**Pope’s Biographer To Speak At Commencement**

The biographer of Pope John Paul II, Mr. George Weigel, will be the speaker at Saint Vincent Seminary’s 154th annual commencement, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Archabbey Basilica.

Mr. Weigel is a Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. He is one of America’s leading commentators on religion and public life.

*Witness to Hope*, the 992-page volume on the Holy Father’s life, has been called “the best book on the remarkable life of a truly historic figure” by Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Weigel has been writing about the Holy Father since the first days of Pope John Paul II’s pontificate. He was given unprecedented access to the Pope and the people who have known and worked with him throughout his life. His portrait presents a view of the Pope as a man, a thinker, and a leader whose religious convictions have defined a new approach to world politics -- and changed the course of history. New information about the Pope’s role in world events is explored, including the fall of communism, the collapse of four dictatorships during the 1980s, and the epic papal visit to Cuba. The book also discusses the Pope’s efforts to build bridges to other Christian communities and other great world religions, and offers synopses of every major teaching document in the pontificate.

Mr. Weigel is the author of fourteen books, including *The Final Revolution: The Resistance Church and the Collapse of Communism* (1991, with James.

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**Cardinal To Focus On Eucharist**

Francis Cardinal Arinze, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, pictured above with Pope John Paul II, will celebrate two Eucharistic Masses during his visit to Saint Vincent April 29-30. Both are open to the public.

The Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, will also dedicate the Basilica baptismal font and the spires. Before the Cardinal leaves on Monday, May 1, he will address the seminarians on the topic of the Eucharist.
Father William J. Fay will be the speaker at the Seminary’s annual Scholarship Dinner, to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Churchill Country Club.

Father Fay has served the Saint Vincent Seminary community since 1994, also acting as Dean of Students until the appointment of Father Alan E. Thomas to the position in 1998. He serves as Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Seminary. He is a 1961 graduate of Saint Vincent College, where he earned the bachelor of arts degree. He received the S.T.L. in 1965 from the Gregorian University, Rome, Italy; the Master of Education Degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1970; the Master of Arts Degree in Semitic Languages from Catholic University in Washington D.C. in 1973 and the S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, in 1975.

Before coming to Saint Vincent, Father Fay served as pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Pittsburgh from 1991 to 1994 and prior to that he was Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, New York, from 1988 to 1991. He has also served as a lecturer in the Graduate School of Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia (1976-1988); vice rector of Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland (1975-1988); lecturer in theology at La Roche College, Allison Park (1967-1970); and assistant pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Pittsburgh (1965-1970).

We look forward to welcoming Mr. Weigel to our campus,” said Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor.

Mr. Weigel received a master of arts degree in theology from the University of St. Michael’s College in Toronto. He resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

“We look forward to welcoming Mr. Weigel to our campus,” said Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor.
Seminarians’ Parents Great Vocation Directors

By Thomas J. Burke
Third Theology

A few weeks ago I was in my dorm room at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe preparing for final exams when I received a phone call from a seminarian’s mother. It was Carmel Yurochko whose son, Dennis, is a seminarian at the North American College in Rome. Carmel is the vocation committee chairwoman of St. Germaine Parish in Bethel Park and she asked if I would like to speak on vocations to the eighth graders from St. Germaine and St. Thomas More schools, both in Bethel Park.

I thought it would be a great opportunity to spread the message about priesthood and religious life to these young men and women. As it turned out, I spent the whole day with the two schools on a day of retreat at the Bethel Animation Center.

We started the day with Mass celebrated by Mercy Hospital chaplain Father Rich Jones. After Mass, the students participated in two group activities. The first was constructing a bridge out of plastic drinking straws, which helped them build teamwork. Then they painted a poster expressing love and courage which was the theme for the day.

My presentation focused on my journey toward priesthood and stressed that priests are human beings. The students also had a chance to ask questions about seminary life and the priesthood in general. I’m sure they learned a lot during this day of retreat.

Carmel Yurochko is part of a number of parents of seminarians who are vocation directors, in their own little way promoting the seminary program and spreading the good news about men studying for the priesthood throughout the diocese. Whether it is having seminarians give reflections at Masses, going into schools and speaking to students or working with youth and young adult groups, every time a seminarian speaks, people listen. People always like to hear “the story” on how the seminarian was called to study for the priesthood.

