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305 years of priesthood**

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Cover: Deacon Kirt Prospère, right, celebrates with Deacon Steven Reeves on May 11.



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## Monks' Personals

**Fr. Mateo Zamora** celebrated Masses in Tagalog (Filipino national language) at St. James Parish in Elizabethtown, KY, on April 6 and at Pax Christi Parish in Lexington, KY, on June 16.

**Fr. Eugene Hensell** conducted a Lenten biblical series for the Diocese of Nassau, Bahamas, April 7-13.

**Fr. Anthony Vinson** gave the invocation at the launch of the Justin Thomas Foundation in Louisville, KY, on April 17. Thomas, 25, is ranked among the top 10 golfers in the world and is a native of Louisville.

**Br. John Mark Falkenhain** taught one week of the international Monastic Formator's Program in Assisi, Italy, in early May. The topic was human formation.

**Fr. Christian Raab** attended the annual meeting of the Academy of Catholic Theology in Washington, D.C., on May 21-23.

**Br. Simon Herrmann** is interning as a chaplain at Norton Hospital and Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY, through the Clinical Pastoral Education program from May 28-August 14 as part of seminary formation.

**Archabbot Kurt Stasiak** attended a meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in St. Louis, MO, on June 6.

**Fr. Eugene Hensell** and **Fr. Thomas Gricoski** were re-elected to two-year terms on the Abbot's Council. **Fr. Tobias Colgan** was elected to a one-year term.

**Fr. Peduru Fonseka** was accepted into the master's degree program in mental and clinical health at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

**Archabbot Kurt Stasiak** visited the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, ID, on June 15-21, to conduct their regular visitation.

**Fr. Christian Raab** presented an academic paper, "In Search of the Masculine Genius," at the Sienna Symposium sponsored by the Catholic Women's Forum in Washington, D.C., on June 26.

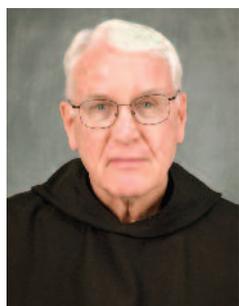
**Br. Stanley Rother Wagner** participated in a two-week "Leadership and the *Rule of St. Benedict*" course in Sant' Anselmo, Rome, July 14-26. ✚

# Monastery News

## Six monks celebrate priesthood jubilees

The Benedictine monks at Saint Meinrad Archabbey celebrated the priesthood ordination jubilees of six of their confreres on May 26, 2019.

Honored were Fr. Vincent Tobin, Fr. Augustine Davis and Fr. Lambert Reilly, 60 years; Fr. Eugene Hensell and Fr. Raymond Studzinski, 50 years; and Fr. Godfrey Mullen, 25 years.



**Fr. Vincent** is a native of Pittsburgh, PA. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on July 31, 1954. He graduated in 1956 from Saint Meinrad College with a bachelor's

degree in history and then earned a baccalaureate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in 1960.

He also earned degrees at St. Louis University (MA, 1965), Saint Meinrad School of Theology (MDiv, 1974) and Gregorian University Institute of Spirituality (STL, 1979), and did post-graduate work at Georgetown University and New York University.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1959.

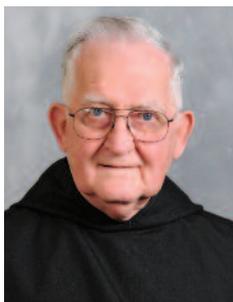
Fr. Vincent taught at Saint Meinrad's high school and college. He also served as dean of students and vice rector at Saint Meinrad College, as well as spiritual director and director of the summer vocational institute.

He also served three years as novice master at Saint Meinrad, one year as novice master at St. Benedict Center (now abbey) in Still River, MA, and three years as prior-administrator and novice master at St. Mark's Priory in South Union, KY.

Fr. Vincent was the founding director of the Midwest Association of Spiritual Directors and founding president of the National Federation of Spiritual Directors.

For 18 years, he taught Greek at the Gregorian University in Rome, and for 19 years taught Greek and Latin at Sant' Anselmo in Rome. He was secretary general of the university for 16 years and Roman procurator general of the Swiss American, American Cassinese and Brazilian congregations.

He returned to Saint Meinrad in 2005 to serve as manager of the newly built Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center. Fr. Vincent currently does spiritual direction and serves as chaplain for Guest Services.



*Fr. Augustine Davis*

He took his vows as a Benedictine monk on July 31, 1954, and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1959. In 1964, he earned a master of arts in industrial arts at Indiana State University.

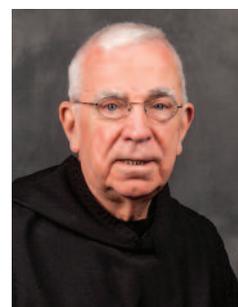
His first assignment was as assistant director, disciplinarian and instructor at St. Placid Hall, a high school for boys interested in becoming Benedictine brothers. When the school closed in 1966, he was assigned to San Benito Priory in Peru, where he taught math, physics and religion.

After the 1970 earthquake in Peru, he became the director of reconstruction and physical facilities. In 1979, Fr. Augustine returned to Saint Meinrad, where he served as physical facilities director until

1986. He then served 10 years as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in South Pittsburgh, TN, and as overseer of a 600-acre beef farm.

