Pre-Theology Program Update

As the pre-theology formation program under the guidance of Dr. Lawrence Sutton enters its second year of new initiatives, evaluations of the program are positive.

The enhanced program provides men discerning a vocation with additional guidance. The week-long Summer Immersion Experience (see pages 10-11) followed by two weekend workshops each semester serve as a springboard for ongoing discernment and reflection upon ministry in the Church.

Father Jonathan Wisneski, Director of the Office for Clergy Vocations in the Diocese of Greensburg, who visited the immersion experience, noted that this type of immersion experience is beneficial to those in formation. In addition, it affords the seminarians an opportunity to understand the dynamics of these special relationships, while seeing themselves as people who are called to serve those in need.

While this particular immersion experience focused on training for working with persons with special needs, future immersion experiences will include other areas of formation, said Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B., academic dean of the Seminary. For example, he notes, the experience could involve working with homeless shelters or a hunger kitchen.

Very Rev. Timothy Whalen, rector of the Seminary, called this year’s program “a tremendous success. It builds a foundation upon which the four pillars will grow.”

Dr. Sutton’s experience is unique in that he is a psychologist as well as a deacon with the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Dr. Sutton provides guidance through regular formation meetings with students, individual counseling sessions, and seminars on select topics of psychological and theological integration for seminarians and priests. One of his roles at the Seminary involves the administration of psychological testing required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

 Formation Conference Focuses On Celibacy

Since receiving his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980, Dr. Sutton has often worked with persons with disabilities. He served as a school psychologist from 1993 until 1999, at the DePaul Institute for the Hearing Impaired before specializing in psychological assessments for autistic children at the Watson Institute in 2002. He also served as the manager of the Western Pennsylvania Bureau of Autism Services. He was ordained a permanent deacon in 1999 for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Brother John Mark Falkenhain, O.S.B., a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Indiana, gave a talk on “Celibacy Formation and Sexual Identity” as part of the Saint Vincent Seminary formation series. Brother John Mark is a fellow in human formation of the Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Maryland, and the associated Saint Luke Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The session was for formators, teaching them how to organize a comprehensive program of celibacy formation, including motives for celibacy; theologies of celibacy; sexual identity and practical skills for celibate living.
Most Rev. William J. Winter received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the 2014 Alumni Day Mass. Bishop Winter, C’52, S’56, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ordination. He is now auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Presenting the degree to Bishop Winter were Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., chancellor, left; Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B., academic dean, third from left, and Very Rev. Timothy Whalen, rector.

Bishop Winter Receives Honorary Doctorate

Saint Vincent Seminary paid tribute to Bishop William J. Winter, C’52, S’56, with an honorary doctor of divinity degree at its annual Alumni Day Mass and banquet on September 16. Bishop Winter, auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, observed the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ordination.

“Bishop Winter, the Saint Vincent Seminary Community honors you today for your generous and humble ecclesial leadership, and for your distinguished service to the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and to the Universal Church,” said Very Rev. Timothy Whalen, Seminary rector, who read the citation. “As a priest, scholar, chaplain, pastor, and bishop you have helped to form and nurture the faith of generations of Catholics in Western Pennsylvania. Like a true shepherd you have brought the hope-filled message of the Gospel to the people of the Diocese of Pittsburgh for nearly six decades, always striving to let the powerful yet healing presence of Jesus Christ shine forth for the benefit of all.”

Bishop Winter, who recalled coming to Saint Vincent to witness an ordination as a fourth grader, was a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Beechview. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1955. He later earned the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology at the Gregorian University before returning home to serve as a parish priest. He has served as an assistant pastor, as student chaplain at Mount Mercy College (Carlow University) and later as the vice-chancellor of the diocese. He served faithfully as pastor of Holy Innocents Parish in Beechview, and was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1955. He later earned the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology at the Gregorian University before returning home to serve as a parish priest. He has served as an assistant pastor, as student chaplain at Mount Mercy College (Carlow University) and later as the vice-chancellor of the diocese. He served faithfully as pastor of Holy Innocents Parish in Sheraden and Saint Philip Parish in Crafton. He was appointed in December of 1988 by Pope John Paul II and consecrated bishop on February 13, 1989. As auxiliary bishop, he assisted the diocesan bishop in addressing the pastoral needs and in governing of the diocese of nearly 800,000 Catholics. At the press conference announcing his appointment as a bishop, he described himself as “a simple parish priest who cares for the people of the Church.”

“Over the sixteen years in which you served as bishop, you helped to lead the priests, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh through challenging times, including the consolidation and reorganization of more than one hundred sixty parishes, and you brought a deepened sense of hope to the diocese as the entire Church took up the call to the New Evangelization,” Father Whalen said. “We thank you as well for your gracious kindness to Saint Vincent College and Seminary in Latrobe, as you extend your apostolic ministry from the diocesan community to your collegiate alma mater.”

“For the priests of the Diocese of Pittsburgh,” Archabbot Douglas

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Diocese of Steubenville seminarian Jeremy Andreski encourages a Special Olympian during a shot put competition at Antiochian Village this summer. See page 10 for story.