My dad, Bill Burke, is also a vocation committee chairman at my home parish of St. Norbert in Overbrook. He is planning on having seminarians speak to the CCD students and also promote the Seminarian Scouting Program to area Boy Scout troops.

Catholic Boy Scouts can work on receiving several religious medals that help them learn more about their faith. One of the requirements to receive the religious award is to visit a seminary.

Along with being on parish vocation committees, several parents of seminarians are also members of the Serra Club or The Knights of Columbus. Both of these organizations help support men in the seminary program with scholarships and also help promote vocations.

Parents of seminarians may be “behind the scenes” in the little things that they do but they have a huge impact on their sons lives.

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Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
5 p.m. Francis Cardinal Arinze, Mass and dedication of the baptismal font and spires, Archabbey Basilica.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Robert D. Burns, Jr. and Donald Cramer, Diocese of Harrisburg.
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Gregory W. Wilson II, Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina.

SATURDAY, MAY 27
Priestly Ordination of Thomas F. Hamm, Jr., Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
Priestly Ordination of Jeffrey Tigyer, Diocese of Columbus, Ohio.
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Priestly Ordination of Benedict Kapa, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
Priestly Ordination of Michael B. Heninger and John T. Conway, Archdiocese of Atlanta.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of James A. Reardon, Diocese of Erie.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Tien Hung Duong, Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
Priestly Ordination of Joseph B. Cadori, Jr., Thomas J. Lewandowski and Jamie Stover, Diocese of Pittsburgh.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

SUNDAY, JULY 9
Transitional Diaconate Ordination of David A. Perry, Jr., Diocese of Erie.
Student Association

The Saint Vincent Seminary Student Association for the 1999-2000 school year has been chaired by Tony Gargotta of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, President, center. Other members are, from left, Bryan Small of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, who serves as Social Activities Coordinator; David Perry of the Diocese of Erie, Vice President; Matt McClain, also of the Pittsburgh Diocese, who serves as Coordinator of Social Concerns and Paul Clark of the Diocese of Harrisburg, who is Coordinator of Spiritual Activities. Not pictured is Br. Anthony G. Sargent, O.S.B., of St. Mary’s Abbey, New Jersey, who is Coordinator of the Speaker Forum.

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A Message From The Chairman

Expanding the Vision

It is my great pleasure to report on the progress and activities of Saint Vincent Seminary. Once again, we can point to a number of significant accomplishments.

First of all, Saint Vincent Seminary continues to provide a world-class, Total Quality educational experience for its seminarians. With a renowned faculty trained at the most prestigious universities in the world, we have established a core curriculum that thoroughly prepares our graduates to return to the parish setting and make an immediate positive impact on their dioceses. This excellence in our programs was noted in the very high commendations from the bishops who send seminarians to Saint Vincent, and was rewarded by the Vatican with the authorization to grant Pontifical Degrees.

Secondly, our Total Quality curriculum has again resulted in record enrollment. This year’s growth from 109 to 112 students gives us the largest enrollment in our 153-year history, placing Saint Vincent among the ten largest seminaries in the United States. We are experiencing growth not only among our constituent dioceses, but, thanks to our ever-expanding reputation for excellence and international stature, we have attracted many new dioceses and monasteries as well.

Thirdly, as we achieve these exceptional results, it is important to point out that the seminary is a model of efficiency and fiscal management. Once again this year, the seminary administration has prudently managed its resources while coming in under the financial budgets that have been established, thereby helping to protect and grow the precious financial assets that our generous supporters have donated.

Lastly, we have recently completed our comprehensive strategic planning process. As a result of this effort, we have identified those areas which require our immediate commitment. They are:

— Constantly introducing state of the art technology into our classrooms;
— Continually upgrading our library - the heart of any educational institution - which is already among the best theological libraries in the country;
— Providing Internet access to resources at the best scriptural and theological research centers throughout the world, and;
— Systematically upgrading our student living facilities to promote the best possible learning environment for our seminarians.

Our commitment to these areas will ensure that Saint Vincent Seminary will continue to provide a world-class Total Quality educational experience for years to come. On behalf of the Board of Regents, I thank all who, through their prayers and support, make these achievements possible.

John C. Marous, Jr.
Chairman of the Board of Regents
Saint Vincent Seminary
Courage, Faith and Hope

People plant trees, although they know for certain that their fruits will benefit only the next generation. Should we think only of today or tomorrow? The Lord has provided for our needs so wonderfully and so quickly. Should we not confide in Him still more?

