiphany of Our Lady in Monessen. He noted that “I’ve been fortunate to have good parish experience. I’ve had good teachers. Hopefully I can incorpo- rate what I’ve learned into my ministry. I’m ready for the new challenge and I can’t think of a better place to go.”

* Father Michael W. Matusak, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant, since 1997, received the additional assignments of administrator of both Transfiguration and Visitation parishes in Mount Pleasant. He also has served pastorates at the former St. Gertrude Parish, Mchtyre; Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent; and parochial vicarships at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City; SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville; Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, and St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon.

“When I told parishioners about my new assignment, they asked me how I could do this by myself,” he told Melissa Williams Schoefield of The Catholic Accent. “I told them I have the help of some 4,200 people who will assume their roles to use their gifts and talents to serve the church. I look at this as building to the future. We’ve used regionalization in looking to the future.”

Father Matusak is also a chaplain and firefighter in Mount Pleasant, going on 60 per- cent of the department’s 600 calls per year.

The three Mount Pleasant parishes will have a full-time pastoral associate, a full-time business manager and maintenance and facilities person.

* Father Michael P. Sikon has received his first pastorate at St. Mary Parish in Yates- boro, while also serving as administrator at Sacred Heart Parish, Sagamore. He has been parochial vicar at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, for the past three years, and prior to that at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

He told Jerry Zufelt, managing editor of The Catholic Accent, that he is ready for the new assignment, six years after his ordination. “The three years (at St. Bernard) have given me a greater confidence in my ability, skills and gifts, and the confidence to use them in ministry.”

* Father Dennis A. Bogusz has been assigned pastoral duties at Immaculate Conception Parish in Connellsville, chaplain for the Iverea Sisters in Mount Pleasant and assistant chaplain at Frick Hospital in Mount Pleasant, as well as Highlands Hospital, Connellsville, with residence at Holy Trinity Parish, Connellsville.

* Father James W. Clark is now chaplain at Uniontown Hospital and LaFayette Manor, Uniontown, with residence at Madonna of Czestochowa Parish, Cardale.

* Msgr. Nicholas A. Mitolo retired after 24 years as pastor at Ascension Parish in Jeannette, or half of the 48 years he has spent in the priesthood. During that time he baptized 621 children, celebrated 277 weddings and buried 711 people, wrote Elisa A. Kent in The Catholic Accent.

He served parochial vicarships at SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville; St. Paul Parish, Greensburg; and was pastor at St. Mary in Yatesboro and the chapel in Nu Mine; St. Syl- vester, Slickville; and St. Rita, Connellsville. He was named a monsignor on February 18, 1986.

* Michael K. Pecosh, a Greensburg diocesan seminarian, began a 14-month pastoral internship at St. Sebastian Parish in Belle Vernon on July 1.

When he graduated from Brownsville High School in 1993, he entered California University of Pennsylvania intending to study medicine. A member of the Theta Xi social fra- ternity, he felt drawn to the seminary. After graduation he worked in sales and marketing in Cleveland but returned to Brownsville in 1998.

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to begin the Seminary application process.
Part way through his formation he took
some time off, relocated to New York, got
a sales job. He told writer Elsa Kent of The
Catholic Accent that he was happy, but not
fulfilled. He returned to the Seminary in 2001.

Just Published
The Rev. Maurice O'Connell from the
Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., and a member of the Saint
Vincent Seminary Class of 1972, has co-authored a recently published

“The Church Through History,”
is a 340-page book with full-color
illustrations throughout. Co-authored
with Joseph Stoutzenberger, the
volume has 12 chapters on various
aspects of the church, including:
Beginnings, The Church of the Apostles;
Spreading the Message, The Church Enters the Empire; Church
Victorious, The Age of the Fathers;
Expansion and Growth, Creating
a Christian European World; The
Church and the World United,
Toward the High Middle Ages; From
Disorder to Beauty and Hope, The
Road to the Renaissance; Challenge
and Response, The Church in Dis
unity; Sacred or Secular? Rationalism
Confronts the Catholic Church;
Mosaic of Unity and Diversity, The
Church in the Americas; A Spiritual
and Moral Presence, The Church in
the Modern World; The Church of
Vatican Council II and The Gospel
of Life, The Church in the Global
Community.

“He’s a good man, a well-rounded and solid
individual who is strong in his faith and loves the
church,” said Father Vincent J. Gigliotti, admin-
istrator of Pecosh’s home parish, St. Mary.

