Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Rector of Saint Vincent Seminary, received an audience with Pope John Paul II during his December visit to Rome. Along with his greetings, Father Thomas told the Holy Father that he was remembered in the prayers of the Saint Vincent Seminary and Archabbey communities.

Pontifical Degree Status Attained

Saint Vincent Seminary recently received word that it has been authorized to grant the Bachelor in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) degree, in affiliation with the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. The Seminary becomes only one of about ten seminaries in the United States which can grant the degree. The approval comes from the Congregation for Catholic Education at the Vatican, which (Continued on Page 4)

Seminary Website Launched

Saint Vincent Seminary now has an presence on the Internet with the November 15, 1999, launch of its home page.

“As we enter the dawn of the new millennium, it is appropriate that we use new technologies to communicate our Seminary’s mission,” said John C. Marous, Jr., Chairman of the Seminary Board of Regents.

“In the short time the site has been online, I have already heard from people who have visited all of the information about Saint Vincent Seminary,” said Father Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Seminary Rector. “That accessibility puts the latest news about our Seminary in cyberspace and allows us to communicate our mission in a stronger way.”

Father Thomas and members of the Rector’s Council will be bringing to the website a weekly message, which could range from a reflection on a Biblical passage to news about the Seminary. The page includes sections on the Saint Vincent campus, Seminary events, some history links, news releases, back issues of this newsletter, e-mail links to Seminary administration, staff and students, and a stewardship section.

The links section features a page on each of the dioceses, archdioceses and abbeys sending students to the Seminary. By following a link to that diocesan or abbey page, visitors can be transported to those available diocesan (Continued on Page 8)
Rector's Message

I had the privilege of beginning early the celebration of the new millennium and the Jubilee Year by making a pilgrimage to Rome in December. Father Justin Matro, O.S.B., Director of Spiritual Life at Saint Vincent Seminary, defended with highest honors his doctoral dissertation entitled “Christian Suffering in the Spiritual Writings of Adrienne Von Speyr.” We visited the Vatican Congregation for Education where we received the news that the Seminary has once again been authorized to grant the Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree. We also visited Francis Cardinal Arinze who heads the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue and who will be visiting Saint Vincent Archabbey and Seminary between April 29 and May 1, 2000. Perhaps the highlight of our visit was an opportunity to concelebrate Mass with Pope John Paul II. In the Papal apartments as well as in the Curia offices, I was impressed with the simplicity and faith with which these dedicated people live and work.

Back in Latrobe we recently welcomed Rev. Monsignor Paul A. Lenz to return as a member of the Board of Regents and welcomed as new members Most Rev. Bernard W. Schmitt, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, and Mr. Mark F. Garcea from Virginia Beach, Virginia. At my request, I am most grateful that Father Kurt J. Belsole, O.S.B., has been appointed by Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Chancellor of Saint Vincent Seminary, to assist me in the growing administrative responsibilities of the Seminary so that together, we can continue to maintain a strong presence within the Seminary community, as well as to maintain a good relationship and communication with the various dioceses whom we serve.

As we cross the threshold into this millennium and begin the Jubilee Year 2000, we certainly do so with great strength and faith. Our Seminary is strong and we have been blessed with much growth, but especially a deepening sense of our mission and service to the Church. With the advent of our website we are hoping to extend our message to the broadest possible audience and to be in touch with people during this millennium in ways we could never have imagined. Above all, the meaning of the Jubilee Year gives us great hope that all which has kept us in any type of bondage may be transformed into a new freedom so that the Church may be renewed by rededicated shepherds and faithful ministers.

New Book By and Of SVS Alumnus

WATER, DEATH, AND GRACE

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Diocese of Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop John B. McDowell, a graduate of Saint Vincent Seminary, became the first author to write a book on the late Bishop Hugh C. Boyle, also a Saint Vincent graduate, who headed the diocese from 1921 until his death in 1950 at age 77 — the longest tenure of any bishop in the lengthy history of the diocese.