— Abbot Boniface Wimmer, Saint Vincent Seminary Founder

From its very humble beginnings, Saint Vincent Seminary has been blessed by the courage, faith and hope of people who “plant trees.” King Ludwig I of Bavaria provided the principal financial support for Abbot Wimmer and his small band of monks to travel to America and build a seminary. Benevolent as he was, he no doubt understood the risk of failure of the mission. In his heart, he certainly held no illusion that he would personally live to witness the positive impact of his investment, if there was one. The results would be too far separated by time and distance. But still he planted the tree.

For 153 years now, the monks of Saint Vincent Archabbey have been teaching diocesan seminarians, preparing them to minister to God’s people. Upon graduation, these newly ordained priests return to their dioceses and immerse themselves in their work. The monk instructors embark upon their task with the full knowledge that it is unlikely they will ever understand whether they have been successful — let alone be witness to that success. The results are typically too far separated by time and distance. Yet they plant the trees.

Today, the monks of Saint Vincent Archabbey still instruct our seminarians, but you, our supporters, have replaced King Ludwig. Through your prayers and financial support, you plant trees at Saint Vincent Seminary with the potential for growth, strength and beauty that none of us can fully imagine. But you do not allow the limited comprehension of our human condition to deter your support. You have the courage, faith and hope which has sustained Saint Vincent Seminary for 153 years.

On behalf of the entire Saint Vincent Seminary Community, I applaud your courage, faith and hope. And I thank you. May the fruit of God’s harvest be yours in abundance.

Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.
Seminary Chancellor
A Message From The Rector

A VIBRANT AND FRUITFUL YEAR

It is my pleasure to report to you on another vibrant and fruitful year at Saint Vincent Seminary. As I serve my 11th year as Rector, I certainly feel a great deal of gratitude for all of the blessings which God has bestowed on our Seminary and on each of us individually.

Through your prayers and generosity, we have seen a dramatic increase in the total enrollment in the ordination program during the past decade. During that time, we have also expanded and renovated our facilities, we have begun to increase our endowment to support scholarships for seminarians, and we have given attention to both faculty development and the expansion of our theology collection in the Library.

Certainly, the most significant development this year is our receiving word that we have been authorized by the Vatican to grant the Pontifical Degree of Bachelor in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) in affiliation with the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. The Seminary becomes one of only ten seminaries in the United States which can grant the degree. The approval was announced while I was in Rome in December, by the Congregation for Catholic Education at the Vatican. Saint Vincent Seminary received very high commendations from the bishops who send students here. The credentials of the Seminary faculty and course offerings are studied during the Congregation’s review of the petition in addition to the inquiries made of bishops. The S.T.B. will prepare students for ordination to the priesthood as well as for further study in pontifical universities in Europe and throughout the world.

We are looking forward to the April 29-30 visit of Francis Cardinal Arinze, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and a member of the Roman Curia. He will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, which will include the dedication of the new Basilica spires and the blessing of the new baptismal font.

We continue to look forward to the future and expect to soon be announcing a new campaign to raise the Seminary’s endowment so that we can continue to prepare priests and ministers who are ready to meet the needs of the Church in the new millennium. We also plan to enhance the process of teaching and learning by implementing state-of-the-art information technology in the classrooms of Aquinas Hall. The building itself is in much need of renovation and we are taking this opportunity to complete the link-up of the Seminary with the Library, and to allow the many steps in the learning process to take place in a way which will allow easier access and sharing of information in the teaching and learning process.

Thank you once again for your support, particularly by your prayers. You, our alumni and friends, are at the heart of all we will do grounded in Christ. May God continue to bless you. Be sure of our grateful prayers.

Very Reverend Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B.
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Diocese of Greensburg, PA
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Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA
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Monroeville, PA
Saint Bartholomew Church,
Crabtree, PA
Saint Bernard Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Saint Gregory the Great Church,
Virginia Beach, VA
Saint John Capistran Church,
Pittsburgh, PA
Saint John the Baptist Church,
Pittsburgh, PA
Saint Louise de Marillac Church,
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Saint Mary Church, St. Marys, PA
Saint John the Baptist Byzantine
Catholic Church, Uniontown
Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church,
New Kensington, PA

Foundations

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Grace and Anthony Trancone Scholarship

Ms. Mary Lou M. Trancone
Revenues, Gains, and Other Support:

