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Br. Miguel Marquez, MSPS, works
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the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit in
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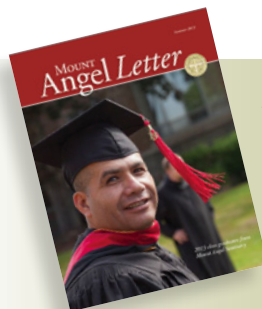
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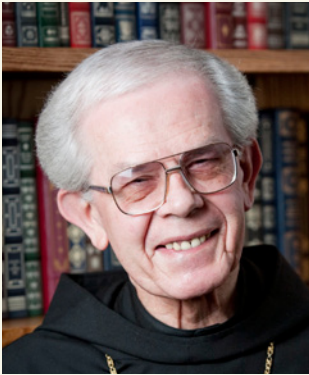
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Dear Friends



“Do not grant newcomers to the monastic life an easy entry, but, as the Apostle says, ‘Test the spirits to see if they are from God’”

(1 John 4:1)

Let me share some good news with you! On March 20th the monastic community of Mount Angel was very pleased to receive five new postulants from various parts of the country and beyond. I say “and beyond” because one is an American-born Vietnamese (which brings the number of Vietnamese in our community to seven). Postulants’ arrival here at Mount Angel is traditionally scheduled for March 20th so that their postulancy can officially begin on the 21st, the feast of the Passing of St. Benedict, a day that is very special to the spiritual sons and daughters of our father Benedict.

St. Benedict devotes chapter 58 of the Holy Rule to “The Procedure for Receiving Brothers,” and his opening words are “Do not grant newcomers to the monastic life an easy entry, but, as the Apostle says, ‘*Test the spirits to see if they are from God*’” (1 John 4:1). Benedict wants them to “keep knocking at the door” for a while, to test their persistence and the seriousness of their intention. Well, all of this gets translated nowadays into a meaningful admissions process which includes preliminary visits to the Abbey for monastic discernment retreats, extended periods of a week or two of living in the monastery and sharing in the work and prayer of the monks, interviews with the members of the monastic formation council, medical and psychological testing, completion of an application form and an autobiography, letters of recommendation, background checks, etc. So, we do indeed take the matter of admission to the monastic life seriously, and it is a pleasure to finally be able to welcome those who have weathered the process and have received word of their admission!

Of course, the testing and the personal discernment of the newly admitted postulants continue on into the months and years ahead of them. After some six months of postulancy, there is a year of novitiate, and beyond that year there are a further three years of what is called the juniorate. Finally, for those who have persevered in our way of life during these years of their monastic formation and have likewise received the positive discernment of the monastic community, there comes the invitation to make their final and solemn profession of vows.

Please, dear friends, pray for our monks in formation; at the present writing Mount Angel Abbey is blessed to have 14 men in our program of monastic formation: five postulants, two novices and seven junior monks. Pray that they may be well guided by the Spirit in their discernment, and that they may advance in holiness according to the Gospel of Jesus and the Rule of Benedict. They, and I, thank you!

Abbot Gregory Duerr, OSB

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Community

NEWS ABOUT MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY

MONASTERY WELCOMES FIVE POSTULANTS

Fr. Odo Recker, OSB, vocation director, announced: "We are being blessed by the Lord. Thank you for your prayers and support in the recruiting and application process. Let us continue to pray for our men in formation, and for vocations to our community and for the whole Church.

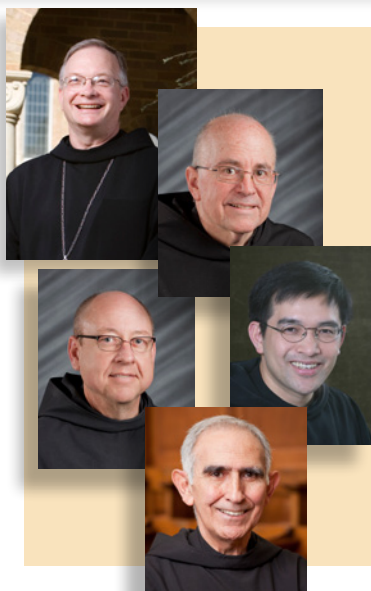
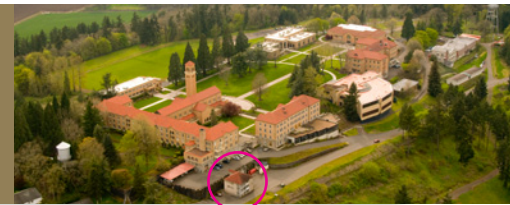
Back row, left to right: **Joseph Long**, from Louisiana, has a BA in kinesiology. An athlete, Joseph has served as a strength and conditioning coach and competes in bicycle races. **David Raba**, from Montana, has a BA in graphic design and experience as a senior web press operator for the *Great Falls-Tribune*. His father is a permanent deacon for the Diocese



of Helena. **John Keeling**, from Louisiana, holds an MA in English and is a published poet and author. He taught college-level English and worked as a librarian. His older sister is a Dominican nun. Front row, left to right: **Hoan Tran**, from Louisiana, has a BA in biological science (pre-med). While discerning

his vocation, Hoan has worked as a substitute teacher. **Cory Cook**, from California, has most recently been working in a family furniture business. It was after a Cursillo retreat that he became convinced that his call was to be Benedictine. *Welcome new brothers!*