Other assignments have included mail delivery, house prefect and director of Spanish ministry.

He currently resides in the monastery infirmary.



*Fr. Lambert Reilly*

**Fr. Lambert** is a native of Pittsburgh, PA. He professed his monastic vows on August 15, 1956, and was ordained on September 20, 1959. He has a bachelor's degree from St. Vincent College, Latrobe,

PA; earned two master's degrees from Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and has a master's degree from Duquesne University.

Fr. Lambert taught Latin in the seminary at Saint Meinrad. He also taught at Penn State University and Mount Sacred Heart College in Connecticut. Then he held a number of positions in the monastery and was assistant pastor at St. Mary Parish, Huntingburg, IN.

He has been engaged in retreat work and parish missions for more than 50 years. He was a frequent retreat master for Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in the United States and India.

In 1995, he was elected archabbot of the monastic community and served until 2004. He currently continues his retreat work for bishops, priests, religious and laity across the United States.

He is the author of two books, *Because There Is Jesus* and *Latin Sayings for Spiritual Growth*.

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# EVENTS ON THE HILL

## August 2-4

*Guest House Retreat: "Key Themes in the Gospel of Luke" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB*

## August 20-22

*Guest House Retreat: "Peace, the Benedictine Way" by Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB*

## August 23-25

*Guest House Retreat: "The Rosary Zone" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB*

## September 10

*Dolle Lecture, Marek Czarnecki*

## September 13-15

*Guest House Retreat: "The Acts of the Apostles: Luke's Vision of the Early Church" by Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB*

## September 20-22

*Guest House Retreat: "Unpacking the Vocation of Marriage" by Josh and Angie Greulich*

## September 23-27

*Guest House Retreat: "Continuing the Mission of Mercy" (Deacons and Wives Retreat) by Fr. Luke Waugh, OSB*

## September 27-29

*Guest House Retreat: "The Art of Michelangelo: Sculptor, Painter, Poet" by Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB*

## October 1-2

*Marten Lecture and Workshop*

## October 1-3

*Guest House Retreat: "Gratitude" by Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB*

## October 11-13

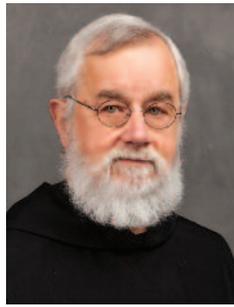
*Guest House Retreat: "The Little Rule of St. Benedict and the Little Way of St. Therese" by Fr. Meinrad Brune, OSB*

## October 26

*Abbot Martin Marty Guild Day of Recollection*

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*Fr. Eugene Hensell*

**Fr. Eugene** is a native of Logansport, IN. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1969, and professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on August 6, 1979.

He earned master's and doctoral degrees in Biblical languages and literature from St. Louis University and a Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

Fr. Eugene taught Scripture for eight years at two St. Louis colleges, Notre Dame College and Fontbonne College. In 1979, he began teaching at Saint Meinrad. He served as dean of students at Saint Meinrad College from 1982-84 and as provost and vice rector from 1982-87.

From 1987 to 1996, he served as president-rector of Saint Meinrad College and Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He is associate professor of Scripture for the Seminary and School of Theology.

Since 1997, Fr. Eugene has been engaged in full-time retreat work, conducting biblical retreats and workshops for priests, religious, and laity throughout the country and in several foreign countries.

Fr. Eugene is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association, The Society of Biblical Literature, and The American Academy of Religion. He is a past president of The American Benedictine Academy.

For the past 20 years, Fr. Eugene has been a contributing writer for *Weekday* and *Sunday Homily Helps*, a service published by St. Anthony Messenger Press. He contributes book reviews to *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *The Review of Biblical Literature*, *Cistercian Studies* and other scholarly journals. He also is an associate editor for *The American Benedictine Review*.



*Fr. Raymond Studzinski*

**Fr. Raymond** is a native of Detroit, MI. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on August 15, 1964, and was ordained to the priesthood on September 28, 1969.

After graduating from Saint Meinrad College in 1966 and Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1970, he earned a master's in religious studies from Indiana University in 1973 and a PhD in historical theology from Fordham University in 1977.

He served as assistant professor at Saint Meinrad School of Theology from 1973 to 1977 and then served as a chaplain in Colorado for two years.

In 1981, he began teaching at The Catholic University of America, where he currently is associate professor of spirituality in the School of Theology and Religious Studies. He is the author of two books and numerous journal articles.



*Fr. Godfrey Mullen*

**Fr. Godfrey** is a native of Alton, IL. He attended Saint Meinrad College, earning a BA degree in history in 1988. He professed his vows as a Benedictine monk on August 6, 1989.

After completing his priesthood studies at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1994, he was ordained a priest on June 5, 1994. He earned a PhD in liturgical studies in 2003 from The Catholic University of America.

Fr. Godfrey served as associate pastor of St. Benedict Parish (now Cathedral) in Evansville, IN, in 1994-95. He then became choirmaster for the monastery and dean of lay ministry and associate

director of supervised ministry at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

Other school assignments have included director of supervised ministry, director of continuing education and the Church Leadership Center, director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program, director of Group Accommodations, director of liturgy, associate formation dean, director of sabbaticals, director of the “One Bread, One Cup” program, and vice rector.