Tuition and Fees $950,741
Contributions $626,347
Investment Income $98,557
Net realized gains on long-term investment $49,947
Net unrealized appreciation $106,315
Other sources $150
Auxiliary enterprises (including room and board) $393,146
Total revenues, gains and other support $2,225,203

Expenditures:

Instruction $357,018
Library $45,000
Academic support $85,794
Student services $94,685
Admissions and Institutional Support $372,362
Operation and maintenance of plant $223,754
Auxiliary enterprises $265,668
Total expenditures $1,444,281

Change in net assets $780,922

Net assets, beginning of year $4,211,733
Other Changes to Net Assets $549
Net assets, end of year $4,993,204

The information presented in this report has been derived from the consolidated financial statements audited by an independent accounting firm and published separately. Copies of audited financials are available upon request.

Saint Vincent Seminary is grateful to all who have contributed to the endowment funds. It is our sincere hope that continued growth in the funds will allow us to offer increased financial assistance to seminary students in need.
Seminary faculty member Br. Benedict Janecko, O.S.B., Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, was invited to attend a Bible class and a worship service at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Washington, Pennsylvania, on February 13. The Bible class on the Prophets was conducted by Elizabeth Todd, a 1979 graduate of Saint Vincent Seminary.

The common lectionary readings along with the “southern and Benedictine hospitality,” offered by Elizabeth and her husband Bill, made the guest feel at ease and at home, Br. Ben said.  

Seminary faculty member Br. Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B., Professor of New Testament Studies and Biblical Languages, gave a series of four talks on the Gospel of Mark during Lent at St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg. Br. Elliott is a popular speaker in Western Pennsylvania, bringing a keen awareness of the concerns of today’s Christians and a deeply monastic sense of prayer to his lectures, but not without an irresistible lift of humor.

The series was entitled “The Christian Mission in the New Millennium: A Reflection on the Gospel of Mark.” The Gospel of Mark is the Gospel read on Sundays this year (Lectionary Cycle B).

A Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey for 35 years, Br. Elliott has been concentrating on the theology of the Gospel of Mark since completing his doctoral dissertation in 1978. His series focused on a different aspect of the Gospel each week, accenting the teachings of Jesus on: Faith that can cause miracles,” “The Kingdom of God,” “A radical new way of living,” and “The cost of discipleship.”  

Rev. Stephen Honeygosky, C’71, S’74, pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite, offered an adult, continuing education mini-course on “The Bible as Literature,” at his parish during the Lenten season. The sessions were based on his introductory course of the same name which he teaches at the University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus.

Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor, was the principal celebrant and homilist at a Mass held March 20 at Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown, as part of the parish’s sesquicentennial anniversary this year. The parish and school paid tribute to the Benedictine monks of Saint Vincent, who established the parish there under the guidance of Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B.  

Topics included “The House Church,” “Church of Early Christendom,” “The Medieval Church,” “The Church in America,” and “The Vision of Vatican Council II.” Father Warren is a well-known authority on theology and liturgy, and has served as liturgical consultant to many parish communities.

Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, C’54, S’58, marked his tenth anniversary as Bishop of Harrisburg on January 26 of this year. He joined the priests of his diocese in a concelebrated Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Mechanicsburg. He was also joined in the celebration by members of the Sisters’ Council, the various advisory boards with which he works closely and by the staff of the Diocesan Center, reported Peggy Fortier in The Catholic Witness.

The Seminary welcomed one new student in the ordination program at the start of the spring semester, Luis Alonso Reyes from the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Luis, who was born in Honduras, is the son of Virgilio Reyes and Juventina Gómez of Santa Bárbara, Honduras.

A special vocations section of The Southern Cross, diocesan paper for Savannah, Georgia, featured several Saint Vincent seminarians:

Eric R. Filmer, 33, a pre-theologian, was reared an Episcopal but converted to the Catholic faith in 1993 at Sacred Heart Church in Savannah. He worked in food service for many years and as an animal care technician at a veterinary hospital. In 1997 he became a novice with the Dominicans in Denver, Colorado. Feeling drawn to the diocesan priesthood and his hometown, he joined the Diocese of Savannah in 1998.

Anthony W. Stephens, 26, a pre-theologian, was born and raised in Atlanta. Legally blind, he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in journalism, specializing in radio. He worked as a graduate advisor for a radio station at the University of Georgia while earning his master’s degree. He is also a talented musician. Although an atheist most of his adult life, Tony became a Catholic in 1994 after a conversion experience in Mexico, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He began attending vocation retreats in 1998 and began his seminary studies in 1999.