The defining moment in Bishop Boyle’s life came with the Johnstown flood of 1889, when he lost his father and seven brothers and sister. Just his mother and one brother survived.

During his 29 years as bishop he confirmed more than 500,000 children and ordained 623 priests.

“Water, Death and Grace,” a 100-page softcover book is available at Kirner’s, 219 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh.
Three Join Seminary Board

Two new members have joined the Saint Vincent Seminary Board of Regents, along with another member who returns to the board after a seven-year absence.

They are Most Rev. Bernard W. Schmitt, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia; Mark F. Garcea of Virginia Beach, Va., president and owner of M & G Electronics Corp. and owner of three professional sports teams; and Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, who serves as executive director of the Black and Indian Home Mission Office, Washington, D.C. Msgr. Lenz previously served on the board from 1984 to 1992.

Bishop Schmitt attended St. Charles College in Catonville, Md., St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, Md., and Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he did post-graduate studies in guidance and counseling. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell in Wheeling on May 28, 1955. He served as associate pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling and master of ceremonies to the bishop (1955-1963); Diocesan Director of Vocations, Director of Propagation of the Faith and Director of CCD (1963-1966); Rector of St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary (1966-1972); pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Albans, West Virginia (1972-1982); pastor of St. Michael Church, Wheeling (1982-1989). He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on May 31, 1988 and ordained on August 1, 1988. During his tenure as Auxiliary Bishop he was named Diocesan Director of Vocations on October 26, 1988, and was appointed Diocesan Administrator on February 17, 1989. He was appointed Seventh Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on March 30, 1989 and installed on May 17, 1989. Bishop Schmitt’s national appointments include serving on the Bishops’ Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry (1988-1991); the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Marriage and Family (1990-1996) and the Campaign for Human Development Committee (1996-1999).

Mr. Garcea is a member of the Board of Directors of St. Gregory the Great School in Virginia Beach and was a major supporter of the building of St. Gregory the Great Church, which is staffed by Saint Vincent Archabbey Benedictines. In addition to founding M & G Electronics Corp., which now employs over 600 people, Mr. Garcea is president and owner of the Hampton Roads Admirals, an American Hockey League franchise that will be affiliated with the Chicago Blackhawks in 2000-2001. He is also the largest stockholder of the Norfolk Tides Baseball Club and president/owner of the Hampton Roads Mariners, a professional soccer team. He is also president and owner of Harmony Investments, Inc.

Msgr. Lenz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College in 1946, a Certificate for Language School Completion from Maryknoll Institute, Cochabamba, Bolivia; a Certificate for Excellence in Advanced Spanish from Penn State University. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1995. He was ordained a priest April 2, 1949, in the Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, by the late Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle. He was named a Papal Chamberlain on Dec. 16, 1960 and a Prelate of Honor on Dec. 10, 1982. Msgr. Lenz has served as Director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, assistant editor of the diocesan paper, The Catholic Register, and curator and archivist of the Prince Gallitzin Chapel, Loretto (1953-1970); instructor in the Theology Department and Department Head at Mount Aloysius College (1956-1962); theology instructor at St. Francis College, Loretto (1962-1970). From 1949 to 1970 he served the following parishes: St. Patrick Church, Newry; St. Monica Church, Chest Springs; St. Joseph Church, Coupon, Pa. and St. Michael Church, Loretto. From 1970 to 1974 he was a missionary with the Prelature of Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay, South America, with the Guarani Indians. From 1974 to 1976 he was pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bellefonte. In 1976 he was appointed by John Cardinal Krol as the Sixth Director of what is known today as the National Black and Indian Home Mission Office. He has also served on numerous boards in Washington D.C. and Louisiana.
**Rev. Kurt Belsole, O.S.B., Named Assistant Rector**

Father Kurt Belsole, O.S.B., Associate Professor of Theology and Monastic Studies, has been named Assistant Rector of Saint Vincent Seminary by Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Chancellor of Saint Vincent Seminary. Father Kurt’s duties will include assisting the Rector, Father Thomas Acklin, O.S.B., in the daily administration of the seminary as well as in the areas of recruitment, planning, and development.