An abbey building, constructed in 1937, was recently razed to ensure safety and provide better access to the east side of the Hilltop. Originally built as a residence for Benedictine sisters from Queen of Angels Monastery who served as cooks for the monks; it most recently housed a Russian Museum.



JUBILEES IN THE MONASTERY

25th year of ordination: **Fr. Nathan Zodrow, OSB**, (April 16) former Abbot now serving as rector of St. Agatha Parish in Portland, Oregon.

25th year of profession: **Fr. Aelred Yockey, OSB**, (January 8) spiritual director in the seminary; **Fr. Pius X Harding, OSB**, (September 8) guest master; and **Fr. Thomas Thiên Dang, OSB**, (September 8) spiritual director in the Seminary.

50th year of profession: **Fr. Vincent Trujillo, OSB**, prior.

Congratulations to these monks who have fully lived their vow of stability.

Clockwise from top: Fr. Nathan Zodrow, Fr. Aelred Yockey, Fr. Thomas Thiên Dang, Fr. Vincent Trujillo, and Fr. Pius X Harding.



RCIA GROUPS MAKE LENTEN AND EASTER RETREATS

Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House played host to two RCIA groups this Lent and Easter.

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Lakewood, Washington, held a second Lenten retreat for their RCIA group in March. Gabriela Grossman, pastoral assistant at *St. Frances Cabrini*, says, "The retreat truly helps catechumens reflect on their journey towards entering into the Catholic faith. By taking part in the Liturgy of the Hours, it elevates them into a deeper spiritual direction."

Gabriela goes on to say, "The retreat helps us understand how deep and rich our Catholic faith is." In today's stress-filled world, it is comforting to know that the Church remains steadfast, unchanging as the Body of Christ. Hosting the RCIA groups at Mount Angel Abbey reminds us all that faith, and our Church, are more needed than ever.

St. Joseph Catholic Church's RCIA group in Salem made their second Easter retreat at the beginning of May. One of the catechumens noted that it was a special time to fully participate in the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours - as a Catholic. It was made more special to do so with a group of people who have bonded during their catechumenate.

{ FROM OUR LADY
OF ANGELS PRIORY,
CUERNAVACA }

CHRIST, OUR GUEST

This year the monastic retreats for the hefty Liturgical seasons, Advent, Lent and Easter, have been well attended by lay people and religious – one hundred guests occupied the guesthouse during Holy Week. Parish groups, including Workshops on Prayer, Legion of Mary, Catholic Youth, parish staff and catechumens use our facilities; other occasional groups include LaSalle University; Thanatology studies; *Lectio divina* retreats; Alcoholics Anonymous, Self-Help and meditation groups, Circle Dancing and Martial Arts. Catholic groups who make their annual retreats here are the Augustinians, the Servants of Mary, the Mercy Sisters and the Mercy Fathers, Xaverian Missionaries, Josephite Missionaries, Sacred Heart Fathers, the Marcelina Sisters and the Missionary Fathers of Charity (Calcutta). Various diocesan deaneries also make their annual retreats here.

In June, Prior Konrad will guide twenty priests of the seminary formation staff in Mexico City and in July, Br. Deacon Basilio will guide the seminarians from northern Torreon. A group of thirty Korean pilgrims found rest here for two days and nights during their pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On a smaller scale, our *eremitorio* (a house of six private rooms) next to the monastery is in constant use. Priests, religious and laypersons find the space amenable for private directed retreats for up to 30 days. Our monastic life is enriched by the person of Christ in each of the guests and retreatants who come to this oasis of peace overlooking Cuernavaca.



RARE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

"In these days of Lent, let them each receive a book from the library, which they shall read through consecutively."

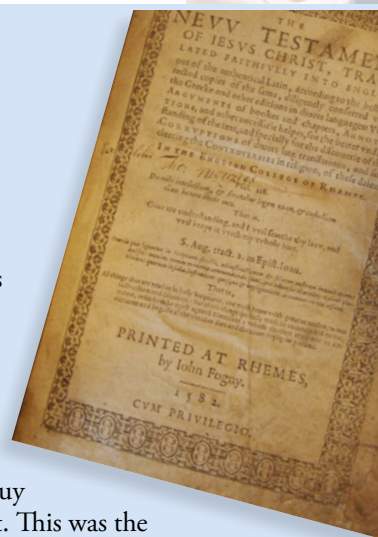
– Rule of St. Benedict, Chapter 48

Fr. Athanasius Buchholz has devoted much of his life to books, and the Abbey Library has been the lucky recipient of the fruits of his work.