Mark Van Alstine, 34, a pre-theologian, was born in Montana but spent most of his life...
calling me to, because I wouldn’t have left teaching on my own.”

Robert M. Miller, 42, felt a call to the priesthood at a young age. “It just took me a while to answer it,” he said. He realized his desire was to bring the sacraments to God’s people. He would like to work to bring “unchurched” Catholics back to the Church and to work with parishioners going through employment crises.

G. David Weikart, 36, has had a varied career as a high school teacher, salesman and lab technician. He was director of religious education at St. Patrick Parish, Leetonia, and he told the Exponent: “That his years of serving in the Church eventually led to the knowledge that God was calling him to be a priest.

“I have a strong passion towards people,” he said. “I think there are a lot of spiritual needs that should be addressed.”

The following deaths were reported:


James M. Murray, C’53, S’57, on December 27, 1999.


Condolences are offered to:


Rev. Patrick J. Jones, C’52, S’56, on the death of his sister Mary Holmes on December 6, 1999.

Rev. Francis P. Balestino, C’56, S’60, on the death of his brother Angelo W. Balestino on October 31, 1999.


Rev. John M. Butler, C 67, S’72, on the death of his mother Othello Marie Butler on December 27, 1999.

Rev. John P. Sweeney, S’73, on the death of his mother Mary Sweeney on January 5, 2000.


Rev. Kenneth A. Stofcik, S’83, on the death of his mother Mary Sarks on December 3, 1999.

Br. Hugh D. Lester, O.S.B., on the death of his mother Patricia A. Lester on February 6, 2000.

Congratulations to the following alumni who are observing 60-50-25 year anniversaries to the priesthood or of vows this year.

ORDINATION: 60 YEARS

Rev. Domenick A. DeBlasio, S’40
Rev. Francis G. Massung, C’36, S’40
Rev. Joseph A. Mastrangelo, S’40
Rev. Harry J. Murphy, C’36, S’40
Rev. Brendan L. Smetana, O.S.B., P’31, C’36, S’40
Rev. John A. Stofcik, S’40
Rev. Raymond A. Vollmer, S’40

Profession: 60 Years

Rev. Wilfred M. Dumm, O.S.B., P’37, C’42, S’45
Rev. Charles A. Weber, O.S.B., P’37, C’42, S’45
Rev. Germain L. Lieb, O.S.B., P’37, C’42, S’45
Rev. Godfrey F. Burkhardt, O.S.B., P’37, C’42, S’45
Rev. Ermin R. Smith, O.S.B., P’37, C’42, S’45
Rev. Robert J. Roche, O.S.B., S’62

Profession: 50 Years

Rev. Msgr. George J. Adams, S 50
Rev. John R. Erickson, O.S.B., P’43, C’47, S’50
Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Kinyri, S’50
Rev. Thomas M. Marpess, C’47, S’50
Rev. Michael J. Vecchio, S’50

Profession: 50 Years

Rev. Justin L. Nolan, O.S.B., P’47, C’52, S 55
Rev. Leo P. Rothrauff, O.S.B., P’47, C’52, S’56

Ordination: 25 Years

Rev. M. Eric Diskin, S’75
Rev. J. Francis Frazer, S’75
Rev. Stephen Honeygosky, O.S.B., C’72, S’75
Rev. John T. Kielb, C’70, S’75
Rev. Michael W. Matusak, P 67 S’75
Rev. Nicholas A. Pesanka, S’75
Rev. Joseph J. Riccardo, S’75
Rev. Rudolph M. Silvers, Jr., S’75

Profession: 25 Years

Rev. Leon Hont, O.S.B., S’80
Rev. Jude W. Brady, O.S.B., S’80
Rev. William F. Wurm, O.S.B., P’64, C 68, S’79
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Sister M. Perpetua Murphy, S.C.

On February 8, 2000, the Saint Vincent Seminary community mourned the loss of Sister M. Perpetua Murphy, S.C., who served as financial analyst at the Seminary from 1996 to 1999. She is the sister of Sister Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Seminary Academic Dean.

Born January 9, 1920, in Latrobe, she was a daughter of the late Patrick and Elizabeth (Molk) Murphy.

After entering the Sisters of Charity in 1944, Sister Perpetua taught elementary students in the Pittsburgh and Altoona-Johnstown dioceses for four years. She performed clerical/accounting duties at the Seton Hill College business office between 1951 and 1954, and taught in secondary education from 1954 to 1962, while pursuing her advanced degree.