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Participating in the Saint Vincent Seminary Alumni Day Mass on September 16 were, from left, Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B., academic dean; Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., chancellor; Most Rev. David A. Zubik, bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; Most Rev. William Winter, C’52, S’56, auxiliary bishop emeritus, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, S’77, bishop of the Diocese of Erie; Most Rev. Roger Foys, bishop of the Diocese of Covington; and Very Rev. Timothy Whalen, rector.
Seminary Names Directors of Pastoral Life, Spiritual Formation

Saint Vincent Seminary has named two new directors in its formation program. Father Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., of Avonmore, has been appointed director of pastoral formation as well as a member of the Seminary faculty. He previously served as director of spiritual life from 2001-2003. Father Jeremiah Lange, O.S.B., has been named director of spiritual life as well as a member of the Seminary faculty.

Father Thomas More earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum, and a master of arts degree and a master of divinity from Saint Vincent Seminary. He has also studied at Saint Hyacinth College, Granby, Massachusetts, and has done graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh in philosophy.

A member of the Benedictine community since 1988, he made his solemn profession of vows on July 11, 1993. He was ordained a deacon on May 14, 1996, by the Most Rev. Anthony Bosco, bishop of Greensburg, at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. He was ordained a priest on May 31, 1997 at the Archabbey Basilica by Bishop Bosco.

His pastoral service includes serving as parochial vicar at Saint Benedict Parish, Carrolltown (1999-2000), at Sacred Heart Parish, St. Marys (2011-2013) and as pastor of Saint Mary Parish, St. Marys (2013-2014).


Father Jeremiah is a 1974 graduate of Plum Senior High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Slippery Rock University in 1996, a master of arts/Ed.S. degree in counseling from the University of South Carolina in 2001, and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Florida in 2005. He earned the master of divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 2013, with high honors. Additionally, he received the Honorable Judge Bernard F. Scherer Award, given by the faculty to the student who most exemplifies the qualities evident in the life of Judge Scherer. The criteria include breadth of learning, the integration of knowledge, faith and life, service to others through corporal works of mercy, and a strong witness of faith, hope and charity.

Before coming to Saint Vincent, Father Jeremiah was employed as a district counselor of secondary education in the Osceola City School District; Park Place Behavioral Center, Kissimmee, as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor; a doctoral fellow at the University of Florida, and a psychometrist at the Counseling and Human Development Center of the University of South Carolina.

He entered the novitiate in July, 2007 and professed simple vows the following year. He made solemn profession of monastic vows on July 11, 2011. He was ordained to the diaconate on April 14, 2012 by Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg, in the Archabbey Basilica. He was ordained to the priesthood May 25, 2013 by Bishop Brandt. Following ordination he was named director of campus ministry at West Virginia University and associate pastor of Saint John University Parish, serving there until 2014.

During his tenure at Saint Vincent, he has served the College as a student advisor in the Opportunity Program (2008-2009), as a research and teaching assistant on the faculty of the Education Department (2009-2010), and as a field supervisor for Catholic Schools in the Education Department (2010-2013). For the Archabbey, he has been assistant archivist, assistant director of the Oblate program (2008-2013), and assistant master of ceremonies (2009-2013). In 2014 he was named assistant to the director of vocations.

Seminary Visit

Father Wayne Paysse, second from left, executive director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, recently visited Saint Vincent Seminary. The Bureau has in the past provided support for the seminary in the form of the Monsignor Paul A. Lenz Burse for Native Americans. Father Wayne is pictured with Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., left; Brother Simeon Spitz, O.S.B., of Saint Gregory’s Abbey; and Father Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B., executive vice president at Saint Vincent College.
Father Yiliang Huang graduated this spring and is now a priest of the diocese of Chengdu, in the Sichuan Province in China. His ordination was held on July 26th in Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Chengdu. Following ordination he was assigned by his Bishop-Elect to serve as an instructor in the Sichuan Provincial Seminary in Chengdu, as well as to serve as parochial vicar in the Cathedral parish.

A number of recent seminary graduates and students were ordained to the priesthood or diaconate in 2014.

In the Diocese of Covington all four priests ordained by Bishop Roger Foys studied at Saint Vincent Seminary, one doing pre-theology work before studying in Rome, and two completing their studies in Latrobe.

Ordained on June 21 were Father William Appel, S10; Father Harry Settle, S10; Father Trinity Knight, S’14 and Father Josiah Booth, S’14.

“For years seminarians attend classes and conferences preparing for the day when we can engage in active ordained ministry,” Knight said in The Messenger, diocesan newspaper. “As a deacon, this past year, I was able to begin this ministry and I have grown in my comfort and appreciation in this role. Each day is another lesson in humility as people have invited me into their lives. I have learned the importance of being available for ministry each and every moment of my day, and I have learned not to take for granted the privilege I have to serve as an ordained minister.”

Booth noted that “people, I believe, are searching for meaning and when people lose the meaning they are desperate. At those moments they seek answers. When they get to the lowest point or what they perceive as a low point in their life, where they seek new ways of approaching their life, that’s where priests enter. If my presence through the priesthood can be there to direct them, to bring the sacraments and bring God’s grace to them, that would be phenomenal.”

Appel was named parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Fort Mitchell, while continuing studies at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome. Booth is parochial vicar of Saint Patrick Parish, Maysville, and religion instructor at Saint Patrick School. Knight is parochial vicar at All Saints Parish, Walton, part-time religion instructor at Saint Henry District High School and chaplain pro tempore, Sisters of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish. Settle is parochial vicar at Saint Cecila Parish, Independence.

