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Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, S’75, was ordained and installed as bishop for the Diocese of Erie during a Mass at Saint Peter Cathedral in Erie on Monday, October 1. He was named as the tenth bishop of the Diocese, succeeding Bishop Donald W. Trautman, S.T.D., S.S.L., on July 31.

After Bishop-elect Persico was presented for ordination, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, read the apostolic mandate. During personal comments before reading the mandate, the archbishop noted the ordination was taking place “on the beautiful feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the church, and on the eve of the opening of the Year of Faith announced by his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.”

Referring to the saint’s autobiography, Archbishop Viganò described how “upon prayerful reflection, she came to understand that the church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love.”

Turning to the bishop-elect, he said, “May your faithful episcopal ministry to the people of God and to the community at large in Erie stoke the fire of that love which has enkindled the life of the church down through the ages.”

In his homily during the rite of ordination, Archbishop Charles Chaput, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pennsylvania, mentioned not only Saint Thérèse but the entire communion of saints.

“Catholics know that the reality of the world is much more than we can see with our eyes,” he said. “We are surrounded by the angels and saints in the heavenly court where they constantly worship God.”

He reminded the bishop-elect that included in the communion of saints are his mother and father, his deceased sister, the former bishops of the Diocese of Erie, the laity who have loved and served God in the diocese and the religious women who have sacrificed their lives in service to the church of Erie as well as the priests and deacons.

“The church universal celebrates the presence of God in this ordination celebration,” he said.

The ordination rite then continued with the laying on of hands, first by Archbishop Chaput as principal consecrator, then by Bishop Emeritus Donald W. Trautman and Greensburg Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt as co-consecrators. The other 25 bishops present followed.

Bishop Persico was born in Monessen on November 21, 1950. He is the son of the late John B. and the late Helen Gush Persico. His brother, John E. Persico, lives in Monessen with his wife, Nira. He also has seven nieces and nephews. His sister, Betty E. Angeline, is deceased.

He attended Saint Cajetan Elementary School in Monessen and Saint Joseph Hall, the diocesan high school seminary in Greensburg, graduating in 1969. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1973 from Saint Pius X in Erlanger in the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, and graduated
from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1975 with a Master of Divinity degree.

Bishop Persico was ordained a deacon on June 8, 1976, and served as deacon at Holy Family Parish in Latrobe. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Greensburg on April 30, 1977 by Bishop William G. Connare at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Following ordination to the priesthood, Bishop Persico was appointed parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish in Irwin.

In June of 1980, he was released from parish ministry to study canon law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC where he received the licentiate degree in 1982.

On January 20, 1983, he was appointed assistant chancellor, pro-synodal judge of the Tribunal and chaplain of Assumption Hall, the retirement home of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg. He was named vice chancellor of the Diocese of Greensburg on October 2, 1984, and on February 11, 1988, was appointed chaplain of the Benedictine Sisters Monastery of Saint Emma, in Greensburg.

The new bishop was appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Greensburg by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco on September 18, 1989. On January 27, 1998, he was appointed pastor of Saint James Parish in New Alexandria while remaining as chancellor.

He has served as the bishop’s representative to the administrative board of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference since November 25, 1998.

Bishop Persico was named a monsignor with the title of Prelate of Honor to his Holiness by Pope John Paul II on February 28, 2005.

On August 4, 2005, Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt appointed him as vicar general, moderator of the curia, acting chancellor and the bishop’s delegate for clergy sexual abuse, while continuing as pastor of Saint James Parish.

Five months later, he was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference for two, three-year terms, which concluded in 2011. He was invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on October 2, 2010, and on June 1, 2012, he was reappointed as judge, defender of the bond and advocate of the Diocesan Tribunal by Bishop Brandt, while continuing in his roles as vicar general, moderator of the curia, acting chancellor, the bishop’s delegate for clergy sexual abuse and pastor of Saint James Parish.

Bishop Persico has been a member of the Canon Law Society of America since 1983 and is a member-at-large of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Order Sons of Italy in America.

After thanking the many people who had supported him in his life as well as those who were present at the ceremony, Bishop Persico paused and concluded, “Finally, I ask you—the people of this beloved Diocese of Erie—to pray for me that I may be a good shepherd and servant after the heart of Jesus so that together we may be effective in helping to build the kingdom of God here in the Diocese of Erie.”
Four members of the Saint Vincent Seminary family were honored at Alumni Day on October 24.

The honorees included Msgr. J. Edward McCullough, S’67, and Mr. George C. Dorman, member of the Seminary’s Board of Regents. Memorial tributes were also paid to Rev. Gilbert J. Burke, O.S.B., P’58, C’62, S’66, and Mr. John C. Marmous, Jr., D’96.

Monsignor McCullough’s friendship with Saint Vincent Seminary goes back to his days as a seminarian here. His regular presence at Benedictine celebrations and funerals deepened the bond of friendship with the Benedictine Community over the years.

Monsignor McCullough was raised in Brooklyn, New York, where he graduated from Saint Francis Preparatory High School and Saint John’s University. He felt a call to the priesthood while in college and became a seminarian for the Diocese of Greensburg at Saint Vincent Seminary upon graduation. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop William G. Connare on May 13, 1967, and has served in a number of capacities within the diocese throughout his career. He became pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, June 3, 1986, and will serve there until his retirement on November 8, 2012. He has also served in parishes in Lescening, Leechburg, Latrobe, Connellsville, Seeward, Irwin, Glen Campbell, New Salem, and Blairsville. Father Ed taught at Greensburg Central Catholic High School, before becoming coordinator of religion at Geibel Catholic High School in the 1970s and was president of the board of trust administrators for Conn-Area Catholic School.

He became director of the Diocesan Pontifical Mission Societies (the Mission Office) on January 2, 2002. He also served as the diocesan director of Catholic Relief Services, and helped to coordinate the Diocese’s Mission Co-op program. He has been diocesan director of the Priests’ Eucharistic League since 1975 and of the Apostleship of Prayer since 1992. He was also director of pilgrimages 1994 to 2011 and the Director of the Annual Rosary Rally from 1975 to 2011.

Monsignor McCullough has served on the Diocesan Priests Council and on the Priests Benefit Board, Catholic Charities Board, and continues to serve on the board of the Catholic Institute. He has also served as the diocesan Director of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. He has received numerous awards for community involvement, care for the poor and assistance to those in need. Monsignor McCullough has hosted a weekly radio broadcast on WEDO-AM in White Oak since 2009, and WAOB-AM in Latrobe since 2011.

Monsignor McCullough has been a longtime friend and supporter of Saint Vincent Seminary. He is also a member of the Seminary’s Guardian Society, which is composed of loyal alumni and friends who have remembered Saint Vincent Seminary in their estate planning. That stewardship guarantees a quality education for the future spiritual leaders of the Church.

Mr. George C. Dorman joined the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents in 2006 and was the Founding Chairman of the Finance and Human Resources Committee. During his six years of service, he encouraged and oversaw the development of a strict adherence to financial principles including budgeting, forecasting and investing. His financial expertise provided the board with a great resource for understanding seminary funding issues. In addition, he instituted several significant Human Resources principles including the setting of performance objectives, regular performance review programs, Seminary-wide communications programs, compensation reviews, career development strategies and succession planning techniques.

He earned a BSEE degree from Carnegie Tech in 1950 and then joined Westinghouse on the Graduate Student Course. After a series of professional and managerial positions, he became a Group Purchasing Director in 1964, and in 1968, was assigned to build and manage a facility in Gettysburg, PA. for the new Escalator & Hydraulic Elevator business. During this assignment, he attended Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program. In 1975 he was appointed as the Corporation’s first Director of Human Resources assigned to the Westinghouse Construction Group; named General Manager of the Transportation Business Unit in 1971; and Director of Corporate Human Resources Operations in 1981. He was elected Vice President and General Manager of the Motor Business Unit in 1983, and in 1986 Vice President, Corporate Quality. In 1986, he was honored with the prestigious Westinghouse Order of Merit. In December 1988, George was elected Executive Vice President of Westinghouse with responsibility for corporate-wide Human Resources and Total Quality. He retired on December 31, 1992.

Active in Pittsburgh area community affairs, he served on the Board of Villa Saint Joseph, Baden, 2002-2009, and remains a member of their Finance and Audit Committees; Advisory Board of Little Sisters of the Poor, Pittsburgh, 2002-2009; Trustee of Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, 1990 to date; and Vice Chair 2005-2011; Chair, Landmarks Financial Corp. 2011 to date; Director, Cardiac Assist, Inc. 2001-2012 and Vice Chair 2009-2012. He served as Director of the South Hills Health System, 1981-1996, and Board Chair 1993-1996; Director of Blue Cross of Western PA and Highmark 1989-2001; Director, The Institute for Transfusion Medicine/Central Blood Bank of Pittsburgh 1989-2000 and Chair 1997-2000; Extra Mile Education Foundation, 1991-2000.