In 1962, she was appointed treasurer of Seton Hill College, a position she held until 1979. She then served as treasurer of Walsh University, Canton, Ohio; business manager of Seton LaSalle High School, Pittsburgh; and teacher of religious studies and business education at Greensburg Central Catholic High School (1984-1989).

She returned to financial administration with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God, Whitehall, until her retirement from full-time ministry in August 1992. In subsequent years she assumed part-time duties in the business office of Assumption Hall, and assisted the Benedictine Sisters of St. Emma Monastery with financial management.

Sister Perpetua held a bachelor of business education degree from Duquesne University (1958), a master of business administration from the University of Notre Dame (1962), and a master of arts in religious studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia (1990).

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Murphy Rusnock; a brother, (Patrick) Vincent Murphy; brother-in-law, Walter Broad; nephew, Michael Broad, and grandniece, Rachel Pevarnik.

She is survived by three sisters, Mary Murphy Broad, Bernadette Murphy Pevarnik and Sister Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M.; three brothers, Hugh Joseph, Eugene F. and Michael A. Murphy; nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rachel Pevarnik Scholarship Fund, Saint Vincent Seminary.
Saint Vincent Seminary will offer graduate courses, “Ecclesiology,” “M.A. Seminar: The Eucharist,” “Mariology,” and “Spiritual Direction Principles,” in two summer sessions. All courses are three credits. The first summer session will be from May 22 to June 15, with a deadline for registration of May 10.

Rev. Warren D. Murrman, O.S.B., Professor of Theology and Liturgy at the Seminary, will teach the three-credit course “Ecclesiology” from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The course involves a discussion of the phenomenon of the Church as a people sharing a common belief in Jesus Christ. It begins by considering the Church from the contemporary method of “models.” The central portion is a study of the mystery, structure, and life of the Church in the documents of Vatican Council II. Particular emphasis falls upon ecumenism and dialogue with other religions. Allied to this course is a program of visiting local churches and synagogues, dialogue with their ministers and members, and subsequent reflective integration.

“M.A. Seminar: The Eucharist” will be offered Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. Sr. Maureen Crossen, R.S.M., a member of the Theological Faculty of Carlow College in Pittsburgh, will teach the class. This M.A. seminar is designed as an opportunity for the student to engage in a theological dialogue on the Eucharist. The dialogue is based on common readings among the participants, as well as in-depth research on a particular aspect of the Eucharist of interest to the student. The common readings include a survey of the history of the Eucharist and contemporary understandings of the sacramental and social justice implications of the Eucharist. Participants will also explore the transformative language and theology of the Eucharistic Prayers of the Liturgy. Oral and written presentations will be required.

“Spiritual Direction Principles” will be taught by Dr. M. Susan Stangl, Lecturer in Spirituality at the Seminary. It will be offered from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Foundational principles of Christian spiritual life are presented in this course as a framework for giving spiritual direction. These principles address dynamics which both facilitate and obstruct growth in the life of Christian faith. Traditional methods of giving and receiving spiritual direction based upon some of the great spiritual masters will be highlighted, as well as relevant information coming from the human sciences concerning the life of the spirit.

Rev. Justin M. Matro, O.S.B., Assistant Professor of Spiritual Theology at the Seminary, will teach “Mariology” from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays of Session 2. The role of Mariology is perhaps one of the most controverted themes in the contemporary Church. Before the Second Vatican Council popular Marian devotions were almost a completely unquestioned fact of Catholic life. After the Council, however, in light of the growing movement toward ecumenism, the role of Mary in Catholic piety became a suspected hindrance to interfaith dialogue. Subsequently, therefore, the study of Mariology, and all things Marian, was sometimes played down as nonessential aspects of our Catholic faith. In recent years, however, the Church has witnessed a renewed interest in Mary, at times to potentially dangerous extremes. The purpose of this course is to present a balanced exploration of the role of Mariology in a way that is respectful to both devotion and honest academic inquiry.

The tuition charge for the Summer Session is $192 per credit hour/$576 per course. The charge for audit is $125 per credit hour/$375 per course. There are no application fees for the summer sessions. Housing is also available. For further information contact the Seminary Academic Dean, Saint Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650-2690, 724-539-9761, ext. 2395, e-mail: svsummer@stvincent.edu.