Ryan Stenger, S10, was ordained to the priesthood on April 26. He is continuing studies in canon law at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Rev. Luis Álvarez, S’14, was ordained to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Atlanta on June 28 by Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory. Álvarez noted that “between entering and completing the seminary, I believe the most impactful change in me has been an even greater understanding and appreciation for God’s gift of life to all of us and how we can take it for granted so easily.”

He added that “coming from a Benedictine seminary, I realize that I have developed a natural charisma for liturgy and music, which I know I will naturally incline towards, but I am really looking forward to serving the ever-growing Hispanic ministry of our local Church in whatever capacity I may be best suited to minister.” He will be parochial vicar at Prince of Peace Church, Flowery Branch.

Brother Isaac Haywiser, O.S.B., C’09, was ordained a deacon by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, J.C.D., Ph.D., Bishop of Greensburg on May 3. Bishop Brandt ordained Father Michael
At the priesthood ordination in the Diocese of Covington on June 21 were, from left, Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.; Father Michael Antonacci, O.S.B.; Most Rev. Lawrence E. Brandt, J.C.D., Ph.D., Bishop of Greensburg; Father John Paul Heiser, O.S.B., and Father Richard Perozich, Diocese of San Diego, California, uncle of Father John Paul.

At the priesthood ordination in the Diocese of Covington on June 21 were, from left, Mimika Gareshé, associate director of Human Formation, Saint Vincent Seminary; Father John-Mary Tompkins, O.S.B., vice rector and dean of students; Father Trinity Knight, S’14; Father Josiah Booth, S’14; and Most Rev. Roger Foy, Bishop of Covington.

**Faculty News**

**Dr. Lawrence Sutton** participated in the fourth annual autism awareness program sponsored by Guaranty Trust Bank, March 22 to April 2 at the Muson Center, Onikan, Lagos, Nigeria. The seminar was facilitated by international and local nutritionists, psychologists, educators and medical practitioners and featured sessions on managing people with varying levels of autism spectrum disorders, which affect one in every 88 children worldwide.

The bank, which sponsored the free sessions, actively supports numerous programs across Africa that positively affect infant and maternal healthcare, education, the arts, community development and the environment.

**Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B.,** was promoted to the rank of full professor on August 21.

Father Patrick attended the four-day Association of Theological Schools Biennial Meeting in Pittsburgh in July.

He attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America held at Providence College in Rhode Island from July 26th-29th.

Father Patrick also presented the Faculty-In-Service on August 22 on the theme of “Managing our Seminary “Capitals” (the many gifts and strengths of the Seminary) to Achieve Maximum Growth.”

**Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.,** was promoted to the rank of associate professor on August 21. Father Edward also serves as the Director of Human Formation at the Seminary.

**The Society of Saint Paul has produced a CD series on Saint Paul based on the book Saint Paul: Master of the Spiritual Life ‘In Christ’ by Brother Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B.** The ten CDs have nine hours of lecture are now available. Cost is $48.95.

This pastoral presentation discusses Saint Paul’s ideas on “who we are and where we came from and what God wants us to do as the Body of Christ,” Brother Elliott said.
The Most Reverend Paul Gregory Bootkoski, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, was awarded an honorary doctorate at the Seminary’s 168th annual commencement Friday, May 9 in the Archabbey Basilica.

On July 8, 1997, Pope John Paul II named Msgr. Bootkoski to serve as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark. He was ordained by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick on Sept. 5, 1997 in Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark. He subsequently was named vicar general and moderator of the curia, responsible for daily management and operation of the administrative agencies of the archdiocese.

On January 5, 2001, following Archbishop McCarrick’s installation as Archbishop of Washington, the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Newark elected Bishop Bootkoski diocesan administrator, responsible for the temporary management of the archdiocese. He served the archdiocese in that capacity until the installation of Archbishop John J. Myers on October 9, 2001.

Bishop Bootkoski was named the Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen by Pope Saint John Paul II on January 4, 2002, and installed as the Fourth Bishop of Metuchen on March 19, 2002. Bishop Bootkoski holds a bachelor of arts degree in classical languages from Seton Hall University, a master of divinity degree in theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary, and a master of arts degree in education from Manhattan College.

The graduates included:

**ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA**

Luis E. Álvarez of Atlanta, Georgia, studied electrical engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He received the master of divinity degree. He also received the Omer U. Kline, O.S.B., Homiletics Award, given by the Rector’s Council to the fourth-year student who has most clearly demonstrated excellence in preaching during his fourth year of study.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CAMPINAS**

Marcel Gustavo Alvarenga of Valinhos, São Paulo, Brazil, received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Campinas, where he studied from 2006 to 2008. He began theology studies in 2009. He received the master of arts degree, magna cum laude. He also received two awards, the Sacred Scripture Award, given by the faculty to the graduate who most demonstrates excellence in the study of Sacred Scripture, and the Honorable Judge Bernard F. Scherer Award.
given to the student who most exemplifies the qualities evident in the life of Judge Scherer, including breadth of learning, the integration of knowledge, faith and life, service to others through corporal works of mercy, and a strong witness of faith, hope and charity.

