Elizabeth J. Roderick Center, Chapel of Saint Gregory the Great Dedicated

After several years of planning and a three-year fund raising period, construction has been completed for Saint Vincent Seminary’s major expansion project. This expansion was undertaken primarily due to increased enrollment in the Seminary, with numbers of seminarians the highest they have been in over 30 years (see related article on page 3).

The recently-completed Seminary projects included construction of a new chapel, which seats up to 120, and the addition and extensive renovation comprising the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center.

The addition and renovation provides 21 additional student rooms, five guest rooms and faculty and administrative offices. The Center now contains 14,250 square feet on three floors, with a reception area, conference room and formation staff residence.

The dedication of the Chapel of Saint Gregory the Great and the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center was held Tuesday, October 28, which was also Seminary Alumni Day.

The Most Rev. Anthony G. Bosco, Bishop of Greensburg, was the principal celebrant at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Homilist was the Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Bishop Wuerl, in his homily, detailed the history of Saint Vincent, and the roots of the Seminary which were planted by Saint Vincent founder, Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B.

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Father Paulinus Retires After 57 Consecutive Years Teaching

At the annual Saint Vincent Seminary Alumni Day, ask any alumnus to share some common experiences. Whether he be a bishop, a parish priest, a Benedictine, a member of the class of 1996 or the class of 1940, eventually there will be a story about the Rev. Paulinus J. Selle, O.S.B.

Maybe it will be a story about the days when he taught in Latin. Maybe it will be a story about the changes wrought by Vatican II. Or maybe it will simply be a story about fellowship, centered around a game of pinochle.

For 57 years, Fr. Paulinus has probably taught nearly every student who passed through Saint Vincent Seminary, as well as many students at Saint Vincent College. That’s an incredible 116 semesters the taught three semesters a year for two years during World War II. That tenure, however, has come to an end, as Fr. Paulinus has retired at the age

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Rector’s Message

In my ninth year as Rector of Saint Vincent Seminary, I am still saying that this has been a wonderful experience for me. One of the challenges has been to balance the administrative and management responsibilities which a Rector has, with a deep involvement and engagement in the life of the Seminary community. I am happy to say that these two areas in which I have expanded energy have turned out to be mutually complementary.

Surely the realization of our vision has been furthered by the generosity of our many alumni and friends as well as the bishops and dioceses which support Saint Vincent Seminary. Archabbot Douglas, Mr. John Marous, Bishop William Winter, Father Thomas Kram, the Board of Regents and so many volunteers have exercised powerful leadership in our planning and fund raising efforts. Without them our task would have been much more difficult if not impossible.

I am happy to say that, in pace with these many blessings, we have also continued to grow at Saint Vincent Seminary, not only in numbers but also spiritually and as a community. We have quickly filled all of the new rooms provided for seminarians at the Roderick Center. Likewise, the swelling number of seminarians does not allow the new Saint Gregory Chapel to seem empty, but full of the sound of the prayer and praise of our Seminary community.

There are many measures of growth. We celebrate the dedication of our expanded facilities which will so enhance our mission of priestly formation and preparation for those who will minister to the people of God. It is fairly easy to see evidence of growth in the changed physical plant with its new and renovated buildings. Likewise, we can with gratitude count up the pledges of those who have supported us by sharing their resources with us. A little more difficult to measure is the vast support we have received through the prayer of so many. As far as the Seminary community goes, we can count heads and thereby measure our growth. The increasing strength of our academic and pastoral programs and the deepening spirit of community life and prayer are a bit more difficult to demonstrate by providing measurable evidence. Nonetheless, from my vantage point it is very easy to recognize all of this growth, all of these blessings. You are among those whom we remember gratefully in prayer as we move “forward, always forward” in our mission at Saint Vincent Seminary. We are led forward to a deeper dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the heart of all we are.

Upcoming Events

**NOVEMBER**

17 Ministry of Acolyte, Bishop James A. Griffin of Columbus, Ohio, Celebrant, 7:30 p.m., Basilica.

22 Wheeling-Charleston Priesthood Ordination of William Kuchinsky, 11 a.m., Saint Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, West Virginia.

**DECEMBER**

5, 7, 12-14 Saint Vincent Camerata Christmas Concerts, 8 p.m., Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. For ticket information call 412-537-4579.

9-12 Final exams.