He and his wife Eileen reside in Upper Saint Clair and are members of Saint Thomas More Parish. They have 5 children and 14 grandchildren.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College in 1958, and a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1962.

From his first appointment at Saint Vincent in the Office of Public Relations in 1960, Father Gilbert became the “public face” of Saint Vincent to the local community and beyond. Over the years, Father Gilbert touched the lives of thousands of people. He baptized more infants, witnessed more weddings, presided over more funerals, heard more confessions, and anointed more sick persons than any other Benedictine in recent years. His gentle manner and friendly smile along with a phenomenal memory for names, including middle initials, endeared him to students, alumni, parishioners, and people from every walk of life.

He served various roles in the Archabbey, College, and Seminary, including guest master, college dorm moderator, foreign mission procurator, and moderator for the Saint Vincent Women’s Auxiliary. As priest, he was chaplain of Carmel of the Assumption Monastery, assistant pastor, and later pastor at Saint Vincent Parish, associate pastor and later pastor at Saint Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, and concurrent with his pastorate there, planned construction of the Gilbert Straub Plaza, a high-rise residence for the elderly.

He was Director of Alumni at Saint Vincent College, and later was named Assistant to the President. He was Director of Alumni for Saint Vincent Seminary for twelve years, and a consultant for Alumni Affairs until 2012. He was director of the Saint Vincent Development Club for six years.

He was on the Council of Seniors at Saint Vincent Archabbey, and the board of directors of the Saint Vincent College Corporation.


The Father Gilbert J. Burke, O.S.B. Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Father Gilbert Alumni Scholarship Fund pays tribute to Father Gilbert’s personal warmth and hospitality, his decades of service, and his contributions to Saint Vincent and the regional community. Saint Vincent and the Alumni Council are honored to carry forward Father Gilbert’s legacy for the benefit of future generations.

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John C. Marous, Jr., 1925–2012
Board of Regents Chairman Emeritus

John C. Marous, Jr., died on September 29, 2012 at his home in Pittsburgh. He is survived by his wife Lucine, three children and their spouses, and eleven grandchildren. He served as chairman of the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents for 17 years and as a member of the board for 20 years.

Significant advances were made in every aspect of the Seminary under the leadership of Mr. Marous. He led three major capital campaigns to provide the Seminary with additional space for worship with the Saint Gregory Chapel, administrative offices, additional housing, and academic programs, including the Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Homiletics for Excellence in Preaching, and the Pastoral Stewardship program. Those campaigns also helped provide state-of-the-art technology for the newly renovated classrooms in the John and Annette Brownfield Center.

Born on the North Side of Pittsburgh, John C. Marous, Jr., attended Saint Boniface Catholic Church and its elementary school, then went on to Perry High School. Upon graduation in June 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and assigned to the 188th Combat Engineering Battalion, which saw action in nearly every major conflict of World War II’s final years. He landed in Normandy on D-Day+5, then fought through the Battle of the Bulge until the liberation of Europe in 1946. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the EAME (Europe-Africa-Middle East) Theatre Service Medal, and the Victory Medal. He earned four Bronze Stars.

After being discharged, he earned bachelor of science and master of science degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He became a fan of baseball early in his life and went on to organize his own team, in which he was active as both a manager.

Bishop David A. Zubik and Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt participate in the funeral Mass with Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.
John Marous with his wife, Lucine, at the Seminary's 2011 Alumni Day Mass. He was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his more than 20 years of service to the Seminary Board of Regents.

and player during his college and early working years. Later he was a Director of the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club.

He joined Westinghouse Electric Corporation in 1949. He transferred to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1953. During his four-year stint there he met and married Lucine O'Brien. They then moved on to Atlanta, Georgia, where their first two children, Julie and John, were born. His next assignment was in Washington, D.C. Their third child, Leslie, was born there. In 1966 they came home to Pittsburgh.

Marous advanced through the corporation, holding various posts from engineering to marketing to heading the international company. In 1987 he was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

He was involved in numerous charitable organizations, many with an emphasis on education. He was a co-founder of the Extra Mile Education Foundation, formed in 1990 with the purpose of assisting economically disadvantaged children in inner-city parochial schools in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

He was a charter member and a former chairman of the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees. Upon his retirement as an active Trustee, he was awarded Emeritus status. He and his wife endowed a chair in the Department of Religious Studies at the University.

He was awarded honorary doctorates in engineering, public service, and letters from four universities, including Saint Vincent Seminary. He was also granted the Papal Honor of Knight Commander in the Order of Saint Gregory the Great.

He was a member of the boards of directors of Bell Atlantic, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mellon Bank and Conrail. He was Vice Chairman of the Board of the River City Brass Band and a former chairman of the Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

He served on the Boards of the Allegheny Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club, and was a Vice Chairman of the Board of the Allegheny Heart Institute. He was former chairman of the U.S.-Japan Business Council, was a member

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When he received the Pittsburgh Catholic Youth Organizations Art Rooney Award, former Allegheny County Commissioner Tom Forster said of him, "John is more like Mr. (Art) Rooney (Sr) than anyone I know. They both tried to help kids their entire lives, and they were both Pittsburgh guys."
Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton was ordained and installed as the new bishop of the Diocese of Steubenville on Monday, September 10. The Mass was held on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. He succeeds Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, who was installed as bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois in July 2011.

Born May 5, 1963, in Detroit, he is the eldest of three sons of Marc Louis Monforton and Virginia Rose Ackerman Monforton. He attended Tinkham Elementary School and John Marshall Junior High, Westland, Mich., and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, Wayne, Mich. After high school, he attended Wayne State University and then entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, from which he received a bachelor of arts in philosophy degree in 1989. While studying at the Pontifical North American College, Rome, he received a bachelor's in sacred theology in 1992; and, then, he obtained a licentiate in sacred theology and was awarded a doctorate in sacred theology from Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, by Cardinal Archbishop Adam Maida on June 25, 1994.

Following his ordination, he served in the Archdiocese of Detroit as associate pastor at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, from 1994-96, while also serving the faculty at the parish high school for two academic years in the department of religion. From 1998 to 2005, he served as the personal priest-secretary to Cardinal Maida. During that time, he was also a member of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty and assisted weekends at Saint Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Sterling Heights. In April 2005, he traveled with Cardinal Maida to the Vatican and remained there for the funeral Mass of Pope John Paul II, the conclave, and the election of Pope Benedict XVI. On July 1, 2005, he was named pastor of Saint Therese of Lisieux Church, Shelby Township, Mich., and that same year was named a monsignor by Pope Benedict. In addition, he was named as an apostolic visitor by the Congregation for Catholic Education along with Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B. of Saint Vincent Archabbey, to participate in the apostolic visitation of U.S. seminaries and houses of formation for the academic year 2005-2006.

On Aug. 24, 2006, Cardinal Maida named him as the 12th rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He was installed as the rector Oct. 29, 2006, and concluded his six-year term as Sacred Heart’s rector May 5, 2012. Under Msgr. Monforton’s leadership, the seminarian population at Sacred Heart grew to the largest it had been in 38 years.

Cardinal Maida, who has since retired, and his successor in Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, were co-consecrators at the ordination/installation Mass. Cardinal Edmond C. Szoka, the former archbishop of Detroit, also participated in the Mass. He ordained then-seminarian Monforton as a deacon in December 1992.

“I am both honored and humbled that our Lord has called me to be the shepherd of the Diocese of Steubenville,” Bishop Monforton said. “This apostolic calling is accompanied by profound pastoral responsibility and the expectation that I continue to configure my heart to the sacred heart of Jesus Christ.”
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Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B., was named the Academic Dean of Saint Vincent Seminary, effective July 1. He succeeds Dr. Michel Therrien, who accepted a new position in Colorado.

Upon completion of his doctorate in Sacred Scripture (S.S.D.) in 1999 from the École Biblique et Archeologique in Jerusalem, Father Patrick was named an Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture and Biblical Languages at Saint Vincent Seminary and a member of the Formation Committee. His dissertation, titled The Stories About Naboth (in the Book of Kings): A Search for Sources and Origins, was directed by the Rev. Francolino Gonçalves, O.P. The dissertation was successfully defended on April 26, 1999, summa cum laude. A condensed and revised version of his dissertation was published in 2005 in the noted series, Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Series, number 424, under the title: The Stories about Naboth the Jezreelite: A Source, Composition, and Redaction Investigation of 1 Kings 21 and Passages in 2 Kings 9.