Father Kurt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Belsole and a native of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. He professed his first vows at Saint Vincent Archabbey in 1972 and was ordained a priest in 1978.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College in 1974, Father Kurt received a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1978. He earned a Diploma in Latin Letters in 1980 from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome; a License in Patristic Theology and Sciences in 1983 from the Patrician Institute at the Augustinianum, Rome; studied at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, Rome (1981-1983); and earned a doctorate in Sacred Theology in 1994 from Pontifical Atheneaeum of Saint Anselm, Rome. He wrote his doctoral dissertation, Joy in Lent: “Gaudium” in the Rule of Saint Benedict, under the direction of Father Adalbert de Vogüé. He has also received grants from the German Government to study German at the Goethe Institut in Passau, Germany, and from the French Government to study French at the Institut Catholique in Paris.

Since 1983, Father Kurt has taught at Saint Vincent Seminary; he served as Academic Dean of the Seminary from 1986 to 1989. Since 1995, during the spring semesters, he has taught at the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm, Rome; and since 1996, he served as the rector’s delegate in administering the scholarship endowment of the Pontifical Athenaeum of Saint Anselm, Rome. In the fall semester of 1998, he served as acting Director of Spiritual Life at Saint Vincent Seminary. At the Seminary, Father Kurt has chaired and served on numerous committees, including the Academic Committee, Admissions Committee, Alumni Degree Committee, Master of Arts Committee, Middle States Association of Theological Schools Self-Study Committee, and the Committee on Faculty Rank.

At Saint Vincent Archabbey, Father Kurt has served as assistant guestmaster (1972-1975); master of ceremonies (1985-1993); secretary to the Archabbot (1991-1992); on the administrative staff of the Archabbot (1992-1993); on the Liturgy Committee (1984-present); the Gristmill Committee (1989-1991, 1997-present); on the Formation Committee (1992-present) and on the Saint Vincent Fire Department (1971-1976). He has been on the novitiate faculty of Saint Vincent Archabbey teaching monastic history since 1984.

His professional memberships include the North American Patristic Society (1985-present) and the American Benedictine Academy (1994-present).

Father Kurt has served on the editorial board of Word and Spirit (1992-1998), and has been an associate editor of The American Benedictine Review since 1994. He has published numerous articles and book reviews in various periodicals including Spirit and Life, Word and Spirit, Living

**Saint Vincent Archabbey Gristmill and Brewery**

1854-2000

Omer U. Kline, O.S.B.

**Seminary Professor Emeritus Authors Book on Gristmill**

Rev. Omer U. Kline, O.S.B., Professor Emeritus of Homiletics at the Seminary, is the author of The Saint Vincent Archabbbey Gristmill and Brewery, 1854-2000, just released. Copies, at $9.95 each, are available through the Basilica Gift Shop and the Saint Vincent College Book Center, as well as by mail through Archabbbey Publications, for an additional $1.75 shipping and handling. The Gift Shop’s phone number is 724-532-5060.

**Pontifical Degree**

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authorized the affiliation with the Dominican House. “Saint Vincent Seminary received very high commendations from the bishops who send students here,” said Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Seminary Rector, who received the news during a recent visit to Rome. He explained that the credentials of the Seminary faculty and course offerings are studied during the Congregation for Education’s review of the petition, in addition to inquiries made of bishops who send students to the Seminary.

Although the degree is a “Bachelor in Sacred Theology,” this is not to be confused with the undergraduate bachelor’s degrees offered at colleges and universities, Father Thomas explained. “The S.T.B. will prepare students for ordination to the priesthood as well as further study in pontifical universities.” The degree is recognized internationally and therefore enables students to enter graduate programs in pontifical universities in Europe and throughout the world.
Rev. Emmanuel Afunugo Joins Seminary Faculty

Rev. Emmanuel Obimma Afunugo, S.T.D., has joined the faculty of Saint Vincent Seminary as an instructor in moral theology.

Father Emmanuel is a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, where he was ordained on May 26, 1983.