He served as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Huntingburg, IN, from 2012-13. He is currently assistant professor of sacramental and liturgical theology at Saint Meinrad and, since 2013, has been rector of St. Benedict Cathedral.

He also served the Diocese of Evansville as a member of the Priest Council, and currently serves as dean of the South Deanery and administrator *pro tempore* of Resurrection Catholic Church, Evansville. ✚



*Three members of Saint Meinrad's Board of Overseers completed terms on the board on June 30. From left are Mary Kay Wolford of New Albany, IN; Don Mucci of Louisville, KY; and Cora Veza of Elizabethtown, KY. In total, they have served 42 years. The board advises the president-rector on matters related to the school's programs and performance and addresses strategic questions related to the future of the school.*

## Seminary and School of Theology notes departures and new staff

At the close of the spring semester, President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, announced some staff changes in the Seminary and School of Theology.

**Fr. Pantaleon (Seongkeun) Lim**, a 2010 alumnus and priest from the Diocese of Busan, Korea, will join the seminary staff in the fall of 2019. He will serve as a formation dean for the House of John.

**Fr. Peter Marshall**, after six years as director of spiritual formation, will return to work in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He has been named pastor of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis and as director of continuing education for priests.

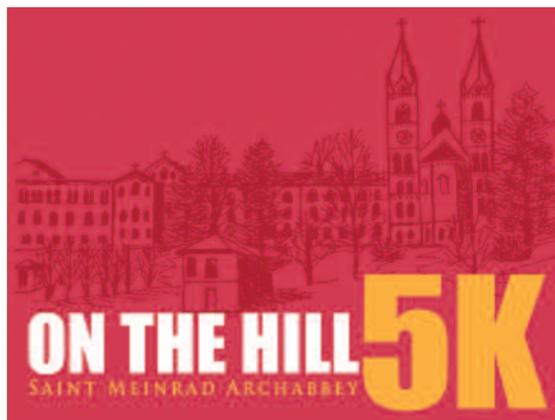
**Fr. James Schimelpfening, SM**, will take up residence in the school as associate director of spiritual formation. His most recent work has been at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

**Sr. Kateri Visocky, FSE**, will be departing this year for a new assignment in Jerusalem, serving at the Christian Information Center. She has served in the Pastoral Formation Office.

**Sr. Rachel Geracitano, OSB**, has accepted the position of associate director of pastoral formation. She is a member of

the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, IN, and most recently has been working for Catholic Cemeteries in Louisville, KY.

**Fr. Peduru Fonseka, OSB**, will be departing from his work in the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates. He will be continuing his studies at Marquette University in Milwaukee in the fall. ✚



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## [Meet the Student]

# Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than

**Diocese:** Owensboro, KY

**Hometown:** Falam, Chin State, Myanmar

**U.S. Hometown:** Bowling Green, KY

**Q.** *What attracted you to the priesthood?*

My love of God in the spirit of service is the driving force in my vocation to the priesthood. This desire to serve God and his people really attracted me to the priesthood. After so many years of formation and discernment, I am now convinced that priesthood is the best way for me to love God and the people.

**Q.** *Who or what influenced you to begin study for the priesthood?*

During my childhood, I was really inspired by the lives of the missionaries (priests and nuns) who came to my native village. That is why priesthood is one of my childhood dreams. However, my thoughts about priesthood got more serious in my last high school year. I entered the “minor” seminary right after my high school.

**Q.** *What were you doing before you came to the seminary?*

I did not have any experience in professional jobs. In my native village, most people are farmers, and people do not have a monthly salary; they just live from hand to mouth. I grew up helping my parents in our farmlands. From sixth grade until high school, I rented an apartment in a nearby town and lived there on my own for my education. That was when I started to manage everything with my parents.

**Q.** *Why did you decide to come to the United States?*

On January 20, 2017, I came to the U.S. with Martin Ma Na Ling (a seminarian at

Saint Meinrad as well). Our Bishop Lucius Hre Kung, in response to the invitation of Bishop William F. Medley, bishop of Owensboro, asked us to come here and study for the Diocese of Owensboro so that we could minister to the growing Burmese population in the diocese.

Many of the Burmese in the Owensboro Diocese do not speak English, so they need a priest who can minister to them in Burmese. Some do not even understand Burmese, but only their own dialects.

God willing, when Martin and I become priests (with the permission of Bishop Medley), our ministry might also be to all the Burmese in the whole country. Right now, our main focus is on the Burmese in the Owensboro Diocese.

**Q.** *Favorite saint and why?*

St. Paul is my favorite saint for so many reasons. I was really moved and motivated by his undying zeal for the Gospel and his missionary spirit. He was focused on what he was called for – to bring the Good News to all the nations. I loved him better, especially when I realized that I was coming to this country all the way from Myanmar.

**Q.** *Favorite Scripture verse and why?*

My favorite Scripture verse comes from Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” It is a constant reminder for me to always rely on God and his power working in me. It teaches me that all the things I accomplish, I do so by his strength and grace, and not mine.



**Q.** *Hobbies?*

My hobbies include music, sports and literature. I play different musical instruments, but my favorites are piano (especially electronic keyboard) and guitar. I also love singing, composing songs and listening to music. I also enjoy playing soccer, volleyball, cane ball (sepak takraw or kick volleyball), Ping-Pong and basketball.