Father Patrick was promoted to associate professor in the Seminary in October 2006. Since 2000 he has served as Junior Master for the Archabbey. He also serves on the faculty of Saint Vincent College, and is a member of the Council of Seniors for the Archabbey (2000-present), the Rector’s Council in the Seminary (2006-present) and chairs the joint Vocation-Formation Committee (2007-present).

Father Patrick graduated, cum laude, from Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts in 1981 with a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies and a minor in philosophy. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1984 and a Master of Theology degree with a focus in Sacred Scripture in 1985. He has studied at Saint Vincent Seminary, Centro Studi Italiani in Urbania, Italy, and the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy, where he received a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture (S.S.L.) in 1996. He also did advanced studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1993-1994.

Since 2000 Father Patrick has taught at Saint Vincent College and Saint Vincent Seminary, given numerous talks and conferences to both laity and clergy and has served as weekend parish assistant at Saint Louise de Marillac Parish in Upper Saint Clair in the South Hills of Pittsburgh.

Father Patrick spent the 2011-2012 academic year on sabbatical leave. Four months of his sabbatical were spent in Jerusalem. “I returned to the École Biblique, where I had done my doctoral work, and it was a wonderful experience. I spent four months in one of the best biblical research libraries in the world.”

During this time he designed a study-tour program for seminarians to experience first hand the context in which Jesus lived, worked miracles, proclaimed the Gospel message, died, and rose from the dead.

“Those four months that I got to spend at the École, I spent many hours in the library, and consulting with Father Jerome Murphy O’Connor, one of the world’s foremost scripture scholars and guides of the Holy Land. I compiled a 1200-page Holy Land resource guide that I intend to use for this proposed study-tour program in the Holy Land,” he said. “We hope to begin this program in the Summer of 2014.”
Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, S.L.D., of the Archdiocese of Atlanta will give the fourth annual lecture of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Tuesday, November 27, at 11 a.m. at the Fred M. Rogers Center. Admission is free. Seating is limited. Please call 724-805-2901 to reserve a seat.

Born December 7, 1947, in Chicago to Wilton Sr. and Ethel Duncan Gregory, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory attended Saint Carthage Grammar School, where he converted to Catholicism. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, Niles College (now Saint Joseph’s College Seminary) of Loyola University and Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary.

He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973. Three years after his ordination he began graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant’ Anselmo) in Rome. There he earned his doctorate in sacred liturgy in 1980.

After having served as an associate pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glencoe, Ill., as a member of the faculty of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein and as a master of ceremonies to Cardinals John Cody and Joseph Bernardin, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago on December 13, 1983. On February 10, 1994, he was installed as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, Ill., where he served for the next eleven years.

On December 9, 2004, Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Gregory as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He was installed on January 17, 2005. Archbishop Gregory has also contributed a leading role in the U.S. church. In November of 2001, he was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops following three years as vice president under Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. During his tenure in office, the crisis of sex abuse by Catholic clergy escalated, and under his leadership, the bishops implemented the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.” He served on the USCCB Executive and Administrative Committees, the Administrative Board, the Committee on Doctrine and the U.S. Catholic Conference Committee on International Policy. He previously served as the chairman of the Bishops’ Committees on Personnel and the Third Millennium/Jubilee Year 2000 from 1998-2001, and Liturgy from 1991-93. He has been a member of the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents since 2005.

Archbishop Gregory has written extensively on church issues, including pastoral statements on the death penalty and euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide, and has published numerous articles on the subject of liturgy, particularly in the African-American community. He has also been awarded seven honorary doctoral degrees.
Brother Elliott Maloney, O.S.B., Ph.D., professor of New Testament and biblical languages, spent the spring semester on a sabbatical to research and finish writing his new book.

In late January Brother Elliott visited Brazil as part of a research project for his upcoming book, St. Paul, Master of the Spiritual Life “in Christ.” The visit included libraries in the cities of São Paulo and Belo Horizonte. He was able to consult with New Testament scholars Johan Konings, Gilberto Gorgulho and Ana Flora Anderson, discussing the latest in contextual theology in Brazil. He was also able to spend time at the São Bento priory in Vinhedo.

From mid-February to mid-April Brother Elliott returned to Saint Vincent to finish up his book on Saint Paul. After three years of writing he was able to conclude with a picture of an ideal Pauline Christian community. On April 5, he was able to send off the manuscript he had worked on for so long.

The next phase of his sabbatical took Brother Elliott to Rome and the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant’Anselmo. This was his base for a month of library research at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. The research was used to prepare a paper for the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association meeting in August. The topic was “Saint Paul’s presentation of God in First Corinthians.”

Throughout the semester Brother Elliott continued his online course with students from the Dominican Institute in Ibadan, Nigeria. When he arrived there in May to teach the last five weeks of his course on Saint Paul, it was his fifth teaching visit to Africa. Brother Elliott says, “The students were well motivated and very attentive in class. Praying with the friars at the Dominican priory where I lived was always a lively and moving experience. The interaction with the Seminary faculty there was informative and often just good fun.”

Brother Elliott is now back teaching at Saint Vincent working on several articles, talks, and planning a new book on Saint Paul’s own “Spiritual Journey.”

Father Aaron Attends Formation Seminar

Rev. Aaron Buzzelli, O.S.B.

“A Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors” seemed tailor-made for this Spiritual Formation Director, and the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) at Creighton University in Omaha is widely praised. When I got there I was joined by 17 other priests from all over the United States, plus Uganda, Congo, the Philippines, Vietnam and England.

The morning sessions were practical experiences in giving spiritual direction: to each other, with supervision; in role-playing and observing rehearsed situations; and in giving spiritual direction to total strangers who volunteered for the exercise. It completely re-oriented my approach to spiritual direction, teaching me to focus more on the work of the Holy Spirit and less on solving problems.

The afternoon sessions were lecture-presentations on Diocesan Priestly Spirituality. Out of these extremely practical talks and readings came a series of 14 presentations I am presenting to pre-theologians in our seminary. The feedback so far has been positive; the students have asked for transcripts to study further.

Needless to say, my own spiritual life has been deeply enriched by this experience, and I would love to return for their Masters Program in Spiritual Direction.
Following a year-long study of the program, the Diocese of Greensburg has restructured the Office for the Permanent Diaconate.

According to an article in *The Catholic Accent*, in early March Father Larry J. Kulick, C’88, S’92 and Father Jonathan J. Wisneski were appointed co-directors of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Lawrence Brandt. *Rev. Mr. Michael Russo, S’09*, was appointed as a consultant to the office.

Following those appointments, in May the Bishop appointed four liaisons to the Office: Father Bryan F. Summers, liaison for spiritual formation; Rev. Mr. Russo as liaison for intellectual formation while continuing his roles as a consultant for that office and as a permanent deacon and associate director of the diaconal formation program in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; Ms. *Marsha Kable, S’91*, as liaison for pastoral formation; and Ms. *Ximena DeBroeck, S’09*, as liaison for human formation.

The liaisons will work with Father Kulick and Father Wisneski. The Bishop also announced the establishment of two groups within the program: a Diaconate Formation Policy Board and a Diaconate Admissions and Scrutinies Committee.

The restructuring and appointments are in response to the diocesan review of its permanent diaconate formation program, and to norms and regulations promulgated through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop’s *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*.

“These appointments also allow for continuity and connection with the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry’s Pastoral Ministry Certificate program at Seton Hill University, along with the master of arts in ecclesial ministry program at Saint Vincent Seminary,” Bishop Brandt said in the Accent’s article. “Both of these programs and institutions have an important relationship in the preparation of those in the diaconate formation program for the diocese.”

The Diaconate Formation Policy Board will work with the Office for the Permanent Diaconate to advise on planning, implementation, and evaluation of the diaconal formation program to ensure compliance with the *National Directory*.

The Admission and Scrutinies Committee will meet with the men in the diaconal formation program and their families in order to make recommendations for admission to aspirancy and candidacy, installation to liturgical ministries, and ordination to the diaconate. While the committee will work with the Office, its reports will be submitted directly to the Bishop.

The Diocese of Greensburg currently has five students studying to be permanent deacons at Saint Vincent Seminary.

Repairs were made to the roof the Leander Hall, the Seminary residence.
Saint Vincent Seminary welcomed 19 new students for the 2012-2013 academic year to begin their studies.

**Diocese of Covington**

Trinity P. Knight of Thibodaux, Louisiana, is the son of Randy A. Knight of Horn Lake, Mississippi, and Taraleen Gaudet of Houma, Louisiana. He is a 1998 graduate of Thibodaux High School, Louisiana. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Joseph Seminary College, Louisiana, in 2003, and studied theology/divinity at Notre Dame Seminary in 2003 and 2004. He did additional graduate work at the Pontifical College Josephinum from 2007-2009.

