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*and the quarantine*



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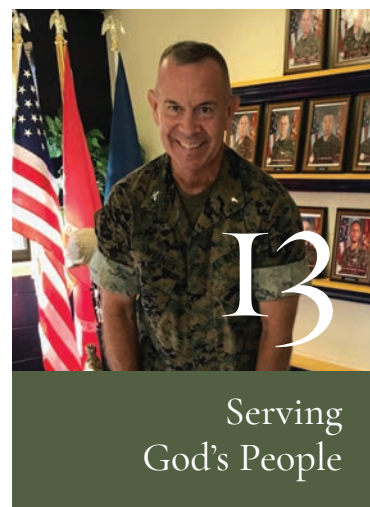
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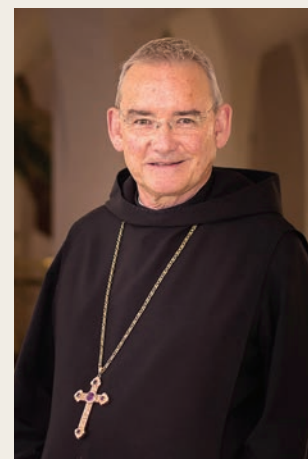
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## DEAR FRIENDS,

I want to start this letter by saying how much we here at Mount Angel have been praying for everyone these past months, marked as they have been by this coronavirus pandemic. Whose life has not been touched, in ways immediate, tragic, personal, and familial?

Not one of us is left without grief for having lost family, loved ones, and friends to COVID-19. Some of you reading this have suffered the illness yourself. Financial difficulties abound as jobs were lost, businesses shut down, and our usual means of support and inter-dependency came to an abrupt halt in mid-March.

One thing is clear: In the mysterious ways of God, there are moments of grace in this time. So many have shared with me their sorrow and distress in not having access to the sacraments. Yet, many have also related experiences of meeting God in solitary prayer that were powerful, even life-changing.

In reading this issue, I hope some of our stories reflect the moments of grace you have experienced. Maybe you – like us – have rediscovered the joy of simply being with each other. Many of the brothers have expressed their joy in getting to know each other on deeper levels because we were less engaged in interactions with seminarians and guests.

For our graduating students and seminarians, for our new postulants and two newly ordained monks – whose stories are found in these pages – important moments of passage and sacrament usually shared with large gatherings were celebrated with only the most immediate community or family present. We were fortunate to be able to live stream commencement, many of our liturgies, and even the ordination of Brothers Ephrem and Timothy on our website. We were together, but at such a distance.

At the end of the day, we are created in the image of a God who is constantly extending his grace to us, who sent his only Son to share this life with us and to extend to us the welcome of our Father in heaven. We Benedictines have a tradition of welcoming all who come. Our Holy Founder St. Benedict reminds us that we travel to heaven *together* with those with whom we live. As our communities, churches, businesses reopen, let it be a time of grace, of rediscovery of the goodness in one another, and of the gift of togetherness.

Together, in Christ,

The Right Reverend Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.  
Abbot and Chancellor  
Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary



## THE CLOISTER *in the age of coronavirus*

*At Mount Angel, where monks choose to live in community, with most of their work and prayer taking place in a relatively small space, what does “Stay Home, Stay Safe” look like? How does one self-isolate in an environment already dedicated to silence and remaining in one’s place of residence?*



*Welcome, Brothers – This Way to Quarantine*

“This time has been a horrible suffering for so many,” says Abbot Jeremy. “People are suffering illness, death of loved ones and friends ... and extreme financial hardship. We monks are aware of this and are praying for everyone. We are also taking measures to keep ourselves healthy. We have many monks who are elderly and vulnerable, and I worry about how to keep them safe.”

One of the first effects of the coronavirus on the Hilltop was the closure of the apostolic works that make Mount Angel a haven and respite for all who come to Seek Things Above. The guesthouse, library, even the liturgies became off limits overnight. Seminary classes went to remote instruction and close to half of the seminarians chose, with their bishop’s consent, to return to their home dioceses to finish the semester. Those who remained agreed to self-isolate, not going off the campus without permission.

Social distancing was embraced within the monastic cloister and even in the Abbey church, where the monks spread out to every other choir stall for communal prayer.