Father Benedict Kapa has been
appointed the new associate pastor of St. Mar-
garet Mary Parish in Parkersburg, Diocese of
Wheeling-Charleston. He was ordained June
3, 2000, and served as associate pastor of St.
Joseph the Worker parish in Weirton prior to
his new assignment.

Saint Vincent seminarian Stephen Kresak
was among those who helped 40 men explore
the possibility of seminary life during “An Even-
ing with the Bishop: The Road to Priesthood,”
held at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton.

Kresak noted that the most difficult part of
his discernment toward a vocation was giving
up the security of his past and letting go. “You
have to let go, trust, and let God guide you
along the way,” he told Pittsburgh Catholic
staff writer John Franko.

Bishop Vuolj told those attending that “The
priesthood is such an incredible opportunity to
help so many people. The more you’re open
as a humble servant the more God will call
you.” He advised those who might be over-
whelmed with a vocation decision to stop and
talk to God, listen to what God is saying, and
respond.

John Rice of the Diocese of Wheel-
ing-Charleston was ordained a deacon by
Bishop Bernard W. Schmitt on May 18
at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg,
West Virginia.

Four local pastors (two seminary gradu-
ates) were featured in a lengthy article in The
Blairsville Dispatch in June, including Father
Michael W. Matusak, P67, S’75, St. Pius X
Church, Mount Pleasant; Father Richard Mack-
iewicz, St. Matthew Church, Saltsburg; Father
Stephen West of St. Joseph Church, Derry;
and Father Martin R. Bartel, O.S.B.,
S’85, St. Martin Church, New Derry.

Discussing a variety of topics, including what
led them to priesthood, the joys and frustra-
tions of the work, and the crisis facing the
Catholic Church, they had many interesting
comments for editor John M. Jennings:

* Former president of Saint Vincent College,
Father Martin is in his first pastorate and loves
the work.

“This (working with people in a parish setting)
is what anyone who has ever been ordained
wants to do,” he said. “I hate to see the day
end, and I can’t wait for the alarm to go off in
the morning.”

* Father Matusak was late for his interview
with the newspaper because he was respond-
ing to an auto accident. He’s well-known for
his involvement with local fire departments.
Before moving to Mount Pleasant he was the
first pastor of the Church of the Good Shep-
herd in Kent, which was the result of the
merger of three parishes in Indiana County.

Seminarian Alan Polczynski of the Dio-
cese of Greensburg participated in a North
American congress on vocations in Montreal in
April. He reported there was a lot of energy
at the congress, although there is “no quick fix
or magic pill” to increase vocations. “Love and
encouragement will increase vocations.”

Recent clergy appointments announced by
Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of
Harrisburg, included:

* Father Leo M. Goodman, III, to
pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish, Lancaster, from parochial vicar, St.
Catherine Laboure Parish, Harrisburg.

* Msgr. Francis M. Kumontis, to resi-
dence, Prince of Peace Parish, Steelton, from
residence, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey. He
will continue as diocesan secretary for Catho-
lic Charities.

* Father Michael C. Letteer, to paro-
chial vicar, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Coal
Township, and St. Patrick Parish, Trevorton,
and chaplain, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional
High School, Coal Township. He was previ-
ously parochial vicar at St. Theresa of the
Infant Jesus Parish, New Cumberland.

* Father James R. O’Brien, to pastor,
Corpus Christi Parish, Chambersburg, from
pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechan-
icsburg.

* Father Bernardo Pistone, to pastor,
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg, from
pastor, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish, Lancaster.

Father Joseph Trapp II, of the Diocese
of Columbus, has been named associate pastor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Grove
City. He was previously associate pastor of St.
Brendan Parish, Hilliard.

Matthew Kujawinski was ordained a
transitional deacon by Bishop Donald W.
Troutman June 2 at Notre Dame Church, Her-
mitage, Diocese of Erie. His continuum assign-
ment is at Notre Dame Parish.

Father Stuart Crevcoure of the Tulsa
Diocese became administrator of Sacred Heart
Parish in Sapulpa, in addition to his duties
as associate pastor of the Church of the
Madalene. He is also chaplain of the Newman
Center at the University of Tulsa.