Joseph C. Shelton of Union, Kentucky, is the son of Kenneth J. and Theresa K. Shelton of Union. He is a 2008 graduate of Ryle High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, in 2012.

**Diocese of Metuchen**

Edison Eseleyd Arias of Annandale, New Jersey is the son of Francisco Javier Arias and Ana Lucia Valencia of Ituango, Colombia. He graduated from Educational Institution Pedro Nel Ospina, Colombia, in 2005, and studied philosophy and theology at Seminario Diocesano Santo Tomas de Aquino in Santa Rosa de Osos, Colombia, from 2006 to 2010. He studied educational information and English as a Second Language at Rutgers University from 2010 to 2011, and studied English as a Second Language and theology at Holy Apostles College and Seminary from 2011 to 2012.

Zachary A. Galiyas of Coraopolis is the son of Mitchell E. and Mary J. Galiyas of Coraopolis. He is a 2003 graduate of Montour High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in history from Towson State University in 1976, and studied education at Loyola University, Maryland, from 1987 to 1991. He did additional graduate work at Saint Mary’s Seminary and University from 2001 to 2007.

**Diocese of Paterson**

Lukasz Stanislaw Iwanczuk of Clifton, New Jersey is a native of Poland. He is the son of Piotr and Maria Iwanczuk of Poland. After high school in Poland he came to the United States, where he studied at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan, and at Mount Saint Marys Seminary, Emmitsburg.

**Diocese of Pittsburgh**

Joseph B. Janidlo IV of Franklin is the son of Joseph B. and Margaret M. Janidlo of Franklin. He is a 2003 graduate of Montour High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Gannon University, Erie, in 2012.

Diocese of Erie

David E. Carter of Parkville, Maryland, is the son of the late Kenneth and Shirley Carter. He is a 1972 graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. He received a bachelor of science degree in history from Towson State University in 1976, and studied education at Loyola University, Maryland, from 1987 to 1991. He did additional graduate work at Saint Mary’s Seminary and University from 2001 to 2007.

Edwin Tabara Vásquez of Hopelawn, New Jersey, is the son of Carlos Enrique Tabera and Maria Estella Vasquez of Medellin, Colombia. He is a 2004 graduate of Centro de Estudios Para el Aprendizaje Cepac, Cordoba, Colombia. He earned a degree in philosophy from Seminario Diocesano Santo Tomas de Aquino, Santa Rosa, Colombia, in 2010.
Lee Keaton and Deborah Lynn Smith of Barbourville, West Virginia. He is a 2004 graduate of Huntington High School. He received an associate’s degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2010. He earned an associate degree from Marshall University, Huntington; and has also studied at Marshall Community and Technical College, Huntington; and Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas.

**SAINT ANDREW ABBEY**

**Brother Louis Carey, O.S.B.**, of Cleveland is the son of Martin Francis Carey and Kathleen Ann Carey of Euclid, Ohio. He is a 1988 graduate of Benedictine High School, Cleveland. He has an associate degree in applied electronic technology (1991) and a bachelor of electronic engineering technology (1993) from ETI Techni- cal College. He studied philosophy at John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio, graduating in 2012.

**Brother Thomas Sanders, O.S.B.**, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the son of Gary L. and Joanne E. Sanders of Sheffield Lake, Ohio. He is a 1997 graduate of Brookside High School, Sheffield, Ohio. He earned an associate of science degree from Lorain County Community College, Elyria, Ohio, in 1999; a bachelor of science degree in life science and pre-professional health from Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, in 2003; and has done additional studies at the Ohio State University, Columbus (2004-2005) and John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio (2010-2012).

**SAINT VINCENT ARCHABBEY**


**Brother Miguel González, O.S.B.**, from Virginia Beach, is the son of Alma Chryse González. He graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 2004 and earned a bachelor’s degree in social work from Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio, in 2008. He entered the novitiate at Saint Vincent in 2011 and made simple profession of monastic vows in 2012.

**Brother Rafael Quesada, O.S.B.**, lived in Michigan and worked in the IT and web design industry. He is originally from the Philippines and is the son of Hector and Clare Quesada. He is a graduate of the University of the Philippines, earning a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering in 1998. He entered the novitiate of Saint Vincent Archabbey in 2011 (continued on page 18).
Alumni Day 2012


3. Recessional with Bishop Monforton and Archabbot Douglas. Deacons are Brother Maximilian Maxwell, O.S.B., and Feiser Muñoz, Archdiocese of Atlanta. 4. Mr. George C. Dorman, who served six years on the Seminary Board of Regents, was honored for his service to Saint Vincent Seminary. 5. Rev. Msgr. J. Edward McCullough, S’67, who was honored as a distinguished alumnus. 6. Bishop Monforton delivering the homily. 7. Mistress of ceremonies Jennifer Miele and Father Larry Kulick. 8. Very Rev. William P. Feeney, S’72, gave remarks on behalf of the jubilarian classes. 9. The many monks, seminarians, alumni and guests who attended the banquet, held in the Fred Rogers Center on campus.

Other alumni marking jubilees included:
Most Rev. Anthony G. Bosco, D.D., Bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Greensburg, S’52; Rev. Donald W. McIlvane, S’52; Rev. Msgr. Fred A. Pasquinelli, S’52; Rev. Raymond C. Boccardi, S’52; Rev. Walter F. Wichmanowski, S’52.
The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D. celebrated his tenth anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Covington in 2012. During his tenure as Bishop, he has been responsible for a number of major undertakings in the diocese. The Messenger, official newspaper of the Diocese of Covington, recently called his August 2006 call for a diocesan-wide Synod one of his “most intensive, far-reaching accomplishments” to date.

“Bishop Foys’ ten years as the Bishop of Covington reflect the kind of love and care which the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, extends to each of us,” said Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Chancellor of Saint Vincent Seminary. “His selfless dedication in caring for the people of God and for those who are called to minister to God’s people find great inspiration in both the Bishop’s words and deeds.”

Throughout the past decade, a major focus for Bishop Foys has been education. His influence in the local school system has been profound. One of his first priorities in office was to standardize the religion curriculum of Catholic high schools within the diocese, and he continues to work toward establishing Catholic schools and other educational opportunities through The Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE).

He has greatly enhanced vocations in Covington, and expects to ordain six seminarians in the summer of 2013. According to The Messenger, the Diocese of Covington will have 28 seminarians in formation this year; a significant difference from the three men who were studying for the priesthood when he took office.

Such successes are undoubtedly aided by his approach to being bishop. “You notice how he prays, and you listen when he preaches,” Father Tim Whalen, Saint Vincent Seminary Rector, said, describing Bishop Foys as an example of the ‘perfect pastor’. “He knows how to run a parish, but he also knows the human heart.”

As such, Bishop Foys makes a concerted effort to be close to the people in his diocese, and has made visiting and getting to know his parishes a priority throughout the past decade. “I try to visit every parish for some event, whether liturgical or otherwise, each year,” he told The Messenger. “I hope the people feel that they’ve come to know something of me as I’ve come to know them in the last ten years.”

Not surprisingly, his tenth anniversary does not look to be the end of his positive influence within the Diocese of Covington. The execution of a diocesan-wide census to gather information on how better to anticipate and satisfy the needs of local Catholics is currently under way, as is the implementation of the Synod. His personal approach has invited others to help with his efforts, and will be the driving force behind the continuous improvement of the Diocese of Covington in the future.

Saint Vincent Seminary congratulates Bishop Foys on his tenth anniversary as Chief Shepherd of the Diocese of Covington, wishing him many successful years to come. May the wish he uttered when taking office in 2002 remain true, that we “make the best of the time the Lord gives us together to build up the Body of Christ, His Church on Earth.”

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Seminary Welcomes 19 New Students

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and made simple profession of monastic vows in 2012.

Brother Martinho Zevallos Chávez, O.S.B., is the son of Luis Ariel Zevallos Perez and Teresa Sara Chávez de Zevallos of Arequipa, Peru. He graduated from Coronel Gregorio Albarracin, Tacna, Peru, in 1989 and received a bachelor’s degree from the University of San Agustín, Arequipa, Peru, in 1995. He also has a doctorate in physics from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, 2003.

He is a monk of São Bento Priory in Vinhedo, Brazil, a foundation of Saint Vincent Archabbey.