**Q.** *What aspect of seminary life has been most rewarding?*

The most rewarding aspect of seminary life has been the fraternity among us. I experience immense joy and peace in seminary life. It is also great to have incredible support from the faculty and staff.

**Q.** *What aspect of seminary life has been most challenging?*

For me, the most challenging aspect of seminary life has been the workload, which can be quite heavy at times. It is also a challenge to find a balanced way of life – a balance between social life and one’s personal life, a balance between the four pillars of formation.

**Q.** *Best advice you’ve heard in seminary?*

“It is time for you to be the man God wants you to be, not the man you want to become.” ✝

# Project leaders needed for Saint Meinrad Day of Service 2020

Have you wanted to serve your community, but with a Benedictine spirit? Have you been serving your community for years, but haven't thought to reach out to the Saint Meinrad Alumni community? You could be the next project leader for a Saint Meinrad Day of Service!

The Alumni Association Board of Directors, in collaboration with the Alumni Office, started the Saint Meinrad Day of Service in 2014 to develop creative ways for alumni to live out the mission of Saint Meinrad in their communities with their fellow classmates and friends.

The Saint Meinrad Day of Service is an opportunity for alumni and friends to

continue a tradition of service – a chance to pray together, socialize together, and encourage one another while strengthening their local communities and the Body of Christ.

The seventh annual Saint Meinrad Day of Service will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020. Whether the project is big or small, at the local Catholic parish or in partnership with a local agency, it's an opportunity to make known the importance of service for those connected with Saint Meinrad.

Contact Joe Oliveri at [joliveri@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:joliveri@saintmeinrad.edu) or 812-357-6222 to plan a Day of Service in your community. ✚



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*Day of Service in your area.*



*Photos, beginning at top, left to right: Seminarians Jinho Paul Kim, left, and Taesang Andrew Yun, right, of the Diocese of Busan in South Korea, are vested during the deacon ordination in the Archabbey Church on April 27.*

*Novice Dennis Reyes received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Composition from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May.*

*Quan Nguyen, right, and Linh Vu prepare food for the spring Around the World party on March 31.*



# Saint Meinrad professor helps bring clean water to African village



▲ Saint Meinrad alumnus Fr. Philippe Neri Tchadou, OSB, T'15 ('09-15), in white, returned to his home village to bless the new water well in October 2017

It's interesting how a simple conversation can change lives.

Dr. Kimberly Baker has experienced this firsthand.

Dr. Baker, associate professor of Church history in the Seminary and School of Theology, recalls when a Benedictine monk from the West African country of

parishes in the U.S. connect with Haitian parishes to provide assistance and support.

Afterward, she recalls, Br. Philippe asked her if there was a group that could help his home village near Datcha, Togo, which did not have a water well. Togo is the 13th most underdeveloped country in the world, according to a 2019 report by Global Finance.

*I still remember the day that somebody sent a \$5,000 gift, and I literally went running into the faculty lounge weeping.*

Togo was one of her students. Br. Philippe Neri Tchadou, OSB, arrived in 2009 and took several of her classes while studying for the priesthood.

Baker had given a formation talk about the parish twinning program in Haiti, where

Baker explains that each day the villagers walk two to five kilometers to another village for water. "Schoolchildren would gather water before going to school," she says. "Sometimes they would be late for school because they were busy carrying water."

Baker agreed that installing a well seemed like a project that some group could undertake. "I thought it was going to be an easy question. I'm thinking, 'Oh, I'll just make a few phone calls, and of course somebody surely will pick up this project.'

What I didn't realize was how hard it is to find someone to do work in Togo."

She found groups working in Togo, but they wouldn't respond to her inquiries or were too busy with other projects to take on another. Meanwhile, Br. Philippe graduated, returned to Togo and was ordained a priest.

The project remained on her mind, but she couldn't seem to make progress. "I kept thinking about them having no water," she says.

Then, two years later in 2017, she was visiting India when she heard an Indian missionary priest talking about his work in Nigeria. He was with a religious order called the Society of African Missions (SMA). She asked him if his group ever did work in Togo, such as install wells. He said yes.

However, the priest left before she could get his contact information. But she remembered he was an SMA priest and so she set about contacting them. She finally located a contact for SMA priests in Togo and emailed him. Within hours, she had a reply.

The SMA priests knew the contractors in the area and could coordinate the project. They just needed the money – about \$10,000 to build the well.

Even if Baker could raise the money, she needed help to process the donations and transfer the funds to Togo. To overcome this obstacle, she contacted a retired professor who was affiliated with a group doing similar work in Haiti. He told her that his group, Rich in Mercy Institute, could be the fiscal sponsor, which would ensure that the project was credible and the gifts would be tax deductible.

With that in place, she began asking people for donations. She wrote letters to people she knew and asked them to spread the word. The response was amazing. "I

still remember the day that somebody sent a \$5,000 gift, and I literally went running into the faculty lounge weeping. I was hoping people would send \$100 or \$500, and here I had \$5,000!”

Work began on the well on August 1, 2017, and it was completed by October 18. The village held a celebration with dancing and singing that lasted for three hours. Fr. Philippe returned to his home village to bless the well and expressed his joy at seeing the project finished.

Later, Baker received a copy of the final project report. On one of the last pages is a close-up photo of the inscription plaque attached to the well: Donated by Dr. Kimberly and Benefactors, 2017.