It was while studying theology that his sense of scholarship and interest in rare books began. He and a fellow monk crossed the Atlantic on the *RMS Queen Mary*, to study in Rome.

He began collecting rare books soon after his return from Rome. Through his careful buying and selling, he was able to buy a first English translation (1582) of the Vulgate New Testament. This was the beginning of a collection of hundreds of high-quality books. Many, of course, are of a religious nature, many rare and valuable books are devoted to plants and he has developed a strong interest in Asian, especially Japanese, art.

Fr. Athanasius has remained a faithful son of the Church while serving the monastery, the seminary, and especially, the library. The books he has given the library are an example of how he has lived his life in the true Benedictine spirit.



CONGRATULATIONS!



PRIESTLY FORMATION — THE FOUR PILLARS

— Jim Thompson, Mount Angel Abbey staff writer

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart.” (Jer. 3:13)

With these words of the Prophet Jeremiah, Pope John-Paul II began his 1992 Apostolic Exhortation, Pastores Dabo Vobis (PDV), the document that has given Mount Angel Seminary's priestly formation program its fourfold emphases on Human, Spiritual, Intellectual and Pastoral Formation. They set the curriculum of study, the rule of life, and guide the seminarians' interior work of acquiring the heart of the Good Shepherd.

To the seminarian arriving at Mount Angel, it must look like the pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle spread out on the table: the four “pillars”; the countless courses; field education; and numerous cycles of spiritual activities. “I never expected to be evaluated so much,” said one seminarian.

But the seniors report with satisfaction, “It all really does fit together.”

HUMAN FORMATION *the Basis of All Priestly Formation*

Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB, the Director of Human Formation, sums up the Human Formation task simply: “Who am I? Who does God intend me to become?” He quotes from the PDV, “The priest's role is to be a bridge between God and his people, not a hindrance.”

Many assist with this task of formation: resident assistants oversee dormitory life, and formation directors meet regularly with each seminarian. Professional assistance, such as that given by psychologist Dr. John Galindo, is available to students upon request or by referral. Living in community is itself part of the formation.

Formation

NEWS ABOUT MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY



Abbot Peter notes that more and more students arrive at the Seminary recently graduated from high school. For these, he explains, allowances must be made. "We are now seeing younger seminarians, true freshmen."

Others are older. Deacon Joe Fleming, from the Diocese of Helena, arrived as a 50-year-old holding degrees in computer science and business. "At first, the most challenging part for me was the younger men." He explained that living with them became the opportunity that allowed him to accomplish his own growth, and develop a genuine appreciation of the younger generation.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – *Forming the Heart of Christ*

Human Formation, in which the seminarian is challenged to encounter the full truth of himself, leads to Spiritual Formation, the development of a personal relationship with Jesus the Shepherd, in whom he will find his future identity as a priest.

Deacon Chrispine Otieno, who arrived at the Seminary having studied in his home Kenya, as well as Uganda and Rome, was inspired by the Abbey: "I saw a holy community – a seminary on a hilltop. Diocesan priests being formed by monks ... a loving community."

Since 1889, the Seminary has been an apostolate of the monks; they provide faculty and spiritual advisors, academic and residential buildings, the library and recreation facilities and share the Abbey church. Seminarians appreciate that the monks pray for and with them, and set an example of prayer they hope to emulate in their future life as priests.

For Fr. Paschal Cheline, OSB, who heads Spiritual Formation, there are countless pragmatic details. "The guest conductor for the Annual Retreat is always a busy person, and hard to schedule. I have to keep looking ahead." Fr. Paschal oversees

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES (Bachelor of Arts)

Clayton Joseph Baumgartner
Diocese of Sacramento

Thien Quoc Dinh
Diocese of Oakland

Ryan Anthony Pabalinas Francisco
Diocese of Sacramento

Felipe Jiménez
Diocese of Las Vegas

Joshua Ryan Keeney
Diocese of Sacramento

Patrick David Klekas
Diocese of Reno

Martin Antonio Moreno
Diocese of Tucson

Kasiano Jouett Sivia
Diocese of Samoa Pago Pago

Stephen Maria Tilley
Diocese of Salt Lake City

Anh Xuan Vu
Diocese of Honolulu

GRADUATE DEGREES

Brian Richard Bergeron
Master of Divinity, Master of Arts,
Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology
Diocese of Helena