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Master of Arts

Michael A. Kirk of Clemson, South Carolina, has entered the master of arts degree program where he will study systematic theology. The son of Rogert and Sandra Kirk of Simpsonville, S.C., he is a 2001 graduate of Southside High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, in 2005, where he majored in philosophy and minored in classical languages, Spanish language and Hispanic studies. He also previously studied at Saint Vincent Seminary.
Saint Vincent Seminary 2012-2013 administration and seminarians include front, from left, Brother Canice McMullen, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Oliveto Gerardin, O.S.B., Notre Dame de Maylis Abbey, France; Brother Martinho Zevallos, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B., Director of Human Formation and Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture and Systematic Theology; Father Aaron Buzzelli, O.S.B., Director of Spiritual Formation; Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B., Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture and Biblical Languages; Father Timothy Whalen, Rector; Father John Mary Tompkins, O.S.B., Vice Rector and Director of Pastoral Formation; Father Cyprian Constantine, O.S.B., Director of Liturgical Formation and Assistant Professor; Yi Liang Huang, Diocese of Cheng Du, China; Brother Simeon Spitz, O.S.B., Saint Gregory’s Abbey; Brother Louis Carey, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey.

In the second row, from left, are Brother Matthew Nguyen, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Eric Andriot, Diocese of Covington; Brother Patrick Boland, O.S.B., Subiaco Abbey; Brother Peter Pham, O. Cist., Saint Joseph Monastery; Cong Nguyen, Archdiocese of Atlanta; David Green, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Edison Arias, Diocese of Metuchen; Mauricio Tabera, Diocese of Metuchen; Feiser Muñoz, Archdiocese of Atlanta.

In the third row, from left, are Brother Rafael Quesada, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Brother Rafael Arcanjo dos Santos, O.S.B., São Bento Monastery, Brazil; Allan Frederick, Diocese of Covington; Donald Bender, Diocese of Harrisburg; Christopher Hoffman, Diocese of Metuchen; Damian Zablocki, Diocese of Paterson.

In the fourth row, from left, are Brother Paul Sheller, O.S.B., Conception Abbey; Peter (Panji) Ren, Diocese of Beijing; Zachary Galiyas, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Brother Paulavang Vuong, O.S.B., Monastery of Christ in the Desert; Thomas Piccione, Diocese of Covington; Michael Norton, Diocese of Covington; Stephen Kelley, Diocese of Harrisburg; Jorge Carranza, Archdiocese of Atlanta.

In the fifth row, from left, are Britton Hennessey, Diocese of Covington; Brother Basil Alexander, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Brother Joachim Morgan, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Josiah Booth, Diocese of Covington; Christopher Wheeler, Diocese of Erie; James Schaeper, Diocese of Covington; Brother Thomas Sanders, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey; Vincent Watkins, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; Brother Isaac Haywiser, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; David Renne, Diocese of Erie; Joseph Shelton, Diocese of Covington.

In the sixth row, from left, are John (Jie) Shi, Diocese of Beijing, China; Brother Michael Antonacci, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Christopher Barkhausen, Diocese of Paterson; Brother Miguel González, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Luis Alvarez, Archdiocese of Atlanta; Ross Kelsch, Diocese of Covington; Ryan Stichweh, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; Brother Maximilian Maxwell, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Ryan Fischer, Diocese of Harrisburg; Brother Pio Adamonis, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Joseph Janidlo, Diocese of Erie; Matthew Gossett, Diocese of Steubenville; David Carter, Diocese of Erie; Matthew Larlick, Diocese of Harrisburg.

In the seventh row, from left, are Brother Romuald Duchene, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Trinity Knight, Diocese of Covington; Marcel Gustavo Alvarenga, Archdiocese of Campinas, Brazil; Jacob Straub, Diocese of Covington; Brother Jeremiah Lange, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Brother Matthew Lambert, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Brother John Paul Heiser, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Lukasz Iwańczuk, Diocese of Paterson; Luke Bennette, Diocese of Steubenville; Joseph Keaton, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in what is now the state of New York. Her parents were Native Americans. Her father, an Iroquois, was a non-Christian; her mother, an Algonquin, was a devout Christian. When she was four years old, she lost her parents and her only brother to an epidemic of smallpox. She too contracted the disease and, although she survived, she never fully regained her strength and her face was left severely pockmarked.

Finding a home in the family of her uncle, a chief of the tribe of Agniers, more commonly known as the Mohawks, she was brought up in that tribe. While living among the Mohawks, she received instruction in the Faith and was baptized in 1676 by Father Jacques de Lamberville, one of the devoted Jesuit missionaries committed to the evangelization of the Indians. After becoming a Christian, Kateri soon became a model of youthful piety.

She became a target of harassment and persecution in the tribe because of her faith and her determination to live in virginity. On the advice of the missionaries, who thought she should move to friendlier surroundings, she moved to live among the Christian Indians of the settlement known as the Mission of Saint Francis Xavier, near present-day Montreal. There she died on April 17, 1680, widely known and esteemed by all as a saint. Her last words: “Jesus, I love you.”

This young Iroquois woman, whose life was sustained by her Christian faith and by an ardent love of Jesus present in the Eucharist, found in Jesus Christ the strength to withstand the hostile pressure of the non-Christian culture in which she lived and to keep with heroic fidelity the vow of virginity which she pronounced on March 25, 1679.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia believes that the seven saints who were canonized by Pope Benedict on October 21 should serve as models for bringing the Gospel to the modern world, and that Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in particular should be an example for young people, according to reports from the Catholic News Association (CNA).

She “led her life rather intensely,” he recalled according to the CNA, “so I think she could be a patron for young adults. She committed herself to a life of chastity, which is such a great struggle for so many people in our culture today. She’s also an example to the Indian people because she was both fully Indian and fully Christian at the same time.”

A native of Kansas, Archbishop Chaput’s mother was a Native American member of the Potawatomi tribe, and the Archbishop is a tribal citizen of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, C’46, S’49, D’95, was invited by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to concelebrate at the Mass of Canonization for the seven new saints. Nearly 200,000 faithful from throughout the world gathered for the historical occasion. Msgr. Lenz was invited to play a major role in the canonization ceremony because of his years of dedication and untiring work to gather the necessary documentation—required by the Catholic Church before a potential saint can be approved for canonization—regarding the required miracles attributed to Saint Kateri.

As the director of the National Black and Indian Mission Office for more than 30 years, Msgr. Lenz worked with many Native Americans whose lives were inspired by Kateri Tekakwitha. He traveled to numerous Native American reservations and learned firsthand of the devotion and love for Saint Kateri.

Msgr. Lenz has been an active alumnus of Saint Vincent Seminary. He served for 20 years on the Seminary Board of Regents. In 1995 he was awarded an honorary doctorate for his outstanding service to the Universal Church in his role with the National Black and Indian Mission Office and for his active support and leadership as a member of the Seminary’s Board of Regents. In 2010, he was recognized with the Seminary’s Lifetime Achievement Award.
It is with a heavy heart that I write about our dear friend Father Gilbert who left this life to be with his Maker on June 17. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Father Gilbert for 7 years and I feel blessed to have been in his company at Saint Vincent. Much has been said and written about our dear friend and I do not intend to repeat those kind words that you likely have already seen in print or heard spoken from a podium about this special man. My reflection in these few paragraphs is to focus on WHY he was special. What distinguished Father Gilbert as “special”? I have a few thoughts.

1. He made us feel special. Father Gilbert prided himself on his keen memory of facts and names, including, of course our middle initial! At first when I learned of his affinity for “middle initials” I thought it to be trite or trivial. Perhaps so, but how subtle was his real message to us when he could recall our middle initial? He was telling us that he cared; indeed that he took the time to remember this relatively insignificant fact about us. Moreover, what else did he remember about us? Our hopes, our dreams, our fears? Father Gilbert loved people and this was his way of showing us that he loved us.

2. He cared deeply about the community at large, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. For years, Father Gilbert participated in fraternal organizations such as the Rotary. Why? He told me. He believed that it was critical for the Saint Vincent Benedictine Community to have an active involvement in community affairs. Father Gilbert quietly was the driving force behind the building of the Gilbert Straub Plaza in Greensburg. In a way, this may have been his way to evangelize the Catholic Faith. You did not need to be Catholic to be a Rotarian or a resident of Greensburg, yet if you were, you knew of Father Gilbert and his devotion to the Catholic Faith and to the Benedictine Order.

3. He was particularly dedicated to the Alumni of Saint Vincent. While Father Gilbert loved all the people that he served in his parish life and elsewhere, the Alumni of the College and Seminary had a special place in his heart. For this group, not only did he remember middle initials, but he had an uncanny memory for graduating class years. He was of great help to us in the Development Office on many occasions when we needed help with identifying Saint Vincent Seminary Alumni and their years of attendance and/or graduation. He was literally a walking encyclopedia in this regard!

4. He was humble. In addition to the several skills mentioned here, Father Gilbert was an accomplished organist, yet many of his closest friends did not know this about him. He was a lover of music, and was selected to co-chair the committee responsible for the future installation of a custom-built organ for the Basilica. Father Gilbert rarely talked about his own skills, but rather would ask us about ours. This is a subtle, but rare gift in a person.