20 Pittsburgh Diaconate Ordination of James P. Holland Jr. and Thomas A. Sparacino by Bishop David A. Zubik, 10 a.m., at St. Vincent De Paul, New Castle, St. Lucy Worship Site.

20 Diaconate Ordination of Brother Justin Dyrwal, O.S.B., at St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio.

**JANUARY**

5-9 Alumni Retreat, Father Thomas Acklin, at Saint Emma Retreat House, Greensburg.

12 Classes begin.

30-Feb. 3 Seminary Retreat, Bishop Edward J. Slattery, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at Saint Emma Retreat House, Greensburg.

**FEBRUARY**

10 Seminary Board of Regents Meeting.
Saint Vincent Seminary Enrollment At 30-Year High

Continuing a trend that began nearly a decade ago, enrollment at Saint Vincent Seminary is still growing, reaching a 30-year high this fall.

This year’s student population includes 84 men preparing for the priesthood, who come from 16 sponsoring dioceses, seven monasteries and eight countries. There are also 19 other students pursuing degrees in theology or religious education, bringing the total number of students registered to 103, the highest number in more than 30 years.

“We’ve had a consistent increase,” said the Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Seminary Rector. “It’s quite a solid trend.”

In addition to an effort to make the Seminary’s program better known to bishops beyond western Pennsylvania, Fr. Thomas attributes the growth to the Seminary’s longstanding reputation for developing well-rounded individuals, who are strong spiritually, theologically and pastorally.

“Among the characteristics responsible for this growth are the priority we place on the priestly formation program, and our emphasis on spiritual life,” he said. The skills learned here “are integrated and come to the fullest expression in someone whose faith, prayer life and sense of vocation have grown and developed.”

Additionally, Fr. Thomas said, there is a broad range of backgrounds among the students, as well as the faculty, which further enriches the seminarians’ education.

“We have architects, lawyers, engineers, health care workers, psychological counselors, social workers and teachers,” he said. “They all come with a breadth of experience, and bring a great maturity with them. They often have experienced very deep conversions that have changed their lives, and we are able to help them integrate that conversion into the broader life of the church and into priestly ministry. Sharing their personal experience broadens the lives of all of us who live here. It is a tremendous source of energy for me to witness the process of formation of these men.”

The student population is truly international in scope, with seminarians from China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Brazil, El Salvador, India, Colombia and Haiti. In recent years the Seminary has also had students from Poland and Slovakia.

“The international aspect of the Seminary has really enriched the composition of the student body. When you talk about a community you’re not talking about a very parochial group of people all focused on themselves,” Fr. Thomas said. “It’s like life itself. You have the whole globe here, the universal Church, the Church throughout the world.

“Many of the students here have suffered and struggled for the freedom to practice their faith in their countries,” he added, noting that their experiences have had a great impact on the faith of the other seminarians.

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Library Endowment Needs Help

“A library is thought in cold storage.”
Herbert Louis, First Viscount Samuel, 1947.

“A library is thought in cold storage,” Lord Samuel wrote in A Book of Quotations. And so it is... Thoughts, studies, research are right there on a shelf to be taken down when you need them.

The Saint Vincent Seminary and College Library holdings comprise one of the largest theological collections in western Pennsylvania. It offers a valuable resource to faculty and students in the Seminary, as well as to the clergy in the neighboring dioceses and communities. It provides pastors, students and clergy with important information about Catholic Theology, Judaism, Protestant Theology and non-Christian religions. The collection contains 100 handwritten manuscripts and early printed books which date before the year 1500. There are hundreds of additional texts from the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Ten terminals in the library provide access to the OPAC (On-line Public Access Catalog) which can also be accessed by remote personal computers via the campus LAN or modems. There are a number of library staff computers which can access the OCLC (On-line Computer Library Center), on-line Union Catalog which contains more than 37,000,000 bibliographic records from some 25,000 participating libraries for cataloguing and interlibrary loan services. An academic computer area offers faculty, administrators, seminarians, students and patrons access to the Internet (World Wide Web).

It is very important that the theological collection support faculty research, curriculum and student needs, pastoral and scholarly uses. In order to increase its significance as a center of learning, the Library must complete its database by retrospectively placing approximately 40,000 theological titles into the database and by purchasing additional materials (books, journal subscriptions, CD-Rom programs and on-line database programs).