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Pittsburgh diocesan priests marking anniversaries of their ordinations included the following alumni:
* Father John D. Fording, S’42, 60th anniversary of ordination. Father Fording resides at St. John Vianney Manor in Crafton. He is a former pastor of St. Teresa in Koppel and St. Joan of Arc in Library.
* Msgr. Paul M. Lackner, S’42, 60th anniversary of ordination. Msgr. Lackner is living at the Cardinal Dearden Center in Pittsburgh’s Oakland neighborhood. His most recent pastorate was at the former St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Esplen. He currently directs the local Cursillo Movement.
* Father Edward F. McSweeney, C’49, S’62, 50th anniversary of ordination. Still active in social issues, Father McIlvane pastored parishes in the Hill District and East End.
* Father William J. Scholz, C’49, S’52, 50th anniversary of ordination. Former assistant chancellor and finance manager for the diocese, as well as a former pastor, he is now parochial vicar at Holy Trinity Parish in Robinson Township.
* Father Walter F. Wichmanowski, S’52, 50th anniversary of ordination. He is former pastor of St. Bartholomew in Penn Hills and was a former military chaplain in the U.S. Army. He is now living at St. John Vianney Manor.
* Father Dennis J. Bradley, S’76, 25th anniversary of ordination. Father Bradley is currently pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Pittsburgh.

Stephen Fauser and Paul Clark were ordained transitional deacons on May 18 by Harrisburg Bishop Nicholas Dattilo at St. Patrick Cathedral. Their priesthood ordinations will take place in June of 2003.

Father Richard A. Infante, pastor of Nativity Parish in South Park Township, paid tribute to his father in a column in the Pittsburgh Catholic. His father died in the spring near the end of his first year in the seminary, prompting him "to enter more deeply into the mystery of God the Father, to glimpse the love between the Father and the Son in the Holy Trinity, to become more intrigued with St. Joseph, to perceive the familial shape of Christian revelation and to grow into a spiritual father myself in the priesthood of Jesus Christ."

Now ordained for ten years, Father Infante wrote that not only his father, but many priests, had a hand in his vocation, noting, "if you think about it, there is always something paternal about a good priest. There is nothing my parishioners or a stranger can call me that means more to me than 'Father,' conveying their trust and love, their faith and respect."

Father Richard B. Tomkosky, S’98, is now parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. He previously served as parochial vicar at Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg.

Father Michael P. Ferrick has been reappointed as parochial vicar of St. George Parish, Erie.

Rev. George T. Leech, C’52, S’56, recently was honored with the Distinguished Graduate Award from St. Philip Elementary School in the Crafton section of Pittsburgh.

Very Rev. Stephen M. Chervenak, D.Min., C’56, S’60, pastor of St. Angela Merici Parish, White Oak, and his congregation moved out of their ‘temporary’ church after 40 years when Bishop Donald W. Wuerl visited to bless the new church on January 26, 2002.

Rev. John J. “Jack” O’Malley, S’65, was inducted into the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on May 4, 2002. Other inductees included Sid Bream (former Pittsburgh Pirate) and Roger Kingdom (former world class sprinter at the University

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Help Wanted!

In order to meet the needs produced by a decade of increasing enrollment, Saint Vincent Seminary has embarked upon the second capital campaign in its 155 year history. Included in the $6.15 million four-year “Expanding the Vision Capital Campaign” are:

• 25 additional rooms for Seminary housing,
• Seminary Fitness Center, including an exercise room and commons area,
• Seminary Classroom upgrades, including technological enhancements,
• Chair in Homiletics, to ensure effective preaching of the Word of God,
• Hispanic Ministries program enhancements,
• Scholarship assistance for seminarians with financial need, and
• Library improvements, including scriptural and theological Internet access.

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of Pittsburgh.  

Joseph Bator, Ph.D., C’74, S’78, is director of Christian Formation at St. Eugene Parish in Fox Point, Wisconsin.

Rev. James C. Griffin, C’77, S’82, is now the pastor of St. Mark Church, Virginia Beach. He previously served as campus minister at Virginia Tech.

Rev. David E.F. Scharf, S’85, was named among the Beaver County Holy Name Society’s “Men of the Year.” He was honored at a banquet on April 14 at St. Titus Parish social hall in Aliquippa.

Rev. Kevin Hargaden, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Church, Marietta, in the Atlanta archdiocese, has been assigned as a parochial vicar at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta.