5. He understood stewardship. Father Gilbert truly lived by the Benedictine Motto “Ora et Labora” (prayer and work)—but he also lived by a common theme as well—“Waste not want not”. Our dear friend knew the value of a dollar and was careful not to waste anything. Furthermore, he understood the necessity of fundraising in the Church and he was extremely effective (yet always subtle) at raising funds and ensuring the financial stability of his parish, or in his later years, the Development Club. As many of you know, he always had a “ticket” in the inside pocket of his jacket!

I, like many of you, miss our dear friend, but he left us with so many pleasant memories. Every so often when my office is quiet and the Roderick Hallway is dark I can hear a faint voice – “Have a good evening, Paul R.”
To give a tribute or memorial gift please make a donation to Saint Vincent Seminary in honor of a friend, colleague or family member. Mail to Mr. Paul R. Whiteside, Seminary Development Office, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa., 15650-2690. Donors from March 17, 2012 to September 28, 2012, are included below.

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Father Demetrius Celebrates Jubilee

Mary Mother of the Church Abbey

Rev. John Mary Lugemwa, O.S.B., S’12, was ordained a priest on May 19 at Mary Mother of the Church Abbey, Richmond, by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo. Prior to joining the monastery, Father John Mary was a law student at Makerere University in Uganda. He is the webmaster for his abbey and also coordinates a ministry supporting AIDS orphans, impoverished youths and women in his home country. Father Lugemwa celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in Masaka, Uganda, on May 26.

Pittsburgh

Rev. Kevin Fazio, S’12, was ordained to the priesthood June 30 by Bishop David A. Zubik at Saint Paul Cathedral.

According to an article in The Pittsburgh Catholic, he didn’t think seriously about becoming a priest until he was about 30. “After about two years of trying to stomp out the fire in my heart, or deny the ‘tugging at my heart’ that I might be called to serve God and others as a priest, I finally decided to at least check into what the seminary was all about,” he said.

“IT got to the point where...

Wheeling-Charleston

Rev. Deyre Azcuna, S’12, was ordained to the priesthood on May 19 by Bishop Michael J. Bransfield at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling. Azcuna is a native of the Philippines. He was appointed associate pastor of Saint Leo Parish in Inwood with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 11, 2012.

Rev. Mr. Ryan Lee Stichweh was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Bransfield on May 19. He was assigned to Saint Michael Parish, Wheeling, for his summer pastoral assignment.

Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, bishop, has made the following appointments:

Rev. Thomas W. Dagle, S’01, was named pastor of Saint Ann Parish, Shinnston, effective June 20.

Rev. Neil R. Buchlein, S’97, was named pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg and Saint Monica Parish in Lubeck, with residence in Parkersburg, effective June 20.

Rev. Benedict Kapa, S’98, was named pastor of All Saints Parish, Bridgeport, effective June 20.

Erie

Rev. Brandon Kleckner, S’12, was ordained to the priesthood on June 8 by Bishop Donald W. Trautman at Saint Peter Cathedral, Erie. He has been assigned as parochial vicar of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield. Rev. John Detisch, S’87, who served Sacred Heart Parish as parochial vicar from 1989-1995 and as pastor from 2002-2012, was present for all of Father Kleckner’s sacraments, baptizing Kleckner and his siblings, attending his first Communion and serving as pastor for his confirmation. He vested the new priest during the ordination rite.

“It’s a rare honor for a pastor to see someone go from his elementary years through high school and seminary,” Detisch told FaithLife. “It’s almost unspeakable to be a part of a young priest’s life for that much of it... He really flourished at Saint Vincent Seminary.... He’s going to make a wonderful priest.”

He was was featured in the August 26 edition of Faithful Servants, a publication featuring the newly-ordained the those from the diocese celebrating jubilees. He is now assigned to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield, following his June 8 ordination.

A convert to Catholicism, he was influenced by the late Father David Findlay, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, which was attached to Sacred Heart School in Erie, where Kleckner’s family sent him. “This guy that I really looked up to was a priest, and I wanted to be like this man,” Kleckner said. He was also influenced by a talk on the priesthood by Father Mark Hoffman, S’89, the diocese’s vocation director at the time.

Father Kleckner also saw Blessed John Paul II’s last appearance at a World Youth Day event in Toronto in 2002. “Up until that point, living out my faith didn’t go beyond the church walls. That was the church for me. At World Youth Day, it was an explosion of church. Being around so many Catholics was inspiring and enriching for me.”
everyday when I awoke, my first thought was, “What would my day be like today if I were a priest? ... What would I do?”

...I would stop at a church on the way to, or on the way home from work for a few minutes, or occasionally attend daily Mass before work. I also began speaking with a few of our priests and our seminarians, some of whom are now ordained priests themselves. So, I took baby steps until finally applying and entering Saint Paul Seminary in the Fall of 2006.”

“The love that I have experienced is beyond description. Along with the Eucharist, the people are life-giving.”

Fr. Fazio said the aspects of the priesthood he is looking most forward to after being ordained are “being conformed to Jesus Christ and his church that is unique to the ministerial priesthood. (And) To love and to be loved as a priest.”

Bishop David A. Zubik has announced the following clergy appointments:

Rev. Harry R. Bielewicz, S’86, to pastor of Saint Paul Parish, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish and Saint Peter Parish, all in Butler, for a six-year term, effective July 9.

Rev. Terrence P. O’Connor, S’00, to pastor, Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish, Munhall, for a six-year term, effective June 11.

Rev. Donald P Breier, S’69, to vice rector of Saint Paul Seminary, director of spiritual formation, director of pre-ordination formation for the students at Saint Paul Seminary and director of the Office for Continuing Education of Clergy, effective July 9.

Rev. Robert L. Seeman, S’79, has been appointed to a third six-year term as pastor of Saint Thomas Becket Parish, Jefferson Hills.

Rev. John P. Sweeney, S’73, has been appointed to a second six-year term as pastor of Saint Bonaventure Parish, Glenshaw.

Rev. Robert J. Vular, S’00, has been appointed to a second six-year term as pastor of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Perrysville.

Rev. John J. Michniuk, S’11, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Roger Foys on June 22. Rev. Mr. Ryan Stenger was ordained to the traditional diaconate. Michniuk has been assigned as parochial vicar, Saint Patrick Parish, Maysville. Shown, above, are Rev. Edward Mazich, O.S.B., S’98, Seminary Director of Human Formation, Rev. Michniuk, Bishop Foys, and Rev. John-Mary Tompkins, O.S.B., S’93, Seminary Vice-Rector.

Rev. John E. Forbidussi, S’94, has been appointed pastor of Saint Wendelin Parish, Carrick, for a six-year term, effective July 9, 2012.

Rev. Richard L. Conboy, C’56, S60, has retired. He most recently served as chaplain to the Felician Sisters, and will continue to reside in the motherhouse in Coraopolis.

Rev. John M. Bauer, S’73, has been appointed to a third six-year term as pastor of Saint Hugh Parish, Carmichaels, and a second six-year term as pastor of Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Nemacolin, effective June 6, 2012.
Rev. Thomas J. Burke, S’00, has been named part-time chaplain to Serra Catholic High School. He maintains responsibilities as pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Braddock.

Priests of the diocese celebrating jubilees in 2012 included:
- Rev. George Jackovic, S’46, 65 years;
- Msgr. John Seli, S’46, 65 years;
- Rev. Raymond C. Boccardi, S’52, 60 years;
- Rev. Thomas Smith, S’51, 60 years;
- Rev. John Haney, C’57, S’61, 50 years;
- Rev. Roy Conley, C’57, S’61, 50 years;
- Rev. Eugene Lauer, C’57, S’61, 50 years;
- Rev. Donald Fischer, C’57, S’61, 50 years;
- Rev. Harry R. Bielewicz, S’86, 25 years and

Bishop Zubik named the Hon. Maureen Lally-Green to associate general secretary, effective July 9. Judge Lally-Green, who serves on the Seminary Board of Regents, maintains her current responsibilities as director of seminary relations.

In July she was also named as the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents. During the next two years, she will head a systematic review of all academic-degree programs of the Seminary, identifying their respective roles in meeting the Seminary’s mission as well as assessing their quality.

The Honorable Lally-Green has been a member of the Seminary Board of Regents since 2002. She will work closely with Seminary Rector Father Timothy Whalen and Academic Dean Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B. in conducting the review, which will play a crucial role in the future strategic planning for the Seminary.

COLUMBUS

Rev. Dwayne A. McNew, S’93, has been named pastor of Saint Mary Church, Marion, effective July 10.