He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Kenrick Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in 1982; a Licentiate in Canon Law from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy, in 1987; a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1994; and a Doctor in Sacred Theology degree from The Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family, Washington, D.C., in 1997. His dissertation was “Fatherlessness and the African American Family: A Study in Morality.”

His work in the Diocese of Amarillo has included serving as Consultant in Canonical Affairs from 1987 to 1991 and as Defender of the Bond, Appellate Court of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, from 1987 to 1991. He also researched, compiled and drafted guidelines for preparation and reception of the sacraments for the Diocese of Amarillo from 1989 to 1990.

Father Emmanuel’s parish work has included serving as Administrator of St. Mary Catholic Church, Umbarger, Texas (1997-1999); Parochial Vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa, Texas (1987-1991); Pastor and Chief Administrator at St. Ann’s Church and St. Theresa Mission, Bovina and Friona, Texas (1984-1985); Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Church, Amarillo, Texas (1983-1984). He was also a teacher of Adult Education and Religion and soccer coach at Alamo Catholic High School, Amarillo, Texas (1983-1984).

Father Emmanuel has conducted in-depth research on the hiring of African Americans in the Catholic colleges and universities of the United States and, in conjunction with the National Conference for Interracial Justice, conducted research on the hiring of minorities in all the Catholic dioceses in the United States.

He has published the “Black Catholic Family in America: A Challenge to Catholic Pastoral Ministry,” in Homiletic and Pastoral Review (April, 1998), and has another publication, “Coping With Fatherlessness in African American Families: Basic Strategies,” under review.


Scholarship Honors Priest From Atlanta

Saint Vincent Seminary has announced the establishment of the Rev. Adrian C. H. Pleus Leadership Scholarship. The scholarship will assist with the cost of education at Saint Vincent Seminary for students with need who demonstrate strong leadership qualities.

The $250,000 endowment is named for Father Adrian, a 1998 Seminary graduate now serving at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Kennesaw, Georgia, in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Father Adrian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Werner Pleus of Plandome, New York. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at the University of the South in 1990, a master of education degree at the University of Georgia in 1994, and a master of divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1998, cum laude. His home parish is St. Mary in Manhasset, New York.

“Father Adrian has already had a deep impact on the lives of the many friends he has made over the years,” said Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki of Saint Vincent, Seminary chancellor. “This scholarship will serve as a tribute to his many talents and as a stimulus to encourage other young men to leadership in the priesthood.” For more information on the scholarship contact William P. Malloy, Director of Development, Saint Vincent Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa., 15650-2690, 724-532-6740.
Rev. Justin M. Matro Successfully Defends Doctorate

Saint Vincent Seminary Director of Spiritual Life Rev. Justin M. Matro, O.S.B., successfully defended his dissertation, entitled "Christian Suffering in the Spiritual Writings of Adrienne Von Speyr," at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Gregorian University) in Rome, Italy, on December 6, 1999. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1989.

Father Justin is the son of Nicholas P. Matro of Crabtree, Pennsylvania, and the late Marguerite (Monnich) Matro. He is one of six children, including Mary M. Abrey, Washingtonville, New York; N.P. Matro, Jr., Haw-Ramsey, New Jersey; Claire Davis, Monroeville; and William Matro, Crabtree.

He attended Highland Avenue Grade School, Midland Park, New Jersey, and is a 1976 graduate of Midland Park High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Seton Hall University in 1981 and a master of divinity degree from Saint Vincent Seminary in 1988.

He made simple profession of vows on July 10, 1984, and solemn profession of vows on July 10, 1986, and served as assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette (1988-1989). He was ordained a priest on May 27, 1989 by Bishop Anthony G. Ramsey, New Jersey; Claire Davis, Monroeville; and William Matro, Crabtree.