Changes were also evident in the evening recreation, where board games, pinochle, and typically close circles of brotherly conversation were suspended.

On dry evenings, monks went outside for a game of croquet, where it was easy to keep one’s distance. The regular pinochle group was stalled ... until Fr.

Ralph Recker, O.S.B., realized he could get an app for that! From the oldest to the youngest pinochle devotee, problem solved. “Except,” one quipped, “the app does not forgive. If I hit the wrong key, there is no taking it back.”

Unfortunately, while game apps, online meetings, and live stream liturgies help to keep everyone connected, there is no denying the hardship and suffering the pandemic has caused. There are few, even in the community of Mount Angel, who have not been personally touched by it. Close family members and friends have been sickened, some have died. Plans for travel, study, even retreats have been canceled. Not all of these sufferings are on the same level, but as members of the Body of Christ, we suffer them together.

*One way to unite with the monks in praying for the end of this pandemic and deliverance from the suffering it has caused is to pray the Stella Caeli. This 14th century prayer was written in response to the Black Plague, ravaging Europe at the time. Beginning on Easter Sunday, the monks have sung it each evening after Compline.*

Abbot Jeremy explains the beautiful Latin text in one of his video messages, and you can hear the monks chanting it online at [mountangelabbey.org/stellacaeli](http://mountangelabbey.org/stellacaeli).

– THERESA MYERS



As happens each March, a group of men eager to join the community of Mount Angel were joyfully welcomed as postulants. This year, Travis Graves, Estevan Perez, Jason Vargas, and Horacio Diaz came knocking on the door to ask admittance.

There was, however, one glaring difference for the postulant group of 2020: Instead of being admitted to the cloister, in accord with Benedictine tradition, they were ushered straight to quarantine in the otherwise empty Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center.

Br. Jason Vargas admits it was a bit of a jolt. “Being quarantined for the first two weeks,” he said, “made me feel as if I hadn’t fully entered. But despite the unusual situation, it was a great opportunity to bond with the other postulants.”

While in quarantine, their meals were delivered and work assignments carefully arranged away from the monastic community they sought to join. When they were finally welcomed into the cloister, “the whole atmosphere

changed,” said Br. Horatio Diaz. “I felt I could breathe in the tranquility, silence, and inexplicable peace.”

Br. Estevan Perez found a silver lining in the experience. “The guesthouse is beautiful and very comfortable. I was able to actually stay there, and not many of the other monks can say that!”

But even these most junior of monks realize that “closed” signs and a sense of caution around strangers is, for Benedictines, “inherently wrong,” said Br. Travis Graves. “Separation may come natural to the monks’ routine, exclusion of others doesn’t. We have [suffered a loss with the imposed separation] and the weight of that loss is heavy.”

Still, Br. Travis reflected, “I have found much peace and joy here already as a postulant. Yet, I am in the grips of long suffering for the return of the full expression of the Mount Angel life.”

And all can answer, “Amen to that, brothers!”

– THERESA MYERS





## The Library and the Lock Down

Each year, the library at Mount Angel typically receives thousands of visitors from around the world. Designed by the renowned Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, and having some of the finest collections of books in the western United States on a variety of topics, the past two years have been spent preparing for a grand celebration in 2020 for the library's 50th anniversary.

Lectures, art exhibits, tours of the special collections, even an architects' symposium had been planned for the fall. Instead, just as the new year was getting underway and the first celebratory event scheduled, the famed library was closed to all except the seminary students and monks, and all events canceled. By May 12, the last of the students had departed, and while the library is typically a quiet place ... the silence of coronavirus just seems to invite a crowd to come and celebrate.



## An Unexpected Time of Rest

In the summer of 2019, the Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center opened with great anticipation after a comprehensive remodel and expansion. In January of 2020, Guest Master Fr. Pius X Harding, O.S.B., reported that retreat bookings went through the year, exceeding all hope and expectations. Better still, the new retreats, programs, and overall beauty of the renovated facility were being received with enthusiasm by the guests. Then came coronavirus ... by mid-March the guesthouse was closed and retreats canceled.

For Br. Louis Nguyen, O.S.B., director of spiritual ministries, this time of closure has presented challenges and blessings. "There is no shortage of people eager to come," he says. "But God is giving everyone a mandatory retreat at home right now. It's a time to rebuild our relationship with God and with people close to us. Not FaceTime or virtual time, but real time with the people we live with."