Rev. Fernando Molina-Restrepo, parochial vicar at St. Michael Church, Gainesville, has been assigned as a parochial vicar at St. Joseph Church, Marietta.

Rev. Roberto Orellana, parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Atlanta, has been assigned as a parochial vicar at the Church of the Holy Cross, Atlanta.

Rev. Theodore Book, ordained to the priesthood on July 13, will begin study for a licentiate in sacred liturgy at Pontifical Atheneum of St. Anselm, Rome, Italy, in September. Prior to his departure he served as parochial vicar at Mary Our Queen Mission, Norcross, Georgia.

Father Guyma Noel has been assigned as a parochial vicar at Prince of Peace Church, Buford, in the Atlanta Archdiocese, effective August 1. He served temporarily as a parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Atlanta, from June 29 to July 31.

Father John P. Shramko, ordained to the priesthood on June 22, has been given a new first assignment. He is parochial vicar at St. Pius X Church, Conyers, Atlanta archdiocese.

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Faculty Workshop
At the first faculty meeting of the 2002-2003 academic year, Dr. James Davidson, Professor of Sociology at Purdue University, conducted a day-long workshop for the Seminary faculty. Professor Davidson has coauthored two books: Common Ground: What Unites and Divides Catholic Americans (1997) and American Catholics: Gender, Generation, and Commitment (2001). The faculty met on August 21 at Antiochian Village and heard Professor Davidson describe changes in Catholic life from the beginning of the 1900s to today. His presentations traced economic, educational, and political as well as religious trends of the American Catholic population.

The presentations and subsequent discussions assisted the faculty in understanding their own sociological and religious backgrounds, experiences and presuppositions as well as those of the seminarians whom they are teaching. The workshop was especially useful in helping the faculty to understand the ecclesial experiences which were significant in the lives of today’s seminarians and how these experiences differ from those of the members of the faculty.


* Rev. Ananias G. Buccicone, O.S.B.,
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pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, Patton, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.
* Rev. Alfred S. Patterson, O.S.B., pastor of Saint John Parish, Summerhill and Immaculate Conception Parish, New German, Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.
* Father Claude W. Pollak, O.S.B., pastor, Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys, Erie Diocese.
* Father James H. Loew, parochial vicar, St. Mary Parish, St. Marys, Erie Diocese.
* Father Leon Hont, O.S.B., pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, Greensburg Diocese.
* Father William Weaver, O.S.B., senior priest, Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, Greensburg Diocese.
* Father Daniel Wolfel, O.S.B., pastor, administrator, Saint Bede Parish, Bovard and Saint Mary Parish, Forbes Road, Diocese of Greensburg.

Condolences are offered to:

Father Jeffrey E. Tigyer, on the death of his mother Elizabeth, on February 27, 2002.
Virgil C. Roseborough, P’43, C’48, S’51, on the death of his sister Joan Husak on September 5, 2002.
Rev. Robert J. Reardon, C’55, S’59, on the death of his brother Richard C. Reardon on September 19, 2002.
Rev. E. Daniel Sweeney, S’82, on the death of his mother Helen Sweeney on June 5, 2002.
Rev. Thomas A. Sparacino, S’97, on the death of his father James J. Sparacino on June 18, 2002.

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Ordinations in Slovakia

Very Rev. Kurt Belsole, O.S.B., Seminary Rector, traveled to Slovakia this summer for the ordination of Father Peter Haladej to the priesthood, and the ordination of Rev. Mr. Martin Celuch to the diaconate. Cardinal Josef Tomko of Kosice, Slovakia, ordained Peter to the priesthood. Cardinal Tomko is the prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and president of the Pontifical Commission for International Eucharistic Congresses. Father Peter Haladej, left, was ordained at the Cathedral of St. Elizabeth in Kosice and is serving as associate pastor of St. Rose Parish, Girard, in the Diocese of Youngstown. In the middle photo, Father Haladej, Cardinal Tomko, and Father Kurt visit following the Mass of Ordination. Above, right, Deacon Celuch, left, of Sverzov, Slovakia, visits with Archbishop Aloyz Tkac after the Archbishop ordained him a transitional deacon June 14 in the Cathedral of St. Elizabeth in Kosice, Slovakia. Deacon Celuch will complete his preparation for ordination to the priesthood in 2003 for the Diocese of Youngstown.

(Photos courtesy of Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin, Vicar General of the Diocese of Youngstown)