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Saint Vincent Seminary

and Ordination Students, 1999-2000

Vincent Seminary administrators this year include, front row, from left, Rev. William Fay, Seminary Vice Rector; new faculty member Rev. Al Afunugo, instructor in moral theology; Very Rev. Thomas P. Acklin, O.S.B., Seminary Rector; Sr. Cecilia Murphy, R.S.M., Seminary Academic Aebachbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Seminary Chancellor; Rev. Alan Thomas, Seminary Dean of Students; Rev. Justin Matro, O.S.B., Seminary of Spiritual Life.

Saint Vincent Seminary student roster for the year includes, second row, from left, Gary Krummert, Diocese of Pittsburgh; James Reardon, Diocese of Columbus.

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Cardinal Arinze to Visit Saint Vincent

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new Basilica spires and the blessing of the new baptismal font.

Cardinal Arinze is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Pontifical Council for the Laity. He is one of the five cardinals on the presiding council of the Holy Father’s central coordinating committee for the Great Jubilee Year 2000.

Born in 1932 in Nigeria, Cardinal Arinze was baptized a Catholic at age 9, and entered the seminary at age 13. He was ordained a priest in 1958, a bishop in 1965 and a cardinal in 1985.

Following the civil war in Nigeria, which ended in 1970, he, as archbishop and later as President of the Nigerian Council of Bishops, was a major contributor to the mobilization of the native clergy, religious and laity. He led the evangelization movement in Nigeria, which doubled the number of Catholics in the country in less than 14 years. By the time he was called to serve in Rome in April 1984, 66 percent of the population in his Archdiocese was Catholic, in comparison to the Nigerian national average of 11 percent.

As an experienced leader in the Church and a man rooted in the Nigerian background, he understands the spiritual attack on the family, the importance of the Eucharist, the potential impact of a growing seminary, and the art of evangelization. He is also a leading television personality in the United States and throughout the world.

Parts of this biography were taken from a cover story in Our Sunday Visitor and the Apostolate for Family Consecration of the Archdiocese of New York.

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Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of the Harrisburg Diocese, was the keynote speaker at Saint Vincent Seminary’s Annual Alumni Day banquet.

Msgr. Jules Roos, a Pittsburgh diocesan priest who has served the poor of Chimbote, Peru for 36 years was honored as a Saint Vincent Alumnus of Distinction by the Saint Vincent Alumni Association on October 26, 1999. Msgr. Roos, a 1952 graduate of Saint Vincent College and a 1956 graduate of Saint Vincent Seminary, is the executive director of The Social Work Center in Chimbote.

The Center began many years ago in one room, but now consists of a maternity hospital, outpatient clinic and clinical laboratory, with a number of social service, special studies and foreign service programs. From January through June of this year, the Center handled a total of 100,313 cases, including 1,539 babies delivered. The patient treatment statistics from 1966 through 1998 show that 3,014,028 individuals have been served. Once a thriving fishing port 250 miles north of Lima, Chimbote attracted a great number of unemployed persons looking for work. Atmospheric conditions decimated the fish population, and natural disasters, ranging from a 1970 earthquake to floods in the early 1980s have created very poor living conditions, and resulted in a 70 percent unemployment rate. Many people live in straw shacks without benefit of water, electricity or sewerage.

The poverty of this region and its substandard living conditions, causes malnutrition, dehydration, tuberculosis, premature delivery of newborns, and high risk newborns. In addition to treating these and other medical problems, the Center is also focused on meeting the moral and spiritual needs of the people it serves and on providing maternal and child care programs. In presenting the award, Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., the Chancellor of Saint Vincent Seminary, said that “Monsignor Roos has served the poorest of the poor for most of his priestly ministry. His care and service to those whom he has been called to serve has brought hope to people who each day are confronted by the challenges of survival. For them, he is God’s hands and feet.”

“We honor Monsignor Roos for his outstanding service to the Church and society,” said Rev. Gilbert J. Burke, O.S.B., Alumni Director. In honor of Msgr. Roos, the Saint Vincent Alumni Association and Saint Vincent Seminary provided a monetary gift to The Social Work Center in Chimbote.

Website

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and abbey sites. There are also photos of each bishop, archbishop or abbot, and photos of the diocesan and Benedictine classes for the past two years. The faculty section shows photos and credentials of the faculty, and also lists adjunct faculty members.

The Seminary course description and program catalogue has recently been completed, and much of the updated information from this publication is also available on the website. For example, tables list the programs of study. Thus, persons interested in taking a course can click their computer mouse on the appropriate category, such as theology or Sacred Scripture, see the course listings for that category, then click on a course and see a description of it.

The navigation bar also provides links to the other Saint Vincent websites, including that of the Archabbey, which features a weekly reflection on the Sunday Gospels. Please note that while the Saint Vincent College web address includes “www,” the Seminary and Archabbey pages do not. A shortcut page http://benedictine.stvincent.edu leads to a page linking all three sites. A website for Saint Vincent Parish, featuring a virtual tour of the Archabbey Basilica, is still in development.
Saint Vincent Seminary student Danielle Dipre and Rev. Michael Crookston, a Seminary graduate, were featured in a series of articles done by The Catholic Accent on “The Changing Faces of Ministry.” Father Crookston is pastor at St. Thomas More Parish, Indiana, Pa., while Dipre serves as pastoral assistant. The article by Angela J. Burrows looks at the changes which have taken place in campus ministry, and how St. Thomas More and the Newman Center at Indiana University of Pennsylvania have adapted to those changes, as well as how the laity has been incorporated into the ministry.

Rev. Gerard D. Kelly, C’46, S’49, recently celebrated 50 years of service as a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Rev. Thomas J. Kram, C’46, S’49, D’93, marked his golden anniversary as a priest of the Church of Pittsburgh June 6, 1999.

Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, C’46, D’95, marked his golden anniversary as a priest on April 2, 1949.

Rev. Richard P. Scherer, P’42, C’47, S’49 of Miami, Florida, celebrated his 50th anniversary in the priesthood this summer.

Rev. Eugene F. Lauer, C’57, S 61, has been appointed director of the Hesburgh Center for Sabbatical Programs, and faculty member at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. This program has moved from the University of Notre Dame, where he was director for eleven years.

Rev. Henry P. Dinicco, C’54, S’58, priest of the Greensburg Diocese, was honored by the Calvert Providence Pennsylvania West District, Knights of Columbus, on August 29, 1999. The fourth degree class held at Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Greensburg, on that day, was dedicated to him.

Rev. Frank A. Mitolo, C’64, S’68, was recently honored at a military retirement ceremony in Pittsburgh. He serves as staff chaplain at Allegheny General Hospital.

Rev. John R. Cindric, P’66, C’70, S’74, pastor of St. Sebastian Church, Belle Vernon, was the guest speaker at St. Joan of Arc Parish Renewal in Farmington.

Rev. Joseph J. Riccardo, S’75, recently received the People who Make a Difference Award. He is pastor of SS. Cosmas & Damian Church, Pumsutawney.

Rev. John J. Detisch, S’87, has recently been appointed the pastor of St. Titus Church, Titusville, Pennsylvania, and its mission of Immaculate Conception Church in Mageetown. He will still serve as the Lt. Chaplain of the Erie Police Department.

Joseph J. Ciocca, M.D., S’89, is the newest member of the Family Birth and Women’s Care Center at St. Francis Hospital, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Anthony D. Ditto, S’90, is the new pastor of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant.

Rev. William M. Calabrese, S’98, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Donald W. Trautman on September 24, 1999 in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Erie, Pennsylvania.

There are 22 new students studying for the priesthood this year at Saint Vincent Seminary.

Daniel E. Beaumont of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is the son of William H. and Bernadette M. Beaumont of Oakdale. He is a 1988 graduate of West Allegheny High School, Imperial. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Duquesne University in 1999.

Br. Aidan Bourque, O.S.B. of St. Bernard Abbey, Gullman, Alabama, is the son of Nelson Bourque of Abbeville, Louisiana. He is a 1992 graduate of Kaplan High School, Kaplan, Louisiana.