Your help is needed! You have an opportunity to enhance the theological collection of the Library. Your gift of $50 or more will be acknowledged on a bookplate which will be affixed to each donated item. You may wish to consider making a tribute gift to honor friends and family on a special occasion or a memorial gift to honor those who have passed away. If you would like to know how to endow the theological collection by becoming a Theological Fellow, please call (412) 532-6740.

Enrollment

All of the students, Fr. Thomas noted, will serve in a diocese in the United States, with the exceptions of the Chinese and Brazilian students. Those three will return to their home countries to serve. Dioceses with students currently at the Seminary include: Altoona-Johnstown, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania; Beijing, China; Charlotte, North Carolina; Columbus, Steubenville and Youngstown in Ohio; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Charleston, South Carolina; the Virgin Islands; Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia; and the Archdioceses of Atlanta, Georgia and Campinas, Brazil.

Students also represent Benedictine monasteries including: Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Colorado; Saint Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio; Saint Benedict’s Abbey, Atchison, Kansas; Saint Gregory’s Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Saint Mary’s Abbey, Morristown, New Jersey; Saint Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois; and Saint Vincent Archabbey.

Saint Vincent Seminary
Enrollment Figures
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“Forward, always forward, everywhere forward,” were the words of Archabbot Wimmer, words the Benedictine community still lives by. Bishop Wuerl commended the Saint Vincent community of today for continuing Archabbot Wimmer’s vision. He noted that the expansion has already paid dividends as new rooms created at the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center are already filled with new seminarians.

Following Mass, Bishop Bosco blessed the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center. Mr. David M. Roderick, Jr., gave the reading.

The Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of Harrisburg, blessed the Seminary Residence and Administrative Offices. Mrs. Margaret R. Bock of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, gave the reading.

Bishop Wuerl blessed the Chapel of Saint Gregory the Great, while Seminarian James P. Holland, Jr., of the Pittsburgh Diocese, did the readings.

Other participants in the blessing service were Sister Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Seminary Academic Dean; Seminarian Douglas E. Dorula, of the Diocese of Greensburg and the Rev. Mr. Frantisek Halka, Deacon, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

At the dinner which followed, Mrs. Mary Ann Johanek, National President of The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association spoke.

“The Benedictine Community of Saint Vincent Archabbey has played an important role in the development of Slovak-American culture and history in the United States for well over 100 years,” Mrs. Johanek said. “Through its educational programs in the College and Seminary, Saint Vincent provided opportunities for Slovak-Americans everywhere to enter the mainstream of American society. The Benedictines established churches and schools, founded new religious communities, helped newly arrived Slovak immigrants with their physical and spiritual needs, taught the Slovak language and educated generations of priests to pass on the Catholic faith to future generations of Slovak-American Catholics.

“In recognition of the tremendous contribution of the Benedictine Community to Slovak American culture and history, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association at its annual convention in October of 1995 was pleased to approve a grant of one million dollars to the Benedictines of Saint Vincent Archabbey in support of its educational work at Saint Vincent Seminary,” she said.

“I am honored this evening to announce that in recognition of the tremendous contribution of the Benedictine Community to Slovak American culture and history, the establishment of the Sväté Písmo i Katolícka Viera Education Fund at Saint Vincent Seminary,” she said.

“The essence of what the students at Saint Vincent Seminary study is Sacred Scripture (Sväté Písmo), and passing on the Catholic faith (Katolícka Viera) is the task to which they commit themselves in their lives as priests,” Mrs. Johanek said.

The Fund will provide financial assistance for student scholarships and for faculty development as well as for maintaining the sacred sciences collection at the Saint Vincent Library.

The major gift for the Center came from Mr. David M. Roderick, Sr., former chairman and chief executive officer of USX, and is named in memory of his late wife, Mrs. Elizabeth “Bettie” J. Roderick.

Mrs. Roderick was a deeply religious person who was devoted to her family and to her Catholic faith. She had a deep desire to spread the message of Christ, and that desire will continue in the future through the generations of priests, religious and lay persons who will be educated at The Elizabeth J. Roderick Center.

Mr. Roderick, also speaking during the dinner program, said he and his family were grateful that Mrs. Roderick’s desire to spread the message of Christ will be continued through Saint Vincent Seminary.