**DIOCESE OF CHENGDU**

Yi Liang Huang of Deyang, Sichuan, China earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and theology from Sichuan Catholic Seminary in Chengdu, Sichuan in September 2001. He received a master of arts degree.

**DIOCESE OF PATERNON**

Christopher Stephen Barkhausen of Succasunna, New Jersey, earned a bachelor of arts degree in Catholic theology from Seton Hall University’s School of Theology in 2010. He received the master of divinity degree.

**DIOCESE OF COVINGTON**

Josiah N. Booth earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from the Pontifical College Josephinum and Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2009. He received the master of divinity degree.

Trinity P. Knight of Thibodaux, Louisiana, earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Joseph Seminary College, Saint Benedict, 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 to 2009. He received the master of divinity degree.

**DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG**

Michael T. Aimino of Dayton attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor of arts degree in English in 1989. He earned a certificate in pastoral ministry from Seton Hill University in 2011. He earned the master of arts degree in ecclesial ministry, *summa cum laude.*

Stephen E. Black of Homer City earned a bachelor of science degree in organizational leadership from Saint Francis University in 2008. He is a permanent deacon candidate from the Diocese of Greensburg. He earned the master of arts degree in ecclesial ministry, *cum laude.*

Jeffrey Cieslewicz, Sr., of McKeesport attended Penn State McKeesport, where he earned an associate degree in electrical engineering in 1980. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in business with a certificate for pastoral ministry from Seton Hill University in 2011. He earned the master of arts degree in ecclesial ministry, *cum laude.*

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, gathered with seminarians from his diocese prior to the commencement dinner. They include, from left, Mauricio Tabera, third theology; Julio Cesar Madrid, second theology; and Victor Julio Baron, first theology. Bishop Bootkoski was accompanied by Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, J.C.L., V.G.

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski of the Diocese of Metuchen received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary May 9. It was presented by Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., chancellor, left; Very Rev. Timothy F. Whalen, rector, third from left; and Father Patrick T. Cronauer, O.S.B., academic dean, right.

**SAINT VINCENT ARCHABBEY**

Brother Michael A. Antonacci, O.S.B., of Jeannette, is a 2007 graduate of Saint Vincent College, where he earned bachelor of science degrees in mathematics and physics with highest honors. He received the master of divinity degree, *summa cum laude.* He received the Diakonia Award, nominated by the entire seminary community, and chosen by the faculty, to honor a graduate who exhibits praiseworthy academic performance as well as service to the seminary community through building student morale and spirit, exercising leadership within the community, and demonstrating creative outreach to others.

Brother John Paul Heiser, O.S.B., earned a bachelor of arts degree in international politics and psychology from Penn State University in 2008. He earned the master of divinity degree, *summa cum laude* and also the bachelor of sacred theology, *summa cum laude.*

Father Maximilian Maxwell, O.S.B., of Philadelphia earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication and religious studies from Saint Vincent College in 2007. He received the master of divinity degree.
The Seminary’s new director of Pre-Theology Formation, Dr. Lawrence Sutton, has been working with individuals with special needs for many years. As a deacon for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, he developed a program to incorporate children with autism and other special needs into parish life, from the perspective of a licensed psychologist, the other hat he wears.

That program developed into a unique religious education program for these individuals, and subsequently turned into a book, *How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Autism and Other Special Needs*. It was published by Loyola Press, and in his “spare time” he presents talks on the topic throughout the world.
Since his arrival at Saint Vincent in 2013, Sutton has worked to incorporate the experience of serving persons with disabilities into the priesthood formation program. His role in Latrobe is director of pre-theology formation. He has developed a program for pre-theologians (men in their first two years of study) that includes a very unique opportunity—volunteering at nearby Antiochian Village, an Orthodox Christian camp, during the Special Olympics Camp each August. The event is sponsored by the North American Council of Teen SOYO, and is the second longest running program of Special Olympics in Pennsylvania. This year there were nearly 200 campers, and nearly as many aides and coaches.

This year five pre-theologians took part: Austin Keith of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown; Jeremy Andreski of the Diocese of Steubenville; Brother Matthew Hershey, O.S.B., Brother Ignatius Camello, O.S.B., and Brother Mark Liatti, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey.

“Previously, I’ve enjoyed working with Special Olympics through the Knights of Columbus at our parish,” Hershey said. “This is a tremendous experience.”

Keith, who spent the day going between various track and field events, called his experience “awesome. It was great.” He not only spent time with the athletes, he said, but he got to know them as individuals. “One athlete I met has been coming here for 30 of the 33 years it has been held.”

Andreski spent most of his day with some of the field events, such as javelin and shot put, as well as the 50 and 100 meter races. Camello, of the Philippines, was busy with soccer and basketball, and at one point even put some of his nursing skills to work, all with a positive outcome.

Liatti spent the day working the chains at a flag football game.

This new addition to the Seminary formation program, Sutton notes, will:

• Give seminarians an opportunity to put their theological formation into action by ministering to those in need as an initial step in the particular pastoral ministry that every priest is called to live.
• Sensitize seminarians to the need for the compassionate and empathetic giving of one’s self in Christ-like service to one’s brothers and sisters.
• Emphasize the connection between prayer and service.