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Msgr. Robert G. Barcio, a 1941 graduate of Saint Vincent Preparatory School, was also featured for marking 65 years in priesthood.

ATLANTA

Rev. Mr. Feiser Elliot Muñoz Polanco and Rev. Mr. Cong Nguyen were ordained to the diaconate on May 26 at Christ the King Parish, Atlanta, by Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory.

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Paul Gibbons, S’67, has been appointed to the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. His appointment was made by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

Gibbons, currently Chair of the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, is one of 23 Commission members of the statewide organization, created by legislation passed in March 1994.

A trustee of the Sister Rose Thering Fund since 1991, Gibbons was elected chairman in 2008. He is active with the Newark Archdiocese, and frequently lectures on anti-Semitism in its churches. Gibbons is an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies Department at Seton Hall, having retired in 2009 from Pearson Scott Foresman, an educational publishing company.

The core mission of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education is to promote Holocaust education in the State of New Jersey. On a continual basis, the Commission surveys the status of Holocaust/Genocide Education; designs, encourages and promotes the implementation of Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; provides programs in New Jersey; and coordinates designated events that provide appropriate memorialization of the Holocaust on a regular basis throughout the state. The Commission provides assistance and advice to public and private schools and meets with county and local school officials, as well as with other interested public and private organizations, to assist with the study of the Holocaust and genocide.
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Rev. Msgr. William G. Charnoki, C’61, S’65, and the Very Rev. Earl J. Henry, O.S.B. P’44, C’60, S’64, were named Alumni of Distinction by Saint Vincent College in a ceremony in early October. Msgr. Charnoki is currently the Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Ligonier. He is a member of the Ligonier Ministerium, the Ligonier Association of Churches and various ecumenical services. He was the assistant chancellor of the Diocese of Greensburg and served as dean and vicar for religious. He was chairman of the priests personnel board, judicial vicar of the diocesan matrimonial tribunal and served as a diocesan consultor. He was named a domestic prelate with the title of monsignor in 1986. In 2005 he was named a prothonotary apostolic supernumerary. He is pictured in the photo at left with Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.; Brother Norman Hipps, O.S.B., College President; and Michael Gerdich, College Alumni Director.

Father Earl (below, right) was the associate pastor at Saint Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift. He then returned to Saint Vincent to hold the positions of director of food service, director of intramurals, dean of students and director of admission and financial aid. He is a graduate of Saint Vincent Prep, College and Seminary, and studied at the International Benedictine College of Sant’Anselmo, Rome, Italy. He also served as administrator of Saint Nicholas Parish, Nicktown and rector of Penn State Catholic Center. For the past 15 years, Father Earl has served as the prior of Saint Vincent Archabbey and president of Wimmer Corporation.

Covington

Bishop Roger Foys announced the following assignment:

Rev. Matthew Cushing, S’09, to parochial administrator, Saint Anthony Parish, Taylor Mill.

On August 12, Bishop Foys accepted the candidacy of four James Schaeper, Thomas Picchioni, Ross Kelsch and Jason Bertke.

As quoted in an article in the August 24 Messenger, Bishop Foys said, “They are called to be witnesses in a special way ... may God give them the strength and courage they need.”

Seminarian summer assignments included: Jason Bertke, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington; James Schaeper, Saint Barbara Parish, Erlanger; Ryan Stenger, Saint Benedict Parish, Covington; Josiah Booth, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Fort Thomas; Deacon Luis Leon, Cristo Rey Parish, Erlanger; Ross Kelsch, Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Falmouth; Trinity Knight, Holy Spirit Parish, Newport; Harry Settle, Saint Joseph Parish, Cold Spring; Deacon Allan Frederick, Saint Joseph Parish, Crescent Springs; Michael Black, Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, Erlanger; Deacon Jacob Straub, Saint Patrick Parish, Maysville; Britton Hennessey, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, California; Deacon Michael Norton, Saint Pius X Parish, Edgewood; Thomas Picchioni, Saint Thomas Parish, Fort Thomas; Eric Andriot, Saint Timothy Parish, Union.

Harrisburg

Stephen Kelley

Matthew Larlick

Seminarians were ordained to the diaconate May 19 by Bishop Joseph P. McFadden at Saint Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. They include Kevin Kayda II (who studied Pre-Theology at the Seminary), Stephen Kelley, and Matthew Larlick. Kayda is from Saint Patrick Parish, Carlisle; Kelley, Saint Patrick Parish, York; and Larlick, Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Harrisburg. Anthony Dill, who studied at Saint Vincent Seminary, was ordained a priest on June 30 by Bishop McFadden.

Bishop McFadden announced the following clergy appointment:

Rev. Job Foote, O.S.B., S’89, has been named pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Annville, effective September 18.

Rev. Paul Clark, S’02 and pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Dauphin, Pennsylvania, took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for a new parish church on July 15. Parishioners have been active in both establishing a capital
FATHER LARRY KULICK EMBRACES NEW ROLE

Very Rev. Larry J. Kulick, C’88 and S’92, was appointed vicar general, acting chancellor, and moderator of the curia of the Diocese of Greensburg by Bishop Lawrence Brandt in September. Father Kulick stepped into office after Bishop Lawrence T. Persico was elevated and installed as Bishop of Erie. As he told The Catholic Accent, he will “assist Bishop Brandt in the day-to-day administration of the diocese.”

Father Kulick was also appointed pastor of Saint James Parish in New Alexandria, a role he will particularly embrace. He believes that his role as a pastor will give him experiences that will benefit his increased role in the diocese, according to The Catholic Accent.


His new duties are “about helping fulfill the mission of the Diocese of Greensburg in drawing all of the faithful in our four counties into a closer relationship with God.” Father Kulick told The Catholic Accent. He began his new role in the diocese on September 25.

Carl T. Tancredi, C’63, S’67, 45 years, campus minister, Penn State York and York College; Rev. Daniel F.X. Powell, S’92, 20 years, Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Harrisburg; Rev. Darius G.C. Moss, S’96, 15 years, Queen of Peace Parish, Millersburg; Rev. Timothy D. Marcoe, S’07, 5 years, Christ the King Mission, Benton, and campus minister, Bloomsburg University.

Msgr. Vincent Topper, C’32 and S’36, celebrated his 100th birthday on July 28, 2012. Msgr. Topper commemorated the 75th jubilee of his ordination last June.

In honor of his birthday, the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg displayed items from his past, including a silver paten and gold-plated chalice given to him for his ordination from his father.

“I hope I have influenced people by my example and through the sacraments,” Msgr. Topper told the Harrisburg Catholic Witness. “I tried to be a good priest and bring the people to Christ and Christ to the people.”

As a priest, Msgr. Topper served at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in York, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Mount Carmel, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Fairfield, Saint Joseph Parish in Milton, Saint Columbia Parish in Bloomsburg, and Saint Joseph Parish in York.

Rev. Joseph V. Trupkovich, S’96, was featured in the Tribune-Review upon the dedication of the new Christ the King Church in Gilpin. Construction on the new $3 million church began in June of 2011, and the building was dedicated this past August. Seating is for 550 people, with overflow seating for another 200. The parish is a combination of three merged parishes, the former Assumption, Saint Martha and Saint Catherine parishes and the Hyde Park mission church, which merged in 1999. The new structure was constructed on the location of the former Assumption Church.

Priests of the Diocese of Greensburg celebrating jubilees in 2012 included: Bishop Emeritus Anthony G. Bosco, C’49, S’52, 60 years; Rev. John M. Butler, C’67, S’72, 40 years.

Rev. Justin M. Matro, O.S.B., S’89, was installed as pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Crabtree, on April 15 by The Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, Ph.D. Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg, has announced the following appointments:

Msgr. Raymond E. Riffe, MSW, MPA, S’79, as the Bishop’s Delegate in cases of clergy and Church personnel sexual misconduct, effective September 25.

Father Micah E. Kozoll, S’76, as pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, effective November 8.

Father James W. Clark,
Office of Catholic Charities. He is also chairperson of the Diocesan Catechetical Commission, secretary of the Diocese of Youngstown Foundation, and a member of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission.

Youngstown

Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J., bishop, has made the following appointment:

Rev. John-Michael Lavelle, S’99, was named pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Niles, effective June 22. He will continue to serve as director of Advancement for the Diocesan Office of Catholic Charities. He is also chairperson of the Diocesan Catechetical Commission, secretary of the Diocese of Youngstown Foundation, and a member of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission.

Faculty News

Dr. Michel Therrien, his wife Lynn, and their children have moved to Denver, Colorado where he has accepted a position as the Academic Dean of the Augustinian Institute, a graduate school of theology established to form leaders for the new evangelization. He noted that “I am truly grateful for my time here and for each and every one of you. It has been a privilege to serve God in this place.”