Archabbot Douglas commented that “one of the goals of the capital campaign was to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Benedictines at Saint Vincent, and to undertake projects that would reflect the strength and continued growth of Saint Vincent. The Monastery, the College, the Parish and the Seminary have completed major

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The Most Rev. Anthony G. Bosco, Bishop of Greensburg, was the Principal Celebrant at the Celebration of the Eucharist, the first in a series of events marking the Dedication of the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center and the Chapel of Saint Gregory the Great. To Bishop Bosco’s left is the Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, Bishop of Pittsburgh, Homilist at the Mass. To Bishop Bosco’s right is the Most Rev. Judson M. Procyk, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, Byzantine.

Mr. David M. Roderick, Jr., reads Hebrews 13: 1-3, 7-8, during the Blessing of the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center. To his left is the Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of Harrisburg. Behind Mr. Roderick is the Most Rev. Anthony G. Bosco, Bishop of Greensburg. Behind Bishop Bosco is a portrait of Elizabeth J. Roderick.

Mr. John C. Marous, Jr., was the Chairman of the Preserving the Vision Campaign. Mr. Marous, former chief executive officer of Westinghouse, and the Campaign Steering Committee members (listed on page 8) helped to raise over $10 million for the benefit of Saint Vincent Monastery, Seminary and Parish. Above, he speaks about the campaign during the dinner program at the Seminary dedication ceremony.

Seminary Dedication
held on October 28, 1997

The Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, Bishop of Pittsburgh, blesses the Chapel of Saint Gregory the Great. Saint Gregory the Great was Pope and Doctor of the Church. He was an ardent promoter of monasticism. Gregory founded seven monasteries, six in Sicily and one in Rome, which he entered as a monk. Saint Gregory was strong in his defense of the Church, his love of the poor, his missionary activities, pastoral care and his spiritual teachings. His 'Liber regulae Pastoralis' sets out the directives for the pastoral life of bishops and priests who shepherd souls. He advanced the development of liturgical music and his name has been so closely linked with plainsong that it is commonly known as "Gregorian Chant."

Mrs. Margaret R. Bock of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, reads from I Corinthians 1: 26-31, during the blessing of the Seminary Residence and Administrative Offices.

The Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Rector of Saint Vincent Seminary, provides the welcome during the dinner program which was part of the Seminary dedication.
**Seminary Dedication**

Saint Vincent College and Seminary Chancellor and Archabbot, Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., presents a photo collage of the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center to David M. Roderick, as John C. Marous, Jr., looks on. Mr. Roderick is a member of the Saint Vincent College Board of Directors and is former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of USX. Mr. Marous is former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Westinghouse, and a member of the Seminary Board of Regents. He was the General Chairman of the Preserving the Vision Campaign.

The Most Rev. Anthony G. Bosco, Bishop of Greensburg, and Mr. John C. Marous, Jr., General Chairman of the Saint Vincent Preserving the Vision Campaign, during the dinner following the Dedication ceremonies.

The Most Rev. William J. Winter, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, speaks during the Seminary Dedication dinner program. Bishop Winter was the Co-Chairman of the Seminary Capital Campaign.

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"We've been blessed with growth in all of these areas, and we really look forward to making a contribution to the future through the new programs and facilities that will enable us to meet the needs of the people in the years to come," Archabbot Douglas said.

"We're grateful for the tremendous leadership which was provided for the campaign," said Archabbot Douglas, thanking General Campaign Chairman Mr. John C. Marous, Jr., former chief executive officer of Westinghouse and a member of the Seminary Board of Regents. Archabbot Douglas also commended the work of the Most Rev. William J. Winter, auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Wesley W. von Schack, who were co-chairmen of the Seminary Campaign.

Architect for the projects was Tasso Katselas of Pittsburgh, who designed the new Pittsburgh International Airport. He has designed many of the buildings on the Saint Vincent campus.

Part of the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center is entirely new, while part of the three-story building has been renovated. Mr. Katselas was able to expand the existing structure by an addition on the west side of the building. The original building was constructed in 1859 by the Benedictine brothers of Saint Vincent Archabbey. The bricks were made by the brothers on site and the lumber came from Chestnut Ridge.

"The concept was to use bold, brick-bearing walls to repeat the vocabulary of the existing building," Mr. Katselas said. "By double loading the corridor, we were able to capture space for the new Seminary and maintain the fabric of expression. The result is a quiet, dignified structure in a natural setting."