Patrick David Brosamer
Master of Divinity
Diocese of Anchorage

Br. Teresio Caldwell, OSB
Master of Arts
Mount Angel Abbey

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Master of Arts
Diocese of San Diego

Joseph Patrick Fleming
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Archdiocese of Portland

Daniel James Gutierrez
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Diocese of Santa Fe

James Manuel Herrera
Master of Divinity
Archdiocese of Portland

Joshua Allen Jones
Master of Arts
Lay student

Br. Basil Thomas Lawrence, OSB
Master of Divinity
Mount Angel Abbey

Fredy Omar Mancilla Rangel
Master of Divinity
Diocese of Orange



17 spiritual directors who meet with each seminarian every two or three weeks throughout the year. In addition, there are several conferences and all-campus Days of Recollection, as well as five Evenings of Quiet each year. Seminarians are expected to grow in praying the Liturgy of the Hours, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and other opportunities for private and shared prayer.

INTELLECTUAL FORMATION *Understanding the Faith*

Dr. Owen Cummings, who leads Intellectual Formation, sums up this task in concise words: "To make holy

learning for men who can help others to be holy." The academic preparation challenges the seminarian to take into account the whole sweep of Christian thought. The task is not merely to acquire knowledge, but to internalize it, as Cummings says, "to incarnate it in his own experience."

Deacon Patrick Brosamer knew, when he came from Anchorage, Alaska, that he wanted to acquire the tools to teach. He observed how his friends in his home parish fell away from the church due to ineffective teaching. "The teaching failed me as a child," he said, and concluded that only his strong Catholic family kept him close to the church.

It was during Patrick's Pastoral Year, when he was assigned to a poor parish oriented towards social justice, and where he encountered different views, that he came to understand how his intellectual formation would be applied: "I always saw the world through a Thomistic lens; here I learned that Catholicism is not an ideology, but a mystery ... truth is infinite. It took me time to learn that truth can contain many ideologies."

PASTORAL FORMATION *Communion with the Charity of Jesus the Shepherd*

Patrick's Pastoral Year, completed before his final year of seminary, was a



Br. Miguel Marquez, MSpS
Master of Divinity
Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

John Douglas Marshall
Master of Divinity
Archdiocese of Portland

Albert Joseph Mello
Master of Divinity
Diocese of Fresno

Chrispine Onyango Otieno
Master of Arts
Archdiocese of Portland

Brian Robert Sattler
Master of Arts
Diocese of Spokane

Carlo Paul Tejano
Master of Divinity
Diocese of Sacramento

STUDENT AND FACULTY AWARDS

Saint Anselm Award: Outstanding academic achievement from an undergraduate seminarian.
Thien Dinh, College 4
Diocese of Oakland

Saint Thomas Aquinas Award: Outstanding academic achievement from a graduate seminarian.
John Marshall, Theology IV
Archdiocese of Portland

Saint Michael the Archangel Award: Creation of a new program or special contribution to an existing program.
Minh Do, Theology III
Diocese of San Diego

Saint Bonaventure Award: Outstanding contribution from a faculty member. *Shawn Keough*, associate professor of Church History and Systematic Theology

Saint Benedict Award: Outstanding progress in human formation.
Joseph Fleming, Theology IV
Diocese of Helena

Ryan Francisco, College 4
Diocese of Sacramento

Bert Mello, Theology IV
Diocese of Fresno

Saint Paul Award: Outstanding progress in developing preaching skills. *Daniel Gutierrez*, Theology IV
Archdiocese of Santa Fe

component of the Pastoral Formation “pillar”, which also includes field education – in parishes, schools, prisons, outreach ministries, and other institutions, and possibly Clinical Pastoral Education in hospitals.

The Seminary may have as many as 100 persons placed in 40 settings during the school year.

Fr. Paul Peri, who leads this area of formation, stresses that the work is always about relationships. “We live in a communion of communions ... to bring about the Kingdom of God.”

Deacon John Marshall experienced his Field Education at St. Paul’s Catholic

Church, Silverton, Hillcrest Youth Correctional Center and Resurrection Catholic Church, Tualatin. His Pastoral Year was spent at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church, Ashland.

“These hands-on experiences helped me to recognize that the priesthood truly is my vocation,” he relates. “They gave me a foretaste of what lies ahead.” Reflecting on his time spent in the parishes he noted how many people, including both ordained and non-ordained pastoral ministers, as well as laity, were part of his formation process. “This was the opportunity for the lay people to help form me as a priest.”

For Deacon John and all the graduates, the many pieces of the puzzle come together as they become confident of their vocation and fully equipped to serve the Church. Their long journey will have been one of discovery and transformation as they seek to acquire the heart of Jesus the Shepherd, whose priests they will be.