Mrs. Ximena DeBroeck, S’09, lecturer in theology, gave a number of presentations over the summer.

“Mary, the Model for Discipleship” at Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier (May 22);

“Vocation to Holiness: A Universal Calling to Lives of Service and Lives of Joy” at Saint Thomas More, Pittsburgh (July 10);

“Dimensions of the Liturgy” at Saint Mary’s Romanian Catholic Church, McKeesport (July 29);

Journey through Scripture Presenter Training in Spanish, an
FORMER BOARD MEMBER SUCCUMBS

Juliana “Julie” Uram, a former member of the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents, died peacefully at the age of 87 on Friday, June 29. Born in 1925 in Butler, Pennsylvania, Uram went on to live in New York City before moving back to Washington County. She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church.

Her life was marked by volunteering and helping others. Working as an administrator of Butler Hospital, Mrs. Uram received the Benjamin Rush Award from the Washington County Medical Society and was the first female campaign president of United Way of Washington County. She was intimately involved in creating and maintaining the Medallion Ball, a fundraising effort for the Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind for which she received the Anna Hanna Award.

In addition to serving on the Board of Regents of Saint Vincent Seminary between the Fall of 1985 and 1991, she also was a member of the Boy Scouts of American Trails Council, the Washington County Community Foundation, Secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind, president of Saint Lucy’s Auxiliary, president of Pittsburgh Symphony South, chairman of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, among others.

Mrs. Uram is survived by her husband of 65 years Andrew, as well as five sons, three grandchildren, and her brother Paul.

REV. TIMOTHY F. WHALEN

Seminary Rector Rev. Timothy F. Whalen was the keynote speaker at the fourth annual Evangelization and Faith Formation Conference of the Diocese of Greensburg, held September 15 at Greensburg Central Catholic High School. Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg, was the celebrant and homilist at the opening Mass of the conference titled “The New Evangelization: Forming the Faith in the Present Culture.”

A podcast of his talk is available at http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. Other multimedia recordings are planned.

RECENT DEATHS

The following deaths have been reported:


CONDOLENCES:

Condolences are offered to:
- Rev. Jude Brady, O.S.B., S’80, on the death of his brother, Michael Brady, on June 8, 2012.
- Paul Homick, C’91, S’02, on the death of his father, Paul Homick, Sr., on July 2, 2012.

Rev. Kurt Belsole, P’69, C’74, S’78, had an article “A Thirst for Holiness: Reflections on Seminary Formation A Response to James Keating” published in the Fall 2011 issue of Seminary Journal. Father Kurt remains on the Seminary faculty while on loan to the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he serves as the Director of Liturgy.


Brother Bruno has also published an article on the Venerable Bede, the subject of his research at the University of Cambridge: “Bede, Monasticism, and Culture,” a paper given at the Third International Symposium, “Monasticism between Culture and Cultures,” the Monastic Institute, Sant’ Anselmo, Rome, 9 June, 2011, was published in the November, 2011, issue of Tjurunägä: An Australia Benedictine Review.

Also, he has written an article with his confreres, Brother Mark Floreanini, S'O4, and Father Philip Kanfush, S’99: “Enlightening the Faithful: Stained Glass Windows in the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica,” appeared in the Spring, 2012, issue of Westmoreland History.


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Over the course of the summer, new members were added to the faculty and to the Seminary staff, while a familiar face has a new title.

Rev. Edward Mazich, O.S.B., S’98 was named director of Human Formation. He will supervise the Human Formation component of the Seminary’s Program of Priestly Formation. The program, according to Father Ed, is designed to help each seminarian to “build on his existing strengths and to address his shortcomings in the areas of personal responsibility and maturity, professional accountability, and interpersonal communications. The growth that takes place in these areas over the six years of formation will enable each graduate of the Seminary to serve as a “bridge” and not a barrier at the basic human level for all those who seek a closer encounter and relationship with the risen Christ.”

Father Ed earned a bachelor of science from Pennsylvania State University; a master of arts degree from Saint Vincent Seminary; a licentiate in sacred scripture form the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome; a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, and a doctorate at Oxford University.

Ms. Mimika Garesché has been named associate director of human formation. Prior to her appointment, she studied clinical psychology at the Institute of Psychological Sciences in Arlington, Virginia. She has a master’s degree in Marriage and Family from the John Paul II Institute in Rome. Her undergraduate bachelor of arts degrees are in education and development from the Anahuác University in Mexico and business economics from the Colorado College.

Ms. Garesché has been a lay consecrated woman for over 20 years. She has worked teaching at a college level, and has extensive experience giving spiritual direction. Prior to her consecration she worked for Citibank in the private banking sector and as international staff in Chile and Ecuador. She is fluent in Spanish.

In addition to her role with the Seminary, she is also working part-time with Saint Vincent College’s Campus Ministry where she is the associate director of spiritual formation.

“I am very happy to be part of the excellent team of formators here in the seminary and to support them in their work,” Ms. Garesche said. “I have enjoyed working with the Benedictines and diocesan priests here and I am learning from their spirituality and work style, which has enriched me immensely.”

Rev. Dr. William Hisker, S’09, is a lecturer in Catholic social ethics. The course looks at the social teachings of the Catholic Church, beginning with the encyclical literature and synod literature from 1893. It covers all Catholic social teachings: economic, political, and family oriented.

“It is exceedingly important for priests and deacons to know this matter and know it well,” Dr. Hisker said. “I try to teach from a point that answers ‘Why?’;” he continued. “The course covers the pillars of Catholic social teaching: human dignity, common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. The course is very important to have for homiletics. To preach well, you need a good grounding in social teaching.”

Rev. Dr. Hisker is a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Greensburg, As of November 8, he is assigned to the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish. He is also the chair of the management, finance, accounting, economics, and marketing for Saint Vincent College.

Rev. Ralph Tajak, O.S.B., S’93, has been assigned to assist with spiritual direction. He earned a master of divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary, and earned a master of arts degree at Saint Vincent Seminary in 1993. He also earned a Sacred Theology Licentiate in Systematic Theology from Regis College in Toronto, Canada in 1997. In 2011, he began graduate studies at All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland.

He entered the Benedictine Community in 1988, and made simple profession of the monastic vows on July 10, 1989 and solemn profession of vows on July 11, 1992. He was ordained a deacon on July 17, 1993, and served his deacon internship at Saint Peter Parish, North Side, Pittsburgh. He was ordained a priest on May 28, 1994 in the Archabbey Basilica by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco of Greensburg. In 1997 he was named to the adjunct faculty of Saint Vincent Seminary. From 1999 to 2001 he served as parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Saint Cecilia Parish, Whitney. From 2001 to 2004, he served as parochial vicar of Saint Peter Parish, North Side, Pittsburgh. In 2004 he was named pastor of Saint Peter Parish, Pittsburgh. By the permission of Bishop David Zubik and Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, O.S.B., Father Ralph became chaplain of the Epiphany Academy in Pittsburgh in December of 2008. This role also includes teaching responsibilities in the field of formation anthropology and spirituality. Father Ralph was appointed in August 2009 in the priestly formation program at Saint Paul Seminary as an adjunct spiritual director by Bishop Zubik. In 2010, Father Ralph received his Epiphany certification diploma after completing the two-year program of study in the field of formation anthropology and spirituality.
2012

Archbishop Wilton Gregory Lecture
November 27, 2012

“The Choir Invisible”
Sunday, December 2, 2012

Handel’s Messiah
Saturday and Sunday, December 8-9, 2012

2013

Martin Luther King Day. Msgr. Raymond East, Office of Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Washington
Monday, January 21, 2013

March for Life, Washington, DC
Wednesday, January 25, 2013

50th Anniversary of Saint Vincent Fire, Vespers Service honoring firefighters/police officers
Monday, January 28, 2013

Mardi Gras, Fred Rogers Center
Saturday, February 9, 2013

Threshold Series, Br. Guy J. Consolmagno, S.J., Vatican Observatory
Monday, March 11, 2013

Feast of the Passing of Our Holy Father Benedict Abbot, Bishop Lawrence Persico
Thursday, March 21, 2013

Seminary Scholarship Dinner
Thursday, April 11, 2013

Vatican II Annual Pope Benedict XVI Lecture, Francis Cardinal Arinze
April 17-20, 2013

Seminary Scholarship Banquet, LeMont/Pittsburgh
Thursday, April 11, 2013

Seminary Commencement
Friday, May 10, 2013

College Commencement
Saturday, May 11, 2013

Prep Reunion
Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2, 2013

Feast of Saint Benedict
Thursday, July 11, 2013

Closing of the Year of Faith
Sunday, November 24, 2013