The new Chapel of Saint Gregory the Great is nestled beside the northeast corner of the Elizabeth J. Roderick Center and the southwest side of Leander Hall, where the seminarians reside. Access is available from both buildings, and an existing brick archway between the two buildings was incorporated into the design.

"The chapel location captures the existing brick passageway to create a quiet, intimate space of worship," Mr. Katselas said. "The vaulted ceiling and clerestory light bathe the interior with diffused light and the warm glow of welcome. The structure of the Chapel is current, the expressive form is timeless."

These two projects, The Elizabeth J. Roderick Center and the chapel conclude a major expansion for the Seminary, and follow the recent restoration work at Saint Vincent Basilica and construction of the adjoining Parish Center.
Father Paulinus J. Selle, O.S.B., Honored At Dinner

Over 200 former students, family members and friends have contributed to the Endowment Fund for the Rev. Paulinus J. Selle, O.S.B. Father Paulinus was recently named Professor Emeritus after teaching at Saint Vincent College and Seminary for 57 consecutive years and 116 consecutive semesters. Contributors through October 24, 1997, include:

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Saint Vincent Seminary One Of ‘America’s Top Seminaries’ In Crisis Magazine Listing

Crisis, the magazine of Politics, Culture & The Church, lists Saint Vincent Seminary as one of eight ‘Top Seminaries’ to be featured in a future issue of the publication. Crisis is a publication of The Morley Institute, Inc., a non-profit educational foundation. Its offices are in Washington D.C.

The cover story of the October issue features Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. As a sidebar to the five-page cover story, Saint Vincent gleams a listing. The sidebar notes that “there are other excellent Catholic seminaries in the United States. In future issues, Crisis will feature some of the following.”

The Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., is quoted as follows: “We have a profound emphasis on spiritual formation. A lot of times only the negative stuff about seminaries gets out (to the public). This is the healthiest community I’ve seen.”

The article reports on the Seminary’s enrollment explosion, its building expansion and its emphasis on the Eucharist and community life.

The report notes that the Seminary is the fourth oldest in America, and that it draws students from 16 diocese and seven Benedictine monasteries.

Saint Vincent Seminary Tribute, Memorial Gift Donors Recognized

The Saint Vincent Seminary has a Memorial Gift and Tribute Gift Program, which allows donors to honor individuals via a Tribute Gift for special occasions such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Retirements or Holidays, or with a Memorial Gift, in memory of a friend or loved one.

The Seminary Tribute Roster for the period from June 1, 1997 to October 1, 1997 includes the following Memorial Gifts:

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kosmo, by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Kosmo.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Povirk, by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Kosmo.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Szczygiel, by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Kosmo.

For more information on the Tribute Gift or Memorial Gift programs, contact the Saint Vincent Seminary Development Office at 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 15650, 412-532-6740.
There are 31 new students at Saint Vincent Seminary this semester. They are:


Stephen Costa, Diocese of Youngstown, first theology; Thomas Curry, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey, pre-theology II; Tien Hung Duong, Diocese of Charleston, first theology; William Ferguson, Diocese of Tulsa, pre-theology I; Anthony Gargotta, Diocese of Pittsburgh, first theology; Benedict Kapa, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, third theology; Robert Miller, Diocese of Youngstown, first theology; Paul Molchany, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, pre-theology I; Wayne Morris, Diocese of Steubenville, first theology; Terrence O'Connor, Diocese of Pittsburgh, first theology.

David Perry, Diocese of Erie, first theology; James Reardon, Diocese of Erie, first theology; Matthew Ritter, Diocese of Charleston, first theology; Anthony Sargent, O.S.B., St. Mary's Abbey, N.J., first theology; John Shramko, Archdiocese of Atlanta, pre-theology I; Samuel Sica, Diocese of Harrisburg, pre-theology I; Michael Stumpf, Diocese of Pittsburgh, first theology; Robert Vular, Diocese of Pittsburgh, first theology; Mark Weiss, Diocese of Harrisburg, pre-theology I; Clinton Zadroga, Diocese of Pittsburgh, first theology.

Non-ordination new students in the master of arts program are Lawrence Barkowski, theology; Matthew McKenzie, theology; Georgia Rush, theology.