CHARACTERS IN AND FOR CHRIST

Excerpts from the graduate address given by Deacon Mr. Joseph Fleming, Diocese of Helena

Speaking of Hilltop characters and the lessons to be learned from them:

- On Fr. Paschal's special phrase of emphasis – 'holy fritz', used when he is very passionate about something, often the liturgy: "Thank you Fr. Paschal for being such a character in and for Christ and showing us repeatedly your passion for our Lord."
- And the unruly hair of Dr. Seymour House: "your unique personality seems to forego any need of a comb. A poet and a lover of verse, you opened new creative and historical insights. Thank you for "showing me the value of exploring more deeply history as well as poetry."

Deacon Fleming closed with the thought that "as we venture forth into our ministries, we can reflect on how God may be calling each of us to be a unique Character in and for Christ."

Full text can be found at: www.mountangelabbey.org/htm



COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Monsignor Patrick Brennan, president-rector of Mount Angel Seminary from 1990 to 2000, spoke to the seminarians of their launch into the 'Year of Faith' proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. Inherent in this call to renewal is the call to "preach the uniqueness of our Catholic faith and to attract others."

Among the aspects priests can contribute to the new evangelization is the gift of *Joy, Humor and Laughter in the Spiritual Life*. Quoting St. Francis de Sales, Msgr. Brennan said: "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." A spoonful of honey, so much a part of our tradition, that can bring joy, humor and laughter to a church..."

"Graduates of 2013, as you go forth from this hilltop, remember the beauty of your Catholic faith, live it each day, and preach it to those who hunger for our way of life. Be confident in the gift you offer, and bestow it generously: the Catholic imagination, the common good, the life-giving qualities of joy, humor and laughter. Lead people out of the desert, to a place of life—to the Catholic Church, our *mater et magister*, our home."

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Fellowship

NEWS FOR ALUMNI



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

INAUGURAL MOUNT ANGEL
SEMINARY HOMECOMING

*Celebrating the Seminary's 125th
Anniversary and Mt. Angel's
annual Oktoberfest*

HOMECOMING: Wednesday-
Thursday, September 10-11, 2014

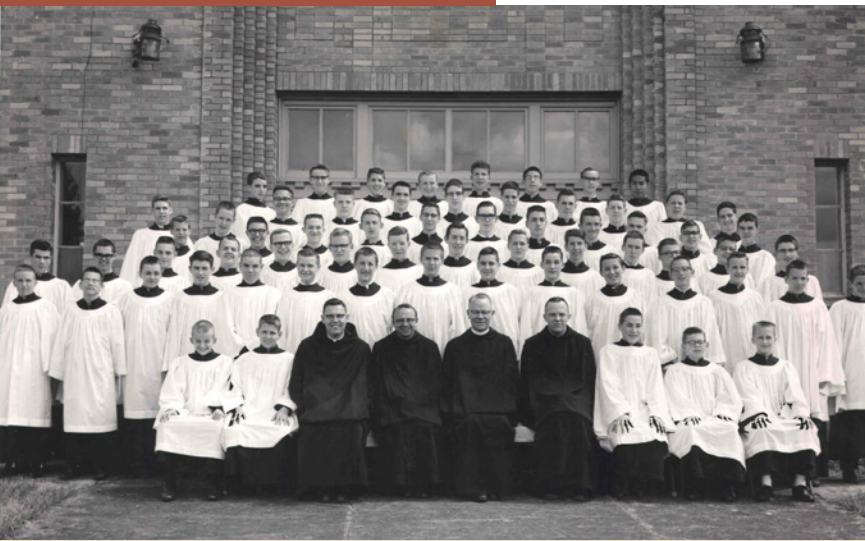
OKTOBERFEST: Thursday-Sunday,
September 11-14, 2014

2013 ALUMNI PRIEST CONFERENCE:

*The New Evangelization: Does it make a
difference in our parishes?*

Yes, was the resounding answer. Many of our fellow priests joined with alumni priests to make our 5th Annual Conference pivotal in this Year of Faith. Time was specifically set apart for conversation and discussions following four inspirational workshops lead by Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP. Conversations were lively, packed with insights and ideas to ponder long after the conference had ended.

Participants renewed friendships and made new friends, concelebrated Mass with the new Archbishop of Portland, the Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample, and shared lunch with Abbot Gregory, the monks and faculty, as well as breakfast and dinner with the seminarians. Private time for reflection and prayer provided a tranquil retreat for busy priests. As several commented, the time at the conference was instructive, uplifting and will not be soon forgotten.



50-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

August 3-4, 2013 — "Fifty" years ago they left their families to start an adventure at Mount Angel Seminary High School. This August they are returning to share memories of the dormitories, the bell, the common meals and reading, the exuberance of the monks' teaching, the shared sports and rec room, the conversations, the classical education, and much more. Please plan to come to the reunion if you started in 1962, or joined the 1966 class at Mount Angel, whether it was for a few months, a year, or more. Contact: alumni@mtangel.edu

CALLED HOME

May perpetual light shine upon her, Lord!