“This pastoral experience,” Sutton noted, “will be an initial immersion for the pre-theologian into ministering, in imitation of Christ, to the real needs of teens and adults with developmental disabilities, some of the neediest of God’s children. This will serve as a springboard for ongoing discernment and reflection upon ministry in the Church and will give the pre-theologian a first-hand experience of actual ministry. Included will be the opportunity to pray and worship together and to engage in interactive sessions to gain the most from this experience for the discernment of one’s future priestly ministry.”
Dear Friends of Saint Vincent Seminary,

The Saint Vincent seminarians have returned from their summer sojourns; back from their homes and dioceses, they are already well-ensconced in their classes for the new semester. Among the ready and willing newcomers to the mission this semester, the Archabbeey has seven new Benedictine pre-theologians attending the seminary. They come from dioceses and universities far and wide, joining other Saint Vincent seminarians from nearly every continent of the world.

Today, Saint Vincent Seminary is effectively training a more diverse group of seminarians for service within American dioceses—a proactive strategy in response to the priestly shortage in America. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has taken up this issue at a recent meeting, where a frank discussion was conducted about the ministerial impact of the growing priestly shortage. They considered a new report citing that between 1950 and 2000 the Catholic population increased by 107 percent while the number of priests increased by only 6 percent. At the same time the average age of priests has increased, so that many parishes a few years ago that had two, three or more priests residing in their rectories today have no priest, as more than 27 percent of U.S. parishes are without a resident priest.

This current reality should not be the basis for pessimism, however. The Church’s timeline is long and varied, and this is not the only time in America’s experience that we have relied on faithful Catholics around the world to serve the sacramental needs of our continent. In fact, the current predicament can remind us of the original mission of Saint Vincent:

"On October 21, 1846 a Benedictine monk named Boniface Wimmer arrived at Saint Vincent with eighteen young companions. They came from Bavaria to be missionaries ... [and] Wimmer simultaneously founded the first Benedictine monastery, college, and seminary in North America" (Rev. Brian Boosel, O.S.B.).

Then the German-speaking missionary monks came to the shores of America to minister to a German-speaking constituency. This mission quickly expanded to many ethnic groups all across America. Today, men are now trained for a professional-level competency in theology and scripture and liturgy, as they grow daily in their personal relationship with the Lord. Beyond that, however, fully-formed priests must master modern pastoral values needed to serve today in local parishes, including principles of financial responsibility, sociology and psychology, as well as plain-spoken homiletics. Saint Vincent Seminary is uniquely suited to this multi-tasking, facilitating the formation of the whole person—the spiritual, intellectual and social—in the context of a proven missionary tradition.

All faithful Catholics play important roles in implementing our mission. Firstly, pray without ceasing for your needs and those of the whole Church, including vocations. Secondly, encourage faithful men to consider becoming priests (the Georgetown University’s Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate affirms that men who had been explicitly encouraged by three persons were five times more likely to investigate the priestly vocation). Finally, Saint Vincent provides help for seminarians through financial assistance for their educational expenses. You can assist with your tax-deductible support for this aspect of our mission.

Please know that we are grateful for your association with the Seminary and for your generous support, as we work to fulfill the mission of Christ by proclaiming his message of love to all the world.

Thank you always,
In Christ,

Bonaventure, O.S.B.

Father Bonaventure Curtis, O.S.B.
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People of the Region

In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield has announced the following appointments:

Rev. John Rice, S’02, chaplain, Parkersburg Catholic High School, effective June 18, as well as chaplain to the Knights of Columbus. He remains pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Parkersburg and Saint Monica Parish, Lubeck.

Rev. Charles E. McGinnis, Jr., S’06, chaplain of Saint Joseph Central Catholic High School, effective June 18, in addition to his assignment as administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Huntington and Saint Peter Claver Parish in Huntington.

Rev. Arthur Bufogle, Jr., S’03, has been named pastor of Saint John Neumann Parish in Marlinton and Mark the Evangelist Mission in Bartow, and the Chapel of Saint Bernard in Snowshoe with residence in Marlinton, effective June 18.

Rev. Douglas Ondecck, C’02, S’07, has been appointed chaplain to West Liberty University with responsibility for coordinating sacramental ministry to its actively enrolled students, effective September 3. The appointment is in addition to his current pastoral duties as temporary administrator of Saint Alphonsus Parish, Wheeling.

Rev. Ryan L. Stichweh, S’13, has been appointed temporary administrator of Saint Agnes Parish, Charleston, effective September 24, in addition to his responsibilities as chaplain of Charleston Catholic High School.

Rev. Christopher M. Turner, S’04, has been named associate pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Morgantown, effective September 24.

ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

Rev. John P. Ellias, C’60, S’64, is celebrating 50 years in priesthood.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Mark L. Barchak announced the following appointments:

Rev. Lubomir J. Strecok, S’97, pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona, effective July 15.


Rev. Matthew B. Baum, S’09, parochial vicar, Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown, effective July 15.

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Prayerfulness, Humor Take Priest Into First Pastorate

Rev. Juan Francisco Anzora, S’08, was featured in a recent issue of The Georgia Bulletin. Now in his sixth year of priesthood, he is undertaking his first pastorate at Saint Francis of Assisi Church. A native of El Salvador, Father Anzora and his nine siblings grew up on a farm near San Salvador during a time of civil war. Growing up in a quiet, religious town, Tona Capeteque, he was inspired by Jesuit Father Rafael DeSivatte who taught him about the martyrdom of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, who defended the human rights of the poor and decried injustices. Romero was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass.