But that isn't the end of Baker's story about the African village near Datcha. With the dream of safe, clean water now a reality, the villagers began seeking help for a new project: two public latrines. One would serve the village school and the other would provide toilets for the rest of the community.

“I thought we were finished,” she says. “Then I find out they don't have latrines.” A few months later, she began spreading the word about the new project.

By December 2018, funds were coming in and work could begin on the school latrine, which cost almost \$10,000. The simple toilet system connects to a septic tank and is set up so that one side of the latrine can be used while the other side is



▲ A woman tries out the new water well. Before the well was installed, villages walked two to five kilometers each way to carry water from another town.

closed for composting. There are separate sides for boys and girls, and a separate toilet for teachers.

In less than a month, the latrine was complete and the village gathered for another celebration. Fr. Philippe again did the blessing. In both cases, Baker didn't travel to Togo, but she received a thank-you note from the students.

They wrote about how happy they were to have latrines so they wouldn't have to relieve themselves “in the open air or in

the bush with the risk to be bitten by reptiles and also pollute the environment.”

And while the project for the public latrine has not yet started, Baker is already thinking ahead. She points to a photo that shows the dilapidated state of the school itself. “The latrines look nicer than the school,” she notes wryly.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Togo projects can contact her at [kbaker@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:kbaker@saintmeinrad.edu). ✝

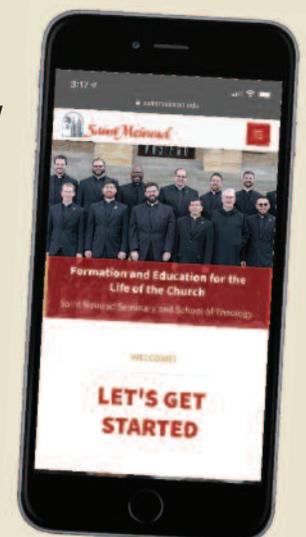
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*Check out the newly designed and mobile-friendly Seminary and School of Theology website for the latest news and photos.*

The website for the Seminary and School of Theology has been redesigned. The site, found at [www.saintmeinrad.edu](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu), is a responsive design, which means the website will look good on a variety of devices and screen sizes.

With about half of web users now accessing the internet on their smartphones, a responsive design improves the user's experience.

The newly designed website also has been updated and reorganized to make finding information about the Seminary and School of Theology easier.



# 49 earn master's degrees

from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology



▲ *President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, (back to camera) congratulates new graduate Luke Hassler. At left is Bishop Joseph Siegel of the Diocese of Evansville, IN.*

Graduates of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were awarded master's degrees on May 11. Graduates accepted their diplomas from the Rt. Rev. Kurt Stasiak, OSB, archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and chairman of the school's Board of Trustees.

The commencement address was given by the Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel, bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, IN.

## Master of Divinity Degrees

Deacon Sean Aaron, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana;  
Deacon Gregory Marc Bentley and Deacon Aldrin Tayag, Diocese of Lexington, KY;  
Deacon Ross Caniglia and Deacon Timothy Pick, Diocese of Sioux City, IA;  
Deacon Anthony Cecil Jr. and Deacon Steven Reeves, Archdiocese of Louisville, KY;  
Deacon Timothy DeCrane and Deacon Vincent Gillmore, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN;  
Br. Damien Evangelista, OSB, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, CA;

Deacon Patrick Gilbreath, Archdiocese of Mobile, AL;  
Deacon Luke Hassler and Deacon Andrew Thomas, Diocese of Evansville, IN;  
Deacon John Herrera III, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK;  
Deacon Jonathan Miskin, Diocese of Little Rock, AR;

Deacon Kirt Prospère, Diocese of Bridgetown, Barbados;  
Deacon Mark Schuster, Diocese of Knoxville, TN;  
Deacon Kenneth Wandera, Glenmary Home Missioners.

## Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies Degrees

Joseph Austin and Andrew Crabtree, Diocese of Knoxville, TN;  
Steven Ditzel, Diocese of Tulsa, OK;  
Christopher Grief, Diocese of Owensboro, KY;  
Tyler Huber and Jack Wright, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN;  
Thomas LaPointe and Andrew Williams, Archdiocese of Mobile, AL;  
Br. Deogratias Satu, OSB, Mvimwa Abbey, Togo;  
Hung Tran, Archdiocese of Hanoi;  
Nick Zummo; Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO.

## Master of Arts (Theology) Degrees

Steven Angrisano, Coppell, TX;  
Deacon Edwain Cardona, Diocese of Nashville, TN;  
Mary Jane Choi, Prospect, KY;  
Br. Jean Fish, OSB, and Br. Stanley



▲ *Hung Van Tran sings with the seminary schola during the commencement liturgy on May 11.*

Wagner, OSB, Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN;  
Sr. Anne Louise Frederick, OSB, Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, Beech Grove, IN;  
Larry Hess, Santa Claus, IN;  
Josiah Kimani, Glenmary Home Missioners;  
Br. Juan Diego Lavado, OCSO, New Melleray Abbey, Peosta, IA;  
Saul Llacsá Vargas, Indianapolis, IN;  
Mary Miller and Crystal White, Bloomington, IN;  
Grant Monnig, Carroll, IA;  
Deacon Nicholas Nickl, Lexington, KY;  
Deacon Steven Penwell, Cody, WY;  
Deacon Hung Pham, Diocese of Nashville, TN;  
Dr. Linda Swindell, Plano, TX;  
Deacon William Tribbey, Clarksville, IN;  
Br. Luke Turner, OSB, St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, KS;  
Sr. Huyen Vu, Lovers of the Holy Cross, Vietnam. ✝