This year, Fourth-year Theology students of Saint Vincent Seminary are participating in weekend Parish Practica. These men will be working at an assigned parish helping and learning from the designated pastor. The students are able to assist at liturgical celebrations; do home, hospital and nursing home visits; as well as participate in the social life of the parish. Involved in this practica are:

Damian B. Breen, O.S.B., of St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, N.J. He is assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe, with Rev. Thomas M. Lukac.

Neil R. Buchlein, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. He is assigned to St. Michael Parish, Wheeling, West Virginia, with the Rev. James Sabus.

Dean Cesa and Peter Pham of the Diocese of Charlotte. Dean is assigned to St. Bernard Parish, Indiana, with the Rev. Msgr. William G. Charnoki. Peter is assigned to St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, Pennsylvania.


Michael E. Messner of the Diocese of Harrisburg. He is assigned to St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon, with Rev. John R. Cienczynski.

Paul Alexander Shutte, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey. He is assigned to St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg, with Rev. Blane L. Resko, O.S.B.

Saint Vincent Seminary faculty member Rev. James Podlesny, O.S.B., was featured in a recent article in the weekly Catholic Witness, the diocesan newspaper of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (see photo on page 13). Fr. James is associate professor of moral theology. In the article by Paul Cullen, Fr. James discussed moral issues at home, at work and in society.

In conjunction with the newspaper interview, Fr. James was also interviewed for the Harrisburg diocesan television show. Videotapes of the show are available through the diocese.

Another Saint Vincent Seminary faculty member, Rev. Warren D. Murman, O.S.B., was also featured in the Catholic Witness. Fr. Warren, a professor of theology and liturgy at the Seminary, discussed the liturgy and how Eucharistic celebration transforms worship.

Fr. Warren's talk, which was part of a Summer Institute between Saint Vincent Seminary and the Diocese of Harrisburg, was videotaped. The Harrisburg diocesan office has copies available for interested persons.

Saint Vincent Seminary faculty members Rev. Warren D. Murman, O.S.B., Br. Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B., and Academic Dean Sr. Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., attended a weekend workshop, October 3 to 5, sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools.

They joined faculty teams from seven other seminaries, representing several denominations, at St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore to pursue the topic “Developing the Vocation of a Theological Faculty.”

The seminar offered participants an opportunity to consider and to engage the topic in an intentional way, and to become more focused on the corporate vocation of a theological faculty. The program was particularly attentive to the spirituality and faith traditions that persons on theological faculties bring to their vocations.

Presenters included Mary C. Boys, Skinner and McAlpin Professor of Practical Theology, Union Theological Seminary; Brian O. McDermott, S.J., Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology; and Elizabeth Patterson, Associate Dean for Ministry Development, Fuller Theological Seminary.

Condolences are offered to Rev. James Podlesny, O.S.B., on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Michael (Jane) Demshock, at the age of 81. The Demshocks established a scholarship fund for seminary students at Saint Vincent Seminary.

Mrs. Demshock taught mathematics at the Village School in Closter. Her interest in education and church affairs led to the establishment of scholarships at the College of Saint Elizabeth and elsewhere. She also provided assistance to the people of Poland.

There are 15 candidates for installation to the Ministry of Acolyte of the Saint Vincent Seminary community. The installation will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 17, 1997 at the Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica. Celebrant will be the Most Rev. James A. Griffin of Columbus, Ohio.

Candidates are Philip Michael Kanfush, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Brother Matthew Laffey, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Brother Brendan Rollin, O.S.B., Saint Benedict’s Abbey; Joseph B. Cadori, Jr.,
Brother Brendan Rolling, O.S.B., of St. Benedict’s Abbey, Atchison, Kansas, has received a renewal of his Knights of Columbus Vocations Scholarship for 1997-98. Under the program, the scholarship is renewable for up to four years of theology. The award was made through his local council, Order of St. Benedict’s Council No. 4912.

News of Seminary Alumni:

Rev. Msgr. Raymond T. Schultz, S’47, celebrated 50 years in the priesthood with a Mass Sunday, June 15, 1997, in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Beaver, Pennsylvania, where he is the administrator. He recalls his “street preaching” days as director of Catholic Campaigners for Christ between 1963 and 1965 when he would sometimes preach from the back of a truck.