The inspiration of DeSivatte and Oscar Romero, Father Anzora said, helped his vocation grow. Father Anzora began his journey as a Vincentian postulant in Guatemala, but a visit to a friend in Atlanta pointed him in a new direction. He went on to become a candidate for the archdiocese in 2001, earning degrees from Saint Joseph Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana, and Saint Vincent Seminary.

At Saint Francis three of the four Masses are in English each weekend and about 1,500 come to worship. One of his first priorities is to take simple steps to build community and respond to the archdiocesan pastoral plan now being developed.

The pastor of Prince of Peace Church, where Father Anzora had served as parochial vicar, Father Eric Hill, C’96, S’99, said that some of Father Anzora’s greatest assets are his prayerfulness and sense of humor. And he’s good at “listening and striving to do the best for others.”

“He was great to work with, very willing to serve, and was available to minister to the people of God,” he said. “I’m sure that what he has learned during his priesthood, and also the gifts that God has given him, will help him to be a wonderful pastor, and I believe that he is ready. There will still be a lot of on-the-job training to come, but as long as he remains open to it, God will guide him.”
In the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory has announced the following appointments:

Rev. Juan Francisco Anzora, S’08, pastor, Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Chartersville.

Rev. Fernando Molina-Restrepo, S’98, pastor, Transfiguration Parish, Marietta.

Rev. Tri John-Bosco Nguyen, S’12, parochial vicar, Saint Brigid Church, Johns Creek.

Rev. Guyma Noel, S’96, parochial vicar, Saint Joseph Church, Marietta.

In the Diocese of Savannah, Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer has announced the following appointment:


In the Diocese of Greensburg, Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, made the following appointments:

Rev. Monsignor James T. Gaston, C’67, S’71, pastor, Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, effective June 4. He has also been named vicar forane, Deanery 3.

Rev. Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, V.F., C’78, S’82, pastor, Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, effective June 4. He has also been named vicar forane, Deanery 1.

Rev. Michael P. Sikon, S’94, pastor, Saint Barbara Parish, Harrison City, while continuing as diocesan director of the Office for Worship, as well as director for the Office for Clergy Formation, effective June 4.

Rev. Alan N. Polczynski, S’05, pastor, Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana, while remaining as assistant Episcopal master of ceremonies, effective June 4. He is also regional clergy moderator, Region V.

Rev. William J. Lechnar, S’96, interim administrator, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, while continuing as director of the Office for Planning, effective June 4.

Rev. William P. Donahue, C’66, S’70, has begun retirement.

Several priests for the Diocese of Greensburg have made their homilies available on various websites. They include:


Diocesan priests celebrating anniversaries in 2014 included:

Rev. John T. Euker, C’70, S’74, 40 years and Father James D. Tringhese, 40 years.

Rev. F. Raymond Trance, S’94, has retired.

In the Diocese of Youngstown, Rev. Martin Celuch, S’02, pastor of Saint Matthias Church since 2013, helped the parish celebrate its 100-year history in June. It is one of three worship sites of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Youngstown, having merged with Saints Cyril and Methodius and Holy Name of Jesus Parishes in 2012. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., was principal celebrant at the centennial celebration. The parish has served immigrants from Slovakia since the early 1900s.

Rev. John-Michael Lavelle, S’99, has been named pastor of

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Seminary News & Notes

**Richmond**

In the Diocese of Richmond, Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo has appointed Rev. James Glass, S’03, to full-time chaplain to Catholic campus ministry at the College of William and Mary, with residence at Saint Bede, College of William and Mary, S’03, appointed Leaven Fall 2014, Volume 23, Number 1, June 6, 2014.

Rev. Michael W. Rothan, S’04, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Millersville, and Rev. Michael J. Cross, S’07, pastor of Saint Peter Parish, Millersville, celebrated 20 years in priesthood.

Rev. Edward J. Keating, S’94, and Rev. Thomas Ferris, C59, have been named pastor of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Middletown, for a six-year term.

Rev. Mark E. Weiss, S’02, pastor of Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Millersville, and Rev. Michael J. Cross, S’07, pastor of Saint Peter Parish, Millersville, while continuing as pastor of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey, marked 10 years in priesthood.


Rev. Bernardo Pistone, S’73, has begun retirement.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer has made the following appointments:

- Rev. Steven W. Fauser, S’02, pastor, Saint Peter Parish, Elizabethtown.
- Rev. David M. Hereshko, S’99, campus minister, Bloomsburg University and parochial vicar, Saint Columba Parish, Bloomsburg, with the responsibility of Christ the King Mission, Benton.
- Rev. Timothy D. Marcoe, S’07, pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Abottstown.
- Deacon Matthew Larlick, S’13, diaconal ministry, Saint John the Baptist Parish, New Freedom.

**Harrisburg**

In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Monsignor Vincent Topper, C’32, S’35, turned 102 on July 28. He remains the diocese’s oldest and longest-serving priest.

Rev. Kyle S. Sahd, S10, recently ordained, was assigned as parochial vicar of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey.

Very Rev. Paul Helwig, S’74, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Camp Hill, celebrated 40 years in priesthood.