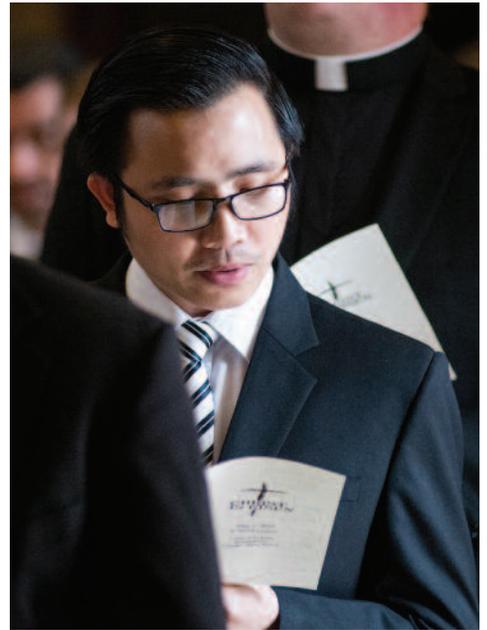
*Top: Faculty members line up for procession to St. Bede Theater for commencement.*

*Middle: Sr. Huyen Vu adjusts her glasses after putting on her cap and gown.*



*Bottom: Master of Divinity graduates process to St. Bede Theater for commencement.*





*Starting top left, clockwise: Br. Lorenzo Peñalosa, OSB, was ordained a deacon by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, on May 11, 2019, in the Basilica of Sant' Anselmo, Rome, Italy.*

*Quan Nguyen sings during evening prayer in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel before the President-Rector's dinner on May 2.*

*Fr. Harry Hagan, OSB, teaches a course on Psalms and prayer during weekend classes on March 23.*

*"One Bread, One Cup" youth participant Destiney Burton participates in ice breaker activities on June 17.*

*Sean Aaron, right, serves as deacon during Mass at St. Meinrad Parish on April 4. Fr. Anthony Vinson, OSB, is the celebrant.*

# Welcome to the new alumni website

The Saint Meinrad Alumni website will be getting a new look by August 1st. No worries – we have just updated the look and feel to hopefully improve your interaction and engagement in keeping connected with our Alumni activities and events. These features will still be accessed on the new website:

- Online registration for events
- Information about the 2020 Saint Meinrad Day of Service
- Access to all issues of *Voices from the Vineyard*
- Alumni resources, such as online access to academic theology journals through the Archabbey Library
- Alumni stories and testimonials
- Details on how to nominate an alumnus for the Distinguished Alumnus Award
- A list of upcoming tours and pilgrimages
- The online alumni directory, where you can search for classmates



Some items on the website are open to the public, but make sure to register or sign in for full access. Just follow the on-screen prompts to sign up.

Although we have a new look, the website address has not changed. Visit us at <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu>. ✚

## Final member added to alumni board slate

A fourth alumnus has been added to the slate of candidates seeking approval as members of the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Fr. Nicolas Ajpacajá Tzoc

Fr. Nicolas A. Ajpacajá Tzoc T'16 ('11-16) is a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He has served as associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis since June 2017.

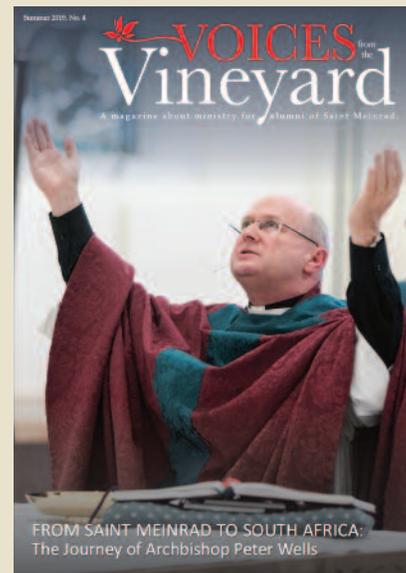
Previously, he served as associate pastor at St. Simon the Apostle Parish,

Indianapolis, and assisted St. Lawrence Parish with Hispanic ministry.

The other three candidates were profiled in the Spring 2019 issue. They are Mr. T. Michael Egan O'67 ('63-69), Fr. Matthew Gerlach T'96 ('92-96) C'92 ('89-92), and Mrs. Angie Greulich MTS'13 ('09-13).

Also on the slate is Fr. Mike Williams T'97 ('90-97), who is seeking a second term on the board.

Candidates are presented as a slate for approval. Alumni can submit their approval or disapproval by email to [alumni@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:alumni@saintmeinrad.edu), by calling the Alumni Office at (800) 682-0988 or by voting on the alumni website at <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu>. ✚



## VOICES from the Vineyard

In June, the Alumni Office published the fourth issue of *Voices from the Vineyard*, an e-magazine for alumni of Saint Meinrad. The purpose of *Voices* is to share stories of alumni to illustrate how the alumni community continues to improve communities, serve God's people and change the world.