Linda Lee Weigel
'98, director of
the Archdiocese of
Portland's tribunal
and a teacher of
canon law at Mount
Angel Seminary,

died on March 1, 2013. She was one of the first female canon lawyers in the United States. Since 2000, she had team-taught a required canon law class to candidates for the priesthood at Mount Angel Seminary. Everyone who experienced it will remember her characteristic laugh.

*If you would like us to assist you with
planning a class reunion, don't hesitate
to let us know. 503.845.3064 or
alumni@mtangel.edu*

Generosity

NEWS FOR BENEFACTORS AND VOLUNTEERS

GRATITUDE INSPIRES A NEW ENDOWED FUND

Jim Thompson, staff writer

Don Galarneau radiates gratitude. This retired electrical engineer has a special way of pointing out how blessed he was when a certain opportunity came his way so that he could help others. He recently established an endowed fund in memory of his parents Ann F. and Joseph G. Galarneau, who shared with Don their love of Mount Angel Abbey. He asked his former employer, General Electric, for a matching gift.



While Don's generous gift to the Abbey was unrestricted, his special interest has always been in the Retreat House. "My parents' names are on one of the doors, so I guess I'm continuing a family tradition," he said. His French-Canadian father and Minnesota-born mother came to Portland in the 1920s with almost nothing. "My father had to borrow against his life insurance policy to buy a suit for a job interview." Years later that job would evolve into owning M. J. Walch, a lighting fixture company, giving Don's parents the opportunity to express their own gratitude by contributing to the construction of the Abbey's Retreat House in 1959.

"As soon as it opened," Don recalled, "I took time off from my job on the East Coast and attended a men's retreat in the new Retreat House, staying in the room with my parents' names on the door."

Don's career took him around the country serving as a field engineer for General Electric. "Those were the golden years," he explained, "when you could be part of great projects." But his ultimate sense of blessing was in being able to return to his beloved Portland.

Of the Abbey, Don spoke with the delight of an engineer: "It's perfect. Those monks were very wise to choose that Hilltop. And everything that's been done since has been perfect. Smart people, knowing what they're doing." And for that, too, he beamed with gratitude.



CALLED HOME

*May perpetual light shine
upon them, Lord!*



Gil Jimenez, Abbey Foundation of Oregon board member, died on February 19. Gil had a

long career in banking and finance with Security Pacific Bank first in California and then in Portland as chief credit officer. He also spent many years as head of international operations in Mexico City, London and Hong Kong. Gil took a break from banking in 2003 when he served as director of the Department of Commerce for the state of Arizona. Before retiring to Oregon, Gil served as president of a community bank in Arizona.



Long-time Abbey friend and benefactor, **Betty Wheeler**, died peacefully at her home on

March 17. Betty was very generous in many philanthropic efforts, supporting those in need through charitable organizations and college tuition support. As a result of her deep commitment to her Catholic faith, she was elected to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Her devotion was recognized, too, by an award from Pope John Paul II in 2000. Mount Angel Abbey will be forever grateful to Betty for her support of Hilltop capital projects and seminarian education.



PROCURATOR'S CORNER



When friends and guests visit the Abbey, they immediately see the results of the major construction projects that have enhanced our ability to carry on our work of prayer, learning, and service to the larger church. Less obvious, perhaps, are the necessary support systems – heating and cooling, fire suppression, floor coverings – and newer items that would have been unknown to the Abbey's earliest monks – Wi-Fi, classroom technology and ADA accessibility.

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." – Psalm 27

Some of our most pressing needs are found in areas of the Abbey that are rarely open to visitors, but are of great importance to the monks who permanently reside on the Hilltop.

For example, to the east of the monastery is a private garden where the community can relax and pray undisturbed. For some time, we have watched its retaining wall buckle and deteriorate. With the help of many friends, we repaired it last summer. We are immensely grateful to stone mason Mike Byrne for contributing labor to repair the Marian Grotto as well (which is very much in public view). His contribution of skilled labor is an example of how countless acts of generosity make possible the life and work of the Hilltop community.

Another non-public area is the Abbey's infirmary, where our older monks live and are cared for by younger brothers. We are seeking to improve this area by making a number of rooms safer and more accessible for our senior monks.

Our monastery, built in 1928 following a disastrous fire, is beginning to show its age. Again, the *unseen* challenges are great: the 85 year-old electrical system, inefficient heating, aged plumbing, lack of weatherization, and 200+ windows with rotting, leaky frames and unglazed, single panes. They are attractive in photos, but also are attractive to the ladybugs, box elder bugs and other insects that creep through the warped or rotting wood!