Rev. Canica T. Welch, O.S.B., P’39, C’44, S’47, observed 50 years in the priesthood on June 15.

Rev. Francis A. Nazimek, S’48, was appointed administrator of St. Hugh Parish in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, on January 6, 1997.

Collistus W. Milan, P’46, C’51, S’54, has retired from Ottawa University after seven years of teaching in the Far East: Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Rev. Regis J. Ryan, C’62, S’66, executive director of Focus on Renewal (FOR) Center in McKees Rocks, won the Public Citizen of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. He accepted the award at the group’s convention in King of Prussia recently.

Fr. Ryan has headed FOR for 23 years, overseeing a social services system offering a family health center, literacy and transportation programs for the needy.

Rev. John M. Butler, C’67, S’72, pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania, observed his priesthood silver anniversary this spring.


Very Rev. William P. Feeney, C’68, S’72, pastor, Transfiguration Church, Monogahela, Pennsylvania, observed his 25th anniversary to the priesthood on May 4, 1997.


Very Rev. Thomas E. Kredel, C’68, S’72,
Brother J. Kevin Bachmann, O.S.B.

New Faculty Member

Brother J. Kevin Bachmann, O.S.B., has joined the Saint Vincent Seminary Staff. He will teach two Spanish language courses to seminarians as part of the Pre-Theology Program at Saint Vincent Seminary.

Brother Kevin took temporary vows at Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Colorado, in June of this year. He is also a new Theology I seminarian at Saint Vincent Seminary.

He has a doctorate in linguistics from Georgetown University, Washington D.C., having spent his junior year as a Georgetown undergraduate at the University of Madrid in Spain. Since 1970 he has taught both English as a foreign language and Spanish at different universities. Most recently he taught English at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia for four years. Before that he taught Spanish and directed a bilingual education teacher training program at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, for six years. Previously, he had trained teachers of English as a second language and started an intensive English program for foreign students at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, where he began in 1970. While at Colorado State he visited several cities in Colombia as a language teaching advisor under a Fulbright summer grant.

In 1974 he visited different cities in Colombia under a Fulbright grant during the summer as an advisor in English language teaching.

pastor of St. Louise de Marillac Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, celebrated his 25th priesthood anniversary on May 4, 1997.

Rev. Patrick H. Mandonck, S'72, chaplain in the U.S. military and priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, marked his 25th anniversary in the priesthood this spring.

Rev. Thomas J. McKenna, S'72, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, observed his 25th priesthood anniversary May 6, 1997.


Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., P63, C68, S'72, marked 25 years in the priesthood on May 20, 1997.

Rev. Maurice V. O'Connell, C68, S'72, pastor, St. Bernard Church, Riverdale, Maryland, observed his 25th anniversary in the priesthood in May.

Rev. Peter A. Romeo, S'72, marked his silver anniversary to the priesthood this spring. He is stationed at Holy Family Church, Las Vegas, Nevada.


Rev. Henry R. Krawczyk, S'78, is to be commended for overseeing the restoration of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Homestead, Pennsylvania. St. Mary’s is one of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish’s four worship sites. Fr. Krawczyk has been pastor of St. Maximilian Kolbe since its inception in 1992.

Rev. Jude W. Brady, O.S.B., S'80, began serving as the Archabbot’s Regional Coordinator for Pastoral Affairs in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, as of May 1, 1997.

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, S'85, was recently named pastor of St. Mark Church in Emporium, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Joseph P. Reigel, S'96, was ordained by Bishop Donald W. Trautman in St. Peter Cathedral, Erie.

Rev. Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco on May 31, 1997, in Saint Vincent Basilica.

Rev. William J. Lechner, S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco on June 7, 1997, in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. James H. Loew, O.S.B., S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco on May 31, 1997, in Saint Vincent Basilica.

Rev. Darius G. C. Moss, S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo on May 17, 1997, in St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Guyma Noel, S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John F. Donoghue on June 7, 1997, in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Gordon L. Sidler, S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John F. Donoghue on June 7, 1997, in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Joseph V. Trupkovich, S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco on June 7, 1997, in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Edward L. Yuhas, S'97, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald W. Wuerl on June 28, 1997, in St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Peter J. Kuligowski, S'97, was ordained for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese by Bishop Joseph V. Adamec at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Altoona.

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In Alumni News, we are saddened to report the deaths of:


Rev. William J. Erkins, C'36, S'40, on February 9, 1997.