"These stories give witness to the amazing things our alumni do," says Joe Oliveri, director of alumni relations and editor of the magazine. "But more importantly, they show the kind of person Saint Meinrad forms and who makes our alumni community proud."

You can find all issues on the alumni website: <http://alumni.saintmeinrad.edu/voices>.

If you know of alumni who should be featured in upcoming issues, please contact Oliveri at [joliveri@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:joliveri@saintmeinrad.edu) or 812-357-6222. ✚



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## ALUMNI ETERNAL

**Mr. John Paul Aberle O'64 ('53-55)**, of Port Charlotte, FL, died on March 23, 2018.

**Mr. Enrique A. Azula O'82 ('74-76)**, of Longwood, FL, died on February 2, 2016.

**Maj. (USAF Ret.) Donald R. Benjamin O'55 ('43-47)**, of Sachse, TX, died on June 1, 2019.

**Mr. David M. Bizzell O'73 ('61-64)**, of Jeffersonville, IN, died on May 10, 2019.

**Mr. John R. Burke Jr. O'61 ('49-55)**, of Baton Rouge, LA, died on April 19, 2019.

**Mr. Conde C. Canedy O'65 ('59-62)**, of St. Peters, MO, died on April 11, 2019.

**Mr. John D. Cornwell MAT'06 ('03-06)**, of Corydon, IN, died on March 9, 2019.

**Mr. Gerald D. "Gary" Evrard O'75 ('63-65)**, of Tell City, IN, died on April 10, 2019.

**Mr. Charles A. Frazee O'55 ('43-51)**, of Fullerton, CA, died on May 14, 2019.

**Fr. James Robert Goodrum O'57 ('51-57)**, a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, IN, died on June 10, 2019. ✝

**Mr. James C. Gunselman O'76 ('64-65)**, of Jasper, IN, died on April 18, 2019.

**Mr. Marvin P. Kiesel O'55 ('43-44)**, of Haubstadt, IN, died on December 2, 2016.

**Mr. Michael A. King O'77 ('70-71)**, of Louisville, KY, died on March 2, 2019.

**Fr. Hugh J. McCormley S ('93)**, of Pittsburgh, PA, died on September 15, 2010.

**Dr. James M. McGreevy O'73 ('61-65)**, of Holladay, UT, died on January 29, 2019.

**Mr. William F. McMillen O'65 ('59-65)**, of Darnestown, MD, died on February 10, 2019.

**Fr. Thomas McSherry O'71 ('67-71)**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK, died on June 5, 2019.

**Mr. John R. Miller O'63 ('51-52)**, of Crestwood, MO, died on May 5, 1988.

**Msgr. Lawrence J. Moran Jr. O'52 ('41-52)**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died on May 4, 2019. ✝

**Fr. Kevin J. Morris T'97 ('92-97)**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died on March 12, 2019.

**Fr. Howard Moussier, OSB, O'64 ('52-56)**, a monk of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL, died on January 19, 2019.

**Mr. John A. Murphy O'69 ('57-59)**, of Jasonville, IN, died on March 6, 2017.

**Mr. Frederick Neufelder O'57 ('45-46)**, of Lady Lake, FL, died on April 20, 2019.

**Fr. Glenn L. O'Connor O'80 ('74-80)**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN, died on March 15, 2019.

**Mr. Lawrence O'Haver O'68 ('56-57)**, of Odon, IN, died on January 20, 2019.

**Mr. Paul W. Paff SPH ('44-45)**, of Cincinnati, OH, died on April 5, 2019.

**Mr. Alan L. Palko O'62 ('53-56)**, of Lorain, OH, died on January 23, 2019.

**Mr. John Parillo O'69 ('59-62)**, of North Canton, OH, died on May 14, 2003.

**Fr. Alan Rekate, OSB, O'58 ('46-52)**, a monk of Marmion Abbey in Aurora, IL, died on February 16, 2012.

**Deacon Frank A. Roberts O'65 ('53-54), PD'12 (08-12)**, of Richmond, IN, died on March 19, 2019.

**Mr. Gary W. Sang O'79 ('73)**, of Salisbury, NC, died on April 23, 2017.

**Mr. Joseph E. Sitzman O'74 ('62-63)**, of Evansville, IN, died on March 19, 2019.

**Mr. Richard L. Stauder O'72 ('66-69)**, of Indianola, IL, died on March 10, 2017.

**Mr. Robert A. Suding O'55 ('43-44)**, of Crystal Lake, IL, died on September 27, 2017.

**Mr. Steven J. Uhrin O'75 ('63-64)**, of Rossville, IN, died on March 30, 2019.

**Fr. Robert C. "Cass" Volpert O'61 ('57-61)**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, died on March 29, 2019.

**Mr. Barth Webb T'86 ('80-86)**, of Noblesville, IN, died on April 29, 2019.

**Mr. Thomas L. Williams O'59 ('47-59)**, of St. Petersburg, FL, died on April 5, 2019.

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**A key to the initials behind the names of alumni:**

C: College

GTP: Graduate Theology Programs

HS: High School

MAT: Master of Arts (Theology)

MAPT: Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology)

MTS: Master in Theological Studies

O: Ordination

PD: Permanent Deacon Formation Program

S: Sabbaticant

SPH: St. Placid Hall

SS: Summer Session

T: Theology ✝

# Save the Date!

*July 21-24, 2019*

Alumni Reunion

*August 22, 2019*

Louisville Alumni & Friends Dinner

*September 11, 2019*

Jasper and Lincoln Hills Area Alumni & Friends Dinner

*September 24, 2019*

Indianapolis Alumni & Friends Dinner

*October 15, 2019*

Evansville Alumni & Friends Dinner

*??, 2019*

Toledo Alumni & Friends Dinner

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Mr. Steven Angrisano MAT'19 ('16-19)**, of Coppell, TX, was a keynote speaker at the Catholic Men's Conference in Louisville, KY, on April 6. He is a national speaker, singer and songwriter.