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Jason C. Campbell of the Diocese of Tulsa is the son of Ronnie and Linda Campbell of Lincolnton, North Carolina. He is a 1994 graduate of Mooresville Senior High School, Mooresville, North Carolina. He received a degree in New Testament theology from Oral Roberts University in 1998.

Martin Celuch of the Diocese of Youngstown is the son of Agnesa Celuchova of Slovakia and the late Cyril Celuch. He is a 1994 graduate of Jiraskova Street 12 High School of Slovakia. He studied theology from 1994-1999 at Knavsky Seminár, Hlavná, Kosice, Slovakia.

Michael J. Darcy of the Congregation of the Oratory, Pittsburgh, is the son of Thomas J. and Kathleen M. Darcy of Middletown, New York. He is a 1991 graduate of Minisink Valley Central School, Slate Hill, New York. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1995 from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Thomas W. Darcy of the Diocese of Charlotte is the son of Thomas R. Darcy of Greensboro, North Carolina, and the late Geraldine B. Darcy. He is a 1988 graduate of W. H. Page Senior High, Greensboro. He received a bachelor of arts degree in classical archaeology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1998, where he also

Ecumenical Forum Participants
Taking part in the Forum on Ecumenical Relations held recently at Saint Vincent were, from left: Rev. Dr. Warren M. Eshbach, Director of Pastoral Care, The Brethren Home Community, New Oxford; Rev. Dr. Paul L. Westcoat, Jr., of the United Church of Christ; Rev. James F. Podlesny, O.S.B., pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Palmyra, forum convener; Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of the Harrisburg Diocese, which has hosted the forum for the previous two years; Rev. Dr. Donald Freeman, HCR/Manor Professor of Congregational Life at Lancaster Theological Seminary; Rev. Jason DelVitto, pastor of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Bridgeville and Rev. Demetrios R. Dumm, O.S.B., author of a forthcoming book on the Gospel of John and faculty member of Saint Vincent Seminary. “A Spirituality for Christian Unity” was the theme for the Forum, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Conference on Interchurch Cooperation and is held for Church leaders, ecumenical commission, and agency persons and others interested in the unity of Christ’s Church. Previous forums were held in the Diocese of Harrisburg.
attended graduate school.

Viliamu Vilo Emanuele, of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, is the son of Emanuele Lilo and Akenese Lilo of Savaii, Western Samoa. He is a 1984 graduate of St. Peter Chanel High School, Western Samoa. He majored in philosophy at Moamoa Theological College and attended graduate school.

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- Rev. Alfred L. Grotzinger, O.S.B., P’32, C’37, S’41, on the death of his sister, Amanda Ehrensberger, on September 1, 1999.
- Rev. Donald C. Fisher, C’57, S’61, on the death of his brother Michael J. Fisher on September 13, 1999.

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Five Saint Vincent seminarians from four dioceses were admitted to candidacy for ordination on October 26 by the Most Rev. Nicholas C. Dattilo, Bishop of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Receiving the rite were from left, Gregory B. Wilson, Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina; Wayne E. Morris, Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio; Tien Hung Duong, Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina; Roberto A. Orellana, and Thony R. Jean, Archdiocese of Atlanta, Georgia.

As part of the academic and pastoral formation for seminarians, parish and pastoral practica are required. In the fall semester there were 16 men in parish internships and 11 others in a pastoral practicum.


Those in a pastoral practicum are Br. Nicholas Ast, O.S.B., St. Gregory Abbey, with the Saint Vincent Parish, RCIA Process; Thomas Burke and Gary Krummert of Pittsburgh and David Perry of Erie, with the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children; James Caldwell of Tulsa and Wayne Morris of Steubenville, with the residents of St. Anne Home for the Elderly, Ricardo de Silva of Charlotte and Robert Miller of Youngstown at the Greensburg State Correctional Facility; Paul Molchany of Altoona-Johnstown, with Adelphi Village; Bryan Small of Atlanta, with Christ the Divine Teacher School, Latrobe; Michael Zimcosky of Greensburg, with the campus ministry of Greensburg Central Catholic High School.

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