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**Requiescat in Pace**

**Condolences**

To Mrs. Trish Perry, recently retired from Saint Vincent Seminary, on the loss of her mother, Jean Lennon, on April 17, 2014.


**Deaths**

Rev. Lawrence R. Coakley, S’76, on September 10, 2014.

Brother Nathan M. Cochran, S’85, on July 30, 2014.

Rev. Thomas Ferris, C59, on March 18, 2014.

Rev. J. Clark George, C’52, S’56, on June 3, 2014.


Rev. Robert Turner, C’55, S’89, on June 29.

Rev. Lawrence Persico, J.C.L., announced the following appointments:

- Rev. Christopher Barnes, S’10, has been named pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Crown, and Saint Ann Mission Church, Marienville, effective July 25, for a six-year term.
- Rev. Matthew J. Kujawinski, S’02, has been named pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Crown, and Saint Ann Mission Church, Marienville, effective July 25, for a six-year term.
- Rev. Thomas L. Tyler, S’79, has been named pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Fairview, effective July 18, for a six-year term.
- Rev. Alfred Patterson, O.S.B., C’85, S’90, has been named pastor of Saint Mary Parish, St. Marys, effective July 24.

**Erie**

In the Diocese of Erie, Bishop Lawrence Persico, J.C.L., announced the following appointments:

- Rev. Michael C. Letteer, S’95, pastor, Saint Agatha Parish, Meadville, while continuing as pastor of Saint Agatha Parish, Meadville, effective July 28, for a six-year term.
- Rev. Matthew L. Tyler, S’79, has been named pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Fairview, effective July 18, for a six-year term.

**Covington**

In the Diocese of Covington, Bishop Roger Foy announced the following appointments:

- Rev. Matthew A. Cushing, S’09, chaplain, Covington Catholic High School, effective July 1.
- Rev. John J. Michniuk, S’12, parochial administrator, Saint (Continued on Page 17)
In the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop David A. Zubik announced the following appointments:

Rev. Ronald Lengwin, C'62, S'66, has been named vicar for church relations, while retaining his role as spokesman for the diocese. He has served as general secretary and vicar general since 2010. He is also the host of “Amplify” on KDKA-AM radio.

Very Rev. Philip N. Farrell, V.W., S'93, has been reappointed as Episcopal vicar for pastoral vicariate Region 4.

Rev. Vincent F. Kolo, S'95, chaplain, Catholic inmates and staff at the Allegheny County Jail, effective July 28. He is residing at Holy Trinity Parish, Robinson Township.

Rev. Stephen A. Kresak, S'04, pastor, Saint Albert the Great Parish, Baldwin; Saint Basil Parish, Carrick; Saint Norbert Parish, Overbrook; Saint Wendelin Parish, Carrick, effective April 28.

Rev. Robert L. Seeman, S'79, administrator, Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Moon Township, and chaplain to the Catholic students and staff at Robert Morris University, effective March 10.

Rev. Michael J. Stumpf, S'00, has been named to another six-year term as pastor of Saint Mary of the Mount Parish, Mount Washington, effective July 14.

Rev. Kevin J. Dominik, S'87, part-time chaplain at Serra Catholic High School, effective April 28. He remains as pastor of Saint Angela Merici Parish, White Oak.

Rev. John E. Forbidussi, S'94, chaplain, Catholic patients and staff at UPMC East and Forbes Regional hospital, effective April 24, with residence at Saint Bernardette Parish, Monroeville.

Rev. William E. Dorner, S'07, canonical consultant for the Department for Canon and Civil Law Services, effective July 1.

Rev. Martin R. Bartel, O.S.B., S'85, has been named pastor of Rose of Lima Parish, Mays Lick and Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Flemingsburg; and part-time instructor, Saint Patrick High School, Maysville.

Rev. Martin Pitstick, S'08, pastor, Divine Mercy Parish, Bellevue and Saint Bernard Parish, Dayton.


Longtime employees Patricia Perry (photo at left, center) and Annette Hart (above) have retired. Perry is pictured with Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., and her sisters, including Joan Roach, second from right, who also works at Saint Vincent College. Perry served as administrative assistant to the vice rector and the faculty, while Hart was an administrative assistant in the Seminary Development Office. Both women are from Ligonier.
Rev. Jack O’Malley, S’65, received the Citizen of the Year Award during the recent 41st Constitutional Convention of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Hotel. It was presented by Jack Shea, president of the Allegheny County Central Labor Council; Rick Bloomingdale, president of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO; Frank Snyder, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and Joe Delale, AFL-CIO community services liaison. Shea noted that Father O’Malley has always helped families through the eyes of organized labor, while Delale noted that Father O’Malley is a mentor for Catholic social teaching.

Priests of the diocese celebrating anniversaries in 2014 included: Rev. John A. Palko, S’54, 60 years; Rev. Warren W. Metzler, C’60, S’64, 50 years; Rev. Joseph E. Swierczynski, C’60, S’64, 50 years; Rev. William R. Bovard, S’63, 50 years; Rev. George F. Chortos, C’60, S’64, 50 years; Rev. Robert G. Duch, Ph.D., C’61, S’64, 50 years; Rev. Jeremiah T. O’Shea, C’60, S’64, 50 years; Rev. William J. Ritzert, S’64, 50 years; Rev. Matthew R. Cirilli, S.T.L., C’60, S’64, 50 years; and Rev. William J. Fay, C’61, S’65, 50 years. In 1994 Father Fay returned to Saint Vincent, to serve on the faculty of Saint Vincent Seminary, as vice rector, and associate professor of Sacred Scripture, until 2004. Silver jubilarians in the diocese include: Rev. George J. Moneck, S’89.