**Fr. Tim Boekelman O'77 ('73-77)**, of the Diocese of Sioux City, IA, is a fulltime chaplain at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, IA.

**Mrs. Lisa DeJaco Crutcher GTP ('15-19)**, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of Louisville, KY, announced on February 5 that the organization is launching a year-long campaign called "Be Golden" to build awareness of diversity and to be welcoming.

**Fr. James R. Gretz T'93 ('89-91)** has been appointed administrator of four parishes: All Saints Parish, Etna, PA; St. Bonaventure Parish, Glenshaw, PA; and Holy Spirit and St. Nicholas parishes in Millvale, PA. The parishes are expected to be combined within the next few years.

**Br. Silas Henderson, SDS, T'10 ('06-08), MTS'11 ('11)**, was named executive director of the Jordan Ministry Team, which was established by the Salvatorians in 2001 to serve the Diocese of Tucson, AZ.

**Dr. Lanny K. Hollis T'86 ('76-86)** has been appointed president of St. John Paul II Catholic High School in Huntsville, AL. He served as headmaster of the school for the past year.

**Mrs. Rachel Forbes-Kaufman MAT'14 ('11-14)** presented data from a multi-year research project at the Conference on Religion in Medicine held March 29-31 at Duke University Medical. Two of the researchers, Forbes Kaufman and **Dr. Malcolm Herring ('14)**, as well as the lead physician mentor, **Dr. Jennifer Stanley ('16)**, and lead nurse practitioner mentor, **Katherine Conover ('17-19)**, have earned or are earning Certificates in Reflective Practices from Saint Meinrad.

**Fr. Aelred Kavanagh, OSB, O'72 ('66-68)**, a monk of St. Joseph Abbey in St. Benedict, LA, celebrated his 50th anniversary of monastic profession on May 24.

**Sr. Lorraine Lauter, OSU, MTS'97 ('90-96)**, is celebrating her 40th anniversary as an Ursuline sister. Since 2012, she has been executive director of the nonprofit Water With Blessings.

**Fr. Josh McCarty T'09 ('04-09)**, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Central City, KY, has developed a parish management software program called Pastoral Parish. It can be used to track pastoral care, sacramental preparations, sacramental follow-ups, and parish engagements. The website is [app.pastoralparish.com](http://app.pastoralparish.com).

**Mrs. Donna Murphy MTS'11 ('06-11; '12)**, of Owensboro, KY, received the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award on May 10 at the annual catechetical banquet for the Diocese of Owensboro. She serves at St. Stephen Cathedral.

**Fr. Richard Puetz F'45 ('39-44)**, a retired priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, turned 100 years old on April 26, 2019. He resides at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi, IN.

**Deacon Marco Rajkovich Jr. PD'12 ('08-12; '14-16)**, of Reston, VA, has been appointed to the Federal Mine Safety and

Health Review Commission for a six-year term. The U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment on March 14.

**Mother Catherine Marie Schuhmann, CP, S ('93)**, was elected the first Mother President of the newly erected Congregation of the Nuns of the Passion of Jesus Christ on January 29. The congregation encompasses all female communities of Passionist nuns around the world. She is residing in Lucca, Italy.

**Fr. Michael Sullivan, O'81 ('77-81)**, was voted the #1 Religious Leader in the Osseo/Maple Grove area of Minnesota, in the 2019 Readers' Choice Awards held by the *Osseo Maple Grove Press*. He serves as pastor at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Maple Grove.

**Fr. Francis Tebbe, OFM, KCHS, O'74 ('62-66)**, on February 15 blessed the new pet therapy program at Franciscan Health in Munster, IN, where he is director of mission services.

**Jim Weaver, O'73 ('61-66)**, and his wife Virlee, of Zionsville, IN, were featured in the March 10, 2019, issue of *The Catholic Moment*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. The article was titled "Zionsville couple keeps Christ, family, service at center of life." †

## Mike Ziemianski: Saint Meinrad VP for Development dies



Michael A. Ziemianski

Michael A. Ziemianski, 63, of Floyds Knobs, IN, died June 25, 2019, following a brief battle with cancer. He was a graduate of the College Class of 1987 ('84-87).

In 1989, he began his professional association with Saint Meinrad Archabbey and its Seminary and School of Theology, which lasted for more than 25 years.

He served as the director of annual giving, the director of development for 13 years, and since 2008 as the vice president for development.

He led the fundraising efforts for several significant projects, including the renovation of St. Bede Hall, the expansion of the monastery infirmary, the repair of the Archabbey Church bells, and others.

He also was involved in community service, particularly with the Kentucky Derby Festival, and was an active member of Cathedral of the Assumption Parish in Louisville, KY. †



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