## We Raise a Glass to Reopening!

The new year started well for the Benedictine Brewery. Happy crowds filled the taproom. Sales rose 10 percent over the previous year. Jennie Baxley, the original taproom manager, moved to New York, and Nicole McCall smoothly took on the position. New fermenters were added and we were scheming new ideas for signature foods. An outdoor pavilion for expanded seating was in design.

Then, March 16 struck. Overnight, the taproom's happy crowds were gone. No signature foods hit the menu, and fresh beer no longer flowed from the taps. Instead, the taproom became a bottle shop.

Fortunately, established friends still want our beer, and curious newcomers still want to try it. While the craft brew industry has suffered tremendous losses in sales, and many breweries say they cannot survive long on their current revenues, Benedictine Brewery is doing okay. Our bottle sales remain higher than last year and patrons say they look forward to sitting down for beer and food once more.

Truly, we'll be happy when life returns to normal – and we can all celebrate with a fresh glass of cold ale!

– FR. MARTIN GRASSEL, O.S.B.



## KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

How do monks accustomed to sharing the peace and prayer of their life on the Hilltop "with all who come" maintain a spirit of welcome during an extended time of closure and quarantine?

By mid-March, Abbot Jeremy knew he needed to share words of comfort and hope with the many friends of the Abbey no longer able to visit. From one of the younger monks came a workable solution: video short messages that could go out in emails! And so began the series, "A Word from Abbot Jeremy." These short videos bring a touch of Mount Angel to viewers and often include music from the monks' liturgies, or reflections on an icon of Br. Claude Lane, O.S.B.

Typical responses to the weekly series include:

- These videos keep me anchored. Thank you!
- I especially love the Stella Caeli prayer and the beautiful chant by the monks of Mount Angel.
- These talks are a refreshing reminder of God's active presence in each of our lives.

Another way technology has helped friends of Mount Angel stay in touch is through liturgies live streamed from the Abbey church. Each day, vigils, lauds, midday prayer and vespers are online, as well as the monastic community Mass. The live stream is available on the Abbey's website at [mountangelabbey.org/live-stream](http://mountangelabbey.org/live-stream).

*Would you like to receive a weekly "Word from Abbot Jeremy"? Sign up at [mountangelabbey.org/signup](http://mountangelabbey.org/signup) or call 503-845-3030.*

Together, we will Seek Things Above.

## STRUGGLE AND ASCENT THE HISTORY OF MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY

In the late 19th century, a small group of Benedictine monks from Engelberg Abbey in Switzerland arrived in Oregon and made their home on a hilltop in the mid-Willamette Valley. Despite diverse personalities, strong disagreements, devastating fires, betrayals, and almost insurmountable debt and mismanagement, they found a way to move forward. In doing so, the community of Mount Angel Abbey was formed and has persevered through triumph and tragedy for almost 140 years.



Struggle and Ascent  
The History of Mount Angel Abbey



In the newly released *Struggle and Ascent*, meet the characters, saints, and sinners who forged ahead in the spirit of St. Benedict and made the community of Mount Angel what it is today – a place

of peace, learning, and culture. A place where all who come as fellow pilgrims on this journey of life are welcome.

Written at the request of Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B., this book makes clear, with its recounting of grace in trials, the story of the shaping of the Mount Angel way.

*Struggle and Ascent*, by Fr. Joel Rippinger, O.S.B., is available now in paperback from Mount Angel Abbey. To order, call the Abbey at 503-845-3030 or visit [mountangelabbey.org/abbotjeremybooks](http://mountangelabbey.org/abbotjeremybooks).



# The Ordination

of FR. EPHREM MARTINEZ  
& FR. TIMOTHY KALANGE

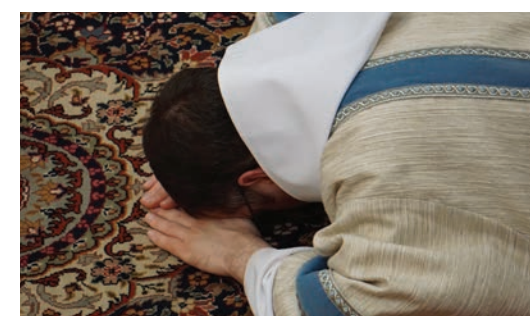
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THE MASS OF ORDINATION CAN BE VIEWED AT  
<https://youtu.be/EmaiAMtpfWE>

In his homily at the Mass of Ordination for brothers Timothy Kalange, O.S.B., and Ephrem Martinez, O.S.B., principal celebrant Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, said: "This will be an ordination for the history books of Mount Angel."

With the monastic community present, but in an otherwise empty church, both monks to be ordained expressed their sense of being profoundly united with all the world. A priestly vocation, after all, is a gift for the entire Church of God.



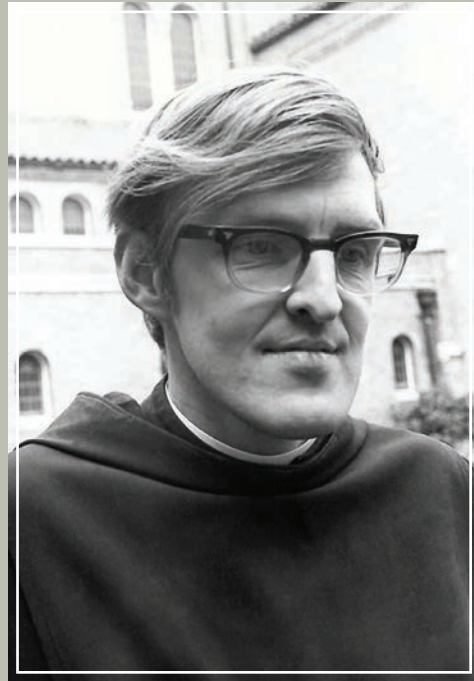
During the Rite of Ordination, the Archbishop lays his hands upon each of the two to be ordained and invites all other priests who are present to do the same. After the laying on of hands and prayer of ordination, both newly ordained are clothed by one of their brothers with the stole and chasuble.

Both Fr. Ephrem and Fr. Timothy deeply missed the presence of their family at their ordination. But the church being empty doesn't change anything on the sacramental level, reflects Fr. Ephrem. When a priest celebrates the Eucharist, all the church, all the communion of saints is present. We are gathered together in the Eucharist.

IN MEMORIAM

Br. Brian Clearman, O.S.B.

Br. Brian Clearman, O.S.B., grew up in Longview, Washington, in the 1940s and '50s, surrounded by commerce being transported on the abundant waterways and railways of the area. One may naturally surmise that this was the source of his lifelong passion for the signs and symbols of transportation markings. In later years, he was a recognized expert on the subject, with books published that ranged from lighthouse to railway to international marine and aeronautical navigation aids.



Born: March 19, 1941  
Professed: September 29, 1966  
Died: May 29, 2020

Br. Brian died on May 29, drawing his last breath as his brother monks concluded the Office of Vigils. While lighthouses and signage may have been a passion, Br. Brian's first and foremost love was the monastic life and the monastic community. While his classmates left the monastery, he remained faithful to his original commitment, which suited his organized, scholarly mind. In 54 years of monastic life, he was known for never having missed community prayer and the Eucharist. Br. Brian was also noted for fulfilling every work assigned to him diligently and well. His final assignment was as the monastery's archivist. It was a labor from

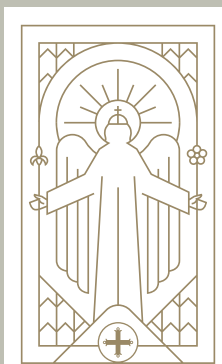
which generations of monks will continue to benefit. In his younger years Br. Brian was known for his quick wit. He was a popular teacher in the seminary high school the community operated at the time. As the years passed and the complexity of monastic life evolved, Br. Brian became a man of few words. In the hallways of the cloister he would acknowledge his fellow monks by an unassuming nod of the head.

Br. Brian received the anointing of the sick from Abbot Jeremy with the monastic community gathered around their dying brother a few days before he died. At the conclusion of the Rite, the

monks sang the Salve Regina, at which Br. Brian broadly smiled and clapped as if to say, "thank you."

Fr. Prior Vincent Trujillo, in the eulogy for Br. Brian, quoted the Gospel of John, chapter 14: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." In the mystery of God's love, and in the broadness of Mount Angel Abbey, Br. Brian found himself at home and accepted as the unique individual he was. May he be welcomed to the eternal dwelling place prepared for him by the heavenly Father.

- THERESA MYERS



131<sup>st</sup> Commencement

at MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY

The students of Mount Angel Seminary's graduating class of 2020

were scheduled to end the year with a Baccalaureate Mass in the Abbey church on May 8, followed by Commencement the following morning. But, as have so many other institutions of higher education this spring, the 38 graduates, the student body, and their family and friends were only able to participate in the Seminary's 131st Commencement via live stream, from across the western United States ... and many points beyond.

Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B., presided at the Mass on May 8, but spoke in a church empty except for the monastic community. He began the homily at Mass with the words: "What strange circumstances we are celebrating this Mass in. The graduates and their family and friends and the student body are not present. ... But today in fact, we know that many people are following us through live streaming. And perhaps in some strange way that reveals a reality that is always true about the Eucharistic celebration.

Namely, the Communion of the Saints, the whole church, is always present at every celebration of the Eucharist."

In fact, there were about 2,000 people participating in this year's Commencement service, thanks to the live stream. A total of 48 degrees and certificates were awarded, including 10 Bachelors of Arts; seven Pre-Theology certificates; three Masters of Arts (Philosophy); nine Masters of Divinity; nine Masters of Arts (Theology); five Baccalaureates in Sacred Theology, and five Doctorates of Ministry.

In closing the greatly simplified Commencement service that followed Mass, Abbot Jeremy reminded the graduates that they take Mount Angel with them. And wherever life takes them, Mount Angel is always a home they can return to. "You know the rhythm of this place," he said. "And you know that as you go forth to your various places the Mount Angel monastic community remains here with its pulse and rhythm of prayer. You are always joined to us in that."



Mount Angel Seminary, established in 1889 by the pioneer monks of Mount Angel Abbey, is the oldest and largest seminary in the western United States. It is the only seminary in the West that offers full college, pre-theology, and graduate theology programs, and one of only a few in the nation that offer degrees at all levels, baccalaureate through doctorate. Students experience exceptional academic instruction in a deeply spiritual, prayerful, and formative environment.



Watch the Mass & Commencement

## SEMINARIANS *stay the course*

Preaching to his followers on the Mount of Beatitudes, Jesus says: *“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today”* (Matthew 6:34). These are challenging words to live by in “normal” times, yet the necessity to accept today’s troubles as “enough for today” is more pronounced in times of crisis. “It crystalizes the need for a deep spiritual life; in difficult times, often faith is all we really have,” says James Ladd, seminarian for the Archdiocese of Portland. For Ladd and the other seminarians who study at Mount Angel Seminary, the public health policies and restrictions surrounding the coronavirus pandemic radically changed their way of life as seminarians. Near the end of March, all classes switched to remote instruction and the seminarians could choose, with their bishop’s permission, to remain on the Hilltop or return to their home dioceses to finish the semester. Ladd chose to remain to better focus on his studies.

For some, the transition did not have as great an impact as it had for others. Seminarian studying for Mount Angel Abbey, Br. Anselm Flores, O.S.B., explains that “the monastic life, despite troublesome or adverse circumstances, continues on like a ship sailing to port. Our prayer for the world and our praise of God remains constant – this is the vocation of a monk.”

For most other diocesan seminarians, the changes provided lessons in acceptance and obedience. Kyle Rink, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Seattle, who returned home in early April, had numerous responsibilities and plans. Rink was a lead organizer for the Frassati group, the seminary’s Irish community, and the Appreciation Dinner – all with events scheduled for the last month of the academic year. “Within a week, every single one of these events was canceled,” he recalls. “It was a reflective moment for me as all of the things I thought were so important disappeared as if they were nothing.”

*In God’s mysterious Providence, these unsettling times have been the condition for personal and spiritual growth among the seminarians as well as an opportunity to practice pastoral care and solidarity.*

Deacon Rogelio Molina, who returned home to the Diocese of Las Vegas to finish the year, expresses that “it’s been a wonderful opportunity to put myself exactly where the rest of the people are, to experience what they experience when our churches are closed for public services. It has helped me connect with them at a more realistic level.”

Serving Sunday Mass in an empty cathedral, Anthony Shumway, seminarian for the Diocese of Salt Lake City, says he was painfully reminded that the majority of Catholics were not able to participate in the sacramental life. This empathy for the faithful, along with opportunities to minister virtually, “intensify my longing for the priesthood and help me to continue to discern and pursue the priestly vocation.”

- ETHAN ALANO

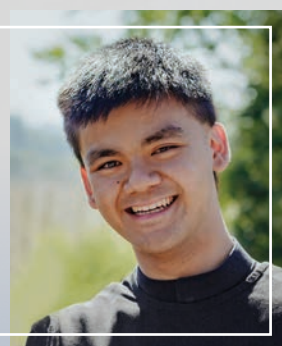


*[This time of isolation has] made me better appreciate the seminary as a community. I miss the times we came together to pray and worship God.*

DEACON ROGELIO MOLINA,  
DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS

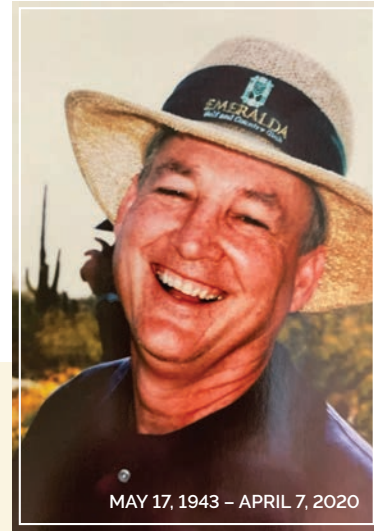
*“The communion we have with each other in Christ is more real and substantial than being in the same room with one another. The communion of the Church and of all the baptized is not destroyed by a pandemic or even death.”*

BR. ANSELM FLORES, O.S.B., MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY



## A Man with a Big Heart

Described as “a big personality,” and “a total softie,” Mike Fahey was above all a devoted Catholic, husband, father, and friend.



Les Fahey, Mike’s younger brother, calls Mike his role model. “Even as kids growing up – three boys and a girl – we weren’t as interested in academics as sports. But when Mike was a high school senior he really knuckled down, made the Honor Roll, and went on to college. I decided to do the same.”

Mike was a CPA and worked first for Arthur Young & Co. In 1975, he was hired by Columbia Helicopters, a relatively new, innovative aviation company working in the logging industry. When the founder of the company passed away, Mike eventually became president and CEO of Columbia Helicopters. When the logging industry slowed down, Mike negotiated with the US military to supply Columbia Chinooks, along with maintenance crews, to aid nation-building efforts overseas. He made several trips – to jungles and deserts – to see for himself how his crew and equipment were handling the conditions.

Mike not only saw the big picture, but also the person in front of him. “One day, Mike was driving into Portland in the pouring rain and saw a woman on an overpass, holding up a sign,” recalls Les. “It was a family on the way to California, but their car had broken down. They were camping and out of money. Mike bought them a new tent and sleeping bags, and gave them funds to finish their journey. They kept in touch with Mike for years to come.”

It was Mike’s profound regard for the priesthood that led him to Mount Angel. Mike and his wife, Penny, became sponsors of the Abbey’s annual Seminary Benefit Dinner, the Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center, and the Abbey library, while developing close friendships with several of the monks and seminarians. In 2016, Mike followed Les, who had served as president of the Abbey Foundation of Oregon, when he joined the board and chaired its investment committee.

Mike had a routine back surgery in February, but after coming home from the hospital he developed respiratory issues. In early March, he was in intensive care – this time, with visiting restrictions due to COVID-19. Only Penny was able to visit; the rest of his family were able to talk to him by phone until his death on April 7.



Through the many examples of faith and charity he set for his children, Mike’s legacy lives on. It will also endure through the generations of seminarians at Mount Angel. One of Mike’s last good works – together with his wife, Penny, and brother Les – was to establish a scholarship fund in memory of their parents, Raymond and Loretta Fahey.

– THERESA MYERS

## Serving God’s People BY LAND AND SEA

On a ship, in a tent, or landing in a remote base in Afghanistan, Fr. Kevin Sweeney brings a bit of Mount Angel with him.

Ordained 25 years and serving as a military chaplain for 23, this alumnus of Mount Angel Seminary currently serves as Command Chaplain at Camp Pendleton Marine Base in California. Fr. Sweeney refers to his time in the Navy as a “vocation with a vocation.” But come 2021, he plans to retire as a Navy captain and return to pastoral service in his home diocese of Orange.

“I had a great career, and I think it’s time to go back to the parish. I have joked that the monks take a vow of stability, while in the military we take a vow of *instability*. We’re always moving.”

His deployments as chaplain included time with Marines in Afghanistan and with a destroyer squadron in the Pacific.

“[With the squadron,] I was out at sea on 21 different ships. In Afghanistan, we would fly from the base out to the forward areas. People would ask, was I afraid? No, I said, I’ve got Carmelite nuns praying for me. Why would I be afraid?”

Besides, he adds, “**When I’m praying the Liturgy of the Hours on a ship or in a tent somewhere, I’m remembering the monks are praying.** Abbot Gregory had us buy the St. Andrew’s Bible Missal when we were first-year theologians [at Mount Angel], and I’ve carried it around the world.”

Fr. Sweeney still has a close connection to the Hilltop, saying, “I would always visit when I could between deployments. There’s a spirit to Mount Angel; it’s grounded and beautiful. And the seminary was a good experience for me; I like to go back and reconnect. And I’m a big fan of [Abbot] Jeremy. There were times in his classes that were so beautiful ... you would almost get teary-eyed.”

As he prepares for retirement as a chaplain, Fr. Sweeney is grateful for the opportunity to serve.

“It sounds heroic, but it’s really not. It’s a privilege. It’s just what God has called me to do.”

– STEVE RITCHIE







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## VIRTUAL-LY SUMMER ON THE HILLTOP

Every year in late June, the monks, employees and volunteers at Mount Angel are intensely busy getting things ready for our two signature summer events. This year is no different, except, of course, it is different.

*What does that look like?  
We invite you to tune in and find out.*

## JOIN THE MONKS OF MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY via LIVE STREAM for the LITURGY OF THE HOURS

### SAINT BENEDICT FESTIVAL ONLINE

July 11 – Feast of St. Benedict | 3 pm  
[mountangelabbey.org/sbf](http://mountangelabbey.org/sbf)

Join the monks online for an afternoon of music and virtual-ly visiting inside the cloister, with an extraordinary glimpse into the world of Benedictine life at Mount Angel not usually accessible to the public. We'll also have updates on the Benedictine Brewery and the Guesthouse, and conclude the virtual Saint Benedict Festival 2020 with Pontifical Vespers for the Feast of St. Benedict.

#### WEEKDAYS

Vigils: 5:20 am  
Lauds: 6:30 am  
Holy Eucharist: 8:00 am  
Midday Prayer: Noon  
Vespers: 5:20 pm  
Compline: 7:30 pm

#### SUNDAYS & SOLEMNITIES

Vigils: 7:30 pm (Saturday)  
Lauds: 6:40 am  
Holy Eucharist: 9:00 am  
Midday Prayer: Noon  
Vespers: 5:20 pm  
Compline: 8:00 pm

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### ABBAY BACH FESTIVAL ONLINE

July 29, 30, 31 | 7 pm  
[mountangelabbey.org/bach](http://mountangelabbey.org/bach)

Enjoy a glass of wine and picnic as you virtual-ly join us each evening, July 29, 30, and 31, for a free Abbey Bach Festival online. Sit back and listen to cellist Amit Peled, pianist Brian Ganz, and guitarist JJJ transport your living room into three evening concerts of classic beauty and joy. This year, we are happy to offer a fourth bonus concert on Saturday, August 1. Please check the Bach web page for details.

## WAS THERE A MOMENT AT MOUNT ANGEL THAT CHANGED YOUR LIFE?



*Fr. Paschal Cheline, O.S.B.  
1936 – 2015*

Many recall particular monks, spiritual directors or teachers whose words and presence made all the difference.

If mentors at Mount Angel have helped you or a loved one to grow in new ways and opened doors to God, please consider planning a gift or bequest to honor them. That way, others will have life-changing opportunities as well.

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