Venard J. Spitzer, P'37, C'42, S'45, on May 20, 1997.


Rev. Thomas J. Bartolina, C'54, S'58, on December 2, 1996.


Rev. Lawrence F. Stebler, C'60, S'63, on June 9, 1997.


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Condolences are offered to:


Rev. Alfred L. Grotzinger, O.S.B., P'32,
C'37, S'41, on the death of his sister Bernadine Kavaney on May 6, 1997.


Rev. Emeric J. Priester, O.S.B., P '40, C'45, S'48, on the death of his sister, Esther Bridge, on February 6, 1997.


James G. Jones, P'50, C'54, S'58, on the death of his sister Patti Schaaf on February 24, 1997.


Rev. Robert A. Norton, C'68, S'72, on the death of his mother, Catherine Norton, on November 9, 1996.

Rev. Edward L. Kryston, S'74, on the death of his mother, Anne M. Kryston, on January 4, 1997.

Rev. Joseph E. Bonafed, S'92, on the death of his father, Joseph Bonafed, on October 2, 1997.

Rev. Daniel E. O'Keefe, S'93, on the death of his brother, John O'Keefe.
Father Paulinus Retires
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of 83.
The St. Marys, Pennsylvania native came to Saint Vincent in 1928 to attend the Preparatory School, then the College and Seminary. He was professed as a Benedictine monk in 1934, then went to Rome, Italy in 1936 to earn a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical Atheneum of Sant’Anselmo, the International Benedictine College. He was ordained a priest July 16, 1939, in the Abbey of Montecassino, Italy, by the Most Rev. Gregorio DiAmare, O.S.B., Archabbot of Montecassino and Bishop of Cassino. He returned to Saint Vincent in 1940 to begin teaching theology, and he has been here ever since.

“Every priest I ever called who knows him asked how Paulinus was doing, and when they come back he’s the one they want to see,” said the Rev. Thomas J. Kram, S’49, a member of the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents.

Fr. Kram started a chair for Fr. Paulinus a number of years ago. The chair is now the Father Paulinus J. Selle Endowment Fund.

“He was faithful to his profession as a professor of theology,” said Fr. Kram. “He impacted the spiritual direction of many priests. He has a captivating, gentle spirit and he had a way with Seminarians that made them feel they were on the right path. He was always ready to give a helping hand.”

“He was a good presider, a real good example to us of what a priest should be like, liturgically, theologically and socially,” said the Rev. Maurice V. O’Connell, S’72. “He was my teacher in the Post-Vatican II time and it was a very interesting time to study theology. So much of what had been taught was in Latin and it was very static. ... He could take what the early church fathers said and show how it was consistent with what Vatican II was saying.”

“Teaching in Latin was a mistake. We were using theology to teach Latin, because many of the students did not have enough Latin to understand. So what I did, in order to fulfill the law, and you had to fulfill the law, was I lectured one day in Latin and the next day repeated it in English so they’d get some theology, too.”

Through the years Fr. Paulinus has served as Academic Dean of the Seminary (1955 to 1965), and was on the College’s Board of Directors for six years. Within the Monastic community, he was Master of Novices (1971 to 1980), and served on the Archabbot’s Council of Seniors for many years. He taught moral theology from 1940 to 1945, patrology from 1941 to 1986, dogmatic theology from 1945 to 1971, and fundamentals of liturgy from 1967 to 1997.

In 1987 Fr. Paulinus received the Nova Et Vitera Award from Saint Vincent Seminary for “Outstanding and Distinguished Service to the Seminary and the Church in priestly formation and theological education.” In February of 1989 he received the Alumnus of Distinction Award from the Saint Vincent Alumni Association in “recognition of his meritorious service and lifelong contribution to Saint Vincent College.”

That same year he received a special plaque from the Saint Vincent Seminary Alumni Association in recognition of “his inspirational life of loving service to the seminary community.”

He marked his 50th jubilee as a priest in 1989 and continues to serve as a weekend parish assistant at Holy Family in West Newton.

Fr. Paulinus received an honorary doctorate in 1992 from Saint Vincent Seminary, something he says he is very proud of, not only because the recognition was from his peers, but also because, in his 57 consecutive years of teaching, he never had the opportunity to pursue a doctorate.