SAINT VINCENT ARCHABBEY

Saint Vincent Archabbey monks celebrating anniversaries included:
- Rev. Noel Rothrauff, O.S.B., P’45, C’50, S’54, 60 years, priesthood;
- Rev. Daniel C. Wofel, O.S.B., P’46, C’50, S’54, 50 years, priesthood;
- Brother Anthony Kirsch, O.S.B., P’61, C’66, S’70, 50 years, vows;
- Brother Nicholas Koss, O.S.B., P’61, C’66, S’70, 50 years, vows;
- Brother Norman Hipps, O.S.B., P’61, C’66, S’69, 50 years, vows; Very Rev. Earl Henry, O.S.B., P’55, C’60, S’64, 50 years, ordination;
- Brother Benedict Janecko, O.S.B., P’56, C’61, S’65, 50 years, a deacon;
- Rev. Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., S’91, 25 years, vows;
- Rev. Ralph Tajak, O.S.B., S’94, 25 years, vows; Rev. John Peck, O.S.B., S’89, 25 years, ordination;
- Rev. Job Foote, O.S.B., S’89, 25 years, ordination; and

In other Archabbey news:
- Rev. James H. Loew, O.S.B., S’96, has been named administrator of Christ the king Parish, Leechburg, while continuing as pastor of Saint Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift, as well as clergy moderator of Region II, with residence at Saint Gertrude, effective February 12.

SAINT BERNARD ABBEY

Rev. Jacob Amos, O.S.B., S’11, has been appointed pastor of Saint Michael Catholic Church in Saint Florian, Diocese of Birmingham, effective August 1.
Front, from left, Father Edward M. Mazich, O.S.B., director of human formation, director of the solemnly professed, and associate professor of Sacred Scripture and systematic theology; Father Jeremiah Lange, O.S.B., director of spiritual formation; Father Patrick Cronauer, O.S.B., academic dean; Very Rev. Timothy F. Whalen, rector; Father John Mary Tompkins, O.S.B., vice rector and dean of students; Father Cyprian G. Constantine, O.S.B., assistant professor and director of liturgical formation; Mimika Gareshé, associate director of human formation; Father Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., director of pastoral formation.

Row two, from left, Victor Julio Baron, Diocese of Metuchen, first theology; Brother Etienne Huard, O.S.B., Conception Abbey, second theology; Brother Patrick Boland, O.S.B., Subiaco Abbey, master of arts; Brother Martinho Zevallos, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, first theology; Brother Lawrence Machia, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, first theology; Jeremy Andreski, Diocese of Steubenville, pre-theology I; Brother Matthew Hershey, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, pre-theology I; Jorge Carranza, Archdiocese of Atlanta, fourth theology; Brother Ignatius Camello, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, pre-theology I.

Row three, from left, Brother Matthew Nguyen, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, master of arts; Thomas Picchioni, Diocese of Covington, third theology; Peter Crowe, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, second theology; Julio Cesar Madrid, Diocese of Metuchen, second theology; Mauricio Tabera, Diocese of Metuchen, third theology.

Row four, from left, John Shi, Diocese of Beijing, second theology; Samuel Rodgers, Diocese of Covington, pre-theology II; Andrew Yen, Diocese of Beijing, ESL; Peter Ren, Diocese of Beijing, second theology; Eric Andriot, Diocese of Covington, second theology; Rafael Quesada, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, master of arts; Joseph Shelton, Diocese of Covington, second theology; Zachary Galiyas, Diocese of Pittsburgh, fourth theology; Andrew Boyd, Diocese of Erie, first theology.

Row five, from left, Austin Keith, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, pre-theology I; Donald Bender, Jr., Diocese of Harrisburg, fourth theology; Brother Rafael Arcanjo dos Santos, O.S.B., São Bento Monastery, third theology; James Schaeper, Diocese of Covington, third theology; Brother Louis Carey, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey, second theology; Brother Mark Liatti, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, pre-theology I; Ryan Fischer, Diocese of Harrisburg, fourth theology; David Whiteford, Diocese of Erie, second theology.

Row six, from left, Matthew Gossett, Diocese of Steubenville, third theology; Brother Joachim Morgan, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, first theology; Brother Matthew Lambert, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, third theology; Britton Hennessey, Diocese of Covington, second theology; Brother Thomas Sanders, O.S.B., Saint Andrew Abbey, third theology; Brother Pio Adamonis, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, third theology; Lukasz Iwańczuk, Diocese of Paterson, ordination program; Brother Isaac Haywiser, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, fourth theology; Thomas Trocchio, Diocese of Erie, fourth theology; Brother Miguel Gonzalez, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbe, second theology; David Carter, Diocese of Erie, second theology.
Dedication and Blessing
Mary Mother of Mercy Mausoleum Chapel

Saint Vincent Cemetery
Saturday, November 8, 2014
10 a.m.

Refreshments and tours will follow the Dedication
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