As I list the various projects that are so essential to our life and work, I must convey the gratitude of us all to you who have supported us with your gifts, labor and prayers. The Lord blesses us through your very practical acts of generosity. May He return your generosity a hundredfold!

DEVELOPMENT STAFFING CHANGES



We are pleased to announce that Kate Van Ummersen has been promoted to donor relations coordinator. She will focus on planned giving and donor and volunteer relations.



The next time you call the Development Office, you likely will speak to Sharlene Curnow, our new administrative assistant who assumes Kate Van Ummersen's previous position. Sharlene comes to the Abbey with nonprofit experience at the Easter Seals Oregon Children's Therapy Center in Salem.

Please join us in congratulating Kate and welcoming Sharlene.



To learn more about opportunities to support the Abbey and Seminary, contact Jodi Kilcup, director of development: jodi.kilcup@mountangelabbey.org or 503.928.0173.

Contributions are tax-deductible and are acknowledged gratefully in our annual report. Please make checks payable to the Abbey Foundation of Oregon. You also may make your gift online using a credit card at our secure website: <http://www.mountangelabbey.org/donate.html>

Hospitality

NEWS ABOUT HILLTOP EVENTS

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HILLTOP

Early this year, John and Mary Grammel organized a Hilltop tour for a busload of 55 parishioners from Resurrection Church in Tualatin, in response to then-Archbishop Vlazny's designation of the Abbey as a pilgrimage site in the Archdiocese. Shepherded by Br. Basil Lawrence, OSB, the group included many first-time visitors to the Hilltop, who later shared their impressions:

"The pilgrimage provided insight into life at the monastery and the special roles monks play. I learned how rigorous the training is to become a priest. When I returned home I visited the website and learned even more about Mount Angel and what a special place it is. I want to return for a retreat."

"What I liked best was how informative Br. Basil was, how patient he was in answering all our questions, the fun facts he presented along the way, as well as his sense of humor."

"Although I had visited many years ago, I never saw the TREASURES, such as the jeweled chalices, relics (sliver of the Cross, hand of St. Ambrose), ancient books in the library, and museum. I enjoyed my healthy lunch in the spacious dining room. It was all very enjoyable and, at times, awesome!

The Grammels were appointed by Fr. Bill Moisant to serve as Resurrection's Abbey Ambassadors. Ambassadors help their parishes discover the spiritual resources and inspiration offered by the Abbey. For information, contact Sharlene Curnow at 503-845-3064 or sharlene.curnow@mountangelabbey.org

Tenth Annual Seminary Benefit Dinner

Sunday, November 3, 2013

For sponsorship, volunteer participation and event information please contact the development office: SBD@mountangelabbey.org or 503.845.3066 or 503.800.8272

THE 42ND ANNUAL ABBAY BACH FESTIVAL JULY 24-26

ABBAY CHURCH CONCERTS

WED *James Welch, organ*

THUR & FRI *Bach Cantata Choir*

DAMIAN CENTER CONCERTS

WED *Ting-Lan Chen, violin,
and Nathan Buckner, piano*

THUR *Amelia Watkins, soprano,
and Eric Malson, piano*

FRI *Carpe Diem, string quartet*

7TH ANNUAL MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY FESTIVAL OF ARTS & WINE '13

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1-5 PM

Tickets: \$50/pp include auctions, jazz band, art displays and sales, hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer tasting and sales.

Tickets are available online:

www.mountangelabbey.org/festival-arts-wine.htm

Contact: FAW@mountangelabbey.org
or call Toll Free 800.845.8272

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All funds raised support the Retreat House, Library and Monastery.



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Contemplation

REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILLTOP



Fr. Jonah describes his life at Oxford, where is he has been studying since September. He will return to the Abbey this summer – he welcomes your comments and questions about his studies at Oxford. You can visit with him during the Festival of Arts and Wine on June 29 or the Abbey Bach Festival, July 24-26.

Winter has cast a shadow over Oxford this year. A Siberian wind has frustrated the rain, snow has been occasional, fleeting, and a welcome magnification of the sun. A large bumblebee flew into my window this morning – a herald of Spring, the promise of beauty. For this displaced monk the coming of spring has never been such a profound symbol of the dawning of the Kingdom.

The ancient *subfusc*, the Oxford term for the academic gown, can be seen flapping down High Street off the shoulders of students and professors. The Oxford Master's gown is crescent cut at base, and sleeveless with tails like ribbons dangling from either side of the back piece. Undergraduates, graduates, and professors wear this gown for special events including the ancient ceremony of matriculation.

Matriculation is the ceremony by which students are officially enrolled in the university. It dates back to the Middle Ages and became a kind of academic rite of passage in the sixteenth century. The mortarboard, also known as the trencher cap, is carried in the hand and not placed on the head until graduation. The faculty has expressed a desire to dispense with *subfusc*, but the students roundly rejected the idea. Tradition is not without its exponents among the young, simple tokens like an academic cap and gown ground us the in the river of history.

Every night at nine o'clock I hear Tom Tower of Christ Church toll one hundred and one times for the first one hundred and one students of Christ Church College. Tradition can be quite noisy!

Tourists plying the Oxford cobblestone are frequently heard asking, "Where is the University?" This would seem a silly question to ask while walking through the University itself. Oxford is organized on a "college" system. To be a student of the university one must be a member of one of its colleges: Christ Church, Pembroke, Keble, Trinity, Merton, Balliol, Oriel, etc. In a loose sense, the colleges are to Oxford what the states are to the United States. There are some forty plus colleges and six "permanent private halls", three of which are Roman Catholic: the Dominicans at Blackfriar's Hall, the Jesuits at Campion Hall and the Benedictines at St. Benet's Hall.

The University is composed of different colleges and private halls scattered throughout the city of Oxford leaving the University without a center, no quadrangle, no single reference point. There are only colleges mixed with faculty buildings, libraries, shops, pubs, coffee bars, etc. Some of these colleges are more traditional than others.

Campion Hall, where I am enrolled, is rather traditional and continues the practice of three formal 'guest nights' per term. These nights extend from Mass at 6:30 pm to post prandial at 9:45 pm – with a four-course dinner. Dessert is served in the library. Our guests include international scholars, *subfusc* clad students, and sometimes friends and family. It is always a grand event that culminates in a grand night's sleep. Would that I could enjoy this grand night of sleep in my own bed on the top of a small hill in the Willamette Valley.



*Thank you
&
Welcome!*

Mount Angel Abbey monks, seminarians, faculty and staff offer a warm thank you to Archbishop John Vlazny for his many years of friendship and support and extend their prayers of welcome to the new Archbishop of Portland, Archbishop Alexander Sample.



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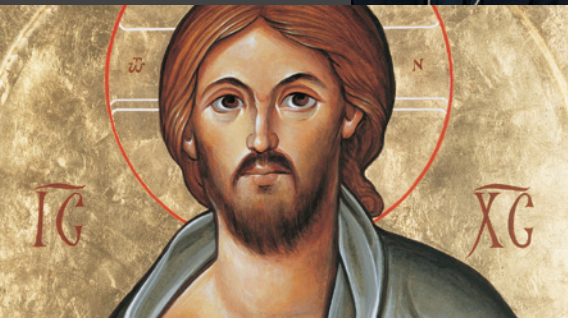
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WEEK DAYS

Vigils: 5:20 a.m.
Lauds: 6:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m.
Midday Prayer: 12 noon
Vespers: 5:15 p.m.
Compline: 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES

Vigils: 7:30 p.m. (Saturday)
Lauds: 6:35 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist: 9:00 a.m.
Midday Prayer: 12 noon
Vespers: 5:15 p.m.
Compline: 8:00 p.m.



Events

CALENDAR

Christian in the World

Spirituality and Theology for the Laity is an integrated program of study, prayer and discussion for Catholics who want to live their faith more deeply. The program seeks to help participants gain a more profound understanding of the Scriptures and the Church, and to support lay people in exploring how to live their baptismal vocation in everyday life. The fall 2013 theme will be The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church.

TENTATIVE FALL 2013 SCHEDULE

September 14 - Holy Spirit in scripture, Fr. Rory Pitstick

October 12 - The Fathers, Dr. Shawn Keough

November 9 - Catholic charismatic movement, Fr. Odo Recker, OSB

December 14 - The charismatic movement found in all the churches in modern times, Dr. Owen Cummings

Learn more: 503.393.5041

JUNE	29	Festival of Arts & Wine, 1-5 pm
JULY	5-7	St. Benedict Day Oblate Family Weekend
	8-10	Oblate Leaders Workshop
	11	Solemnity of St. Benedict
	12-14	Summer Silent Retreat with Br. Cyril Drnjevic, OSB
	24-26	42nd Annual Abbey Bach Festival
AUGUST	3-4	High School class of 1966 50-year reunion
	15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	16-18	Monastic Spirituality Retreat with Fr. Pius X Harding, OSB
	26	Seminary: Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit and Inaugural Address
SEPTEMBER	17-19	Benedictine Oblate Retreat
	14	Christian in the World: Holy Spirit in Scripture, Fr. Rory Pitstick
	20-22	Benedictine Oblate Retreat - (<i>Lodging fully booked. Waiting list available.</i>)
	29	Solemnity of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels and All the Angels. Titular Patrons of Mount Angel Abbey
OCTOBER	12	Christian in the World: The Fathers, Dr. Shawn Keough
	30	Mount Angel Abbey Foundation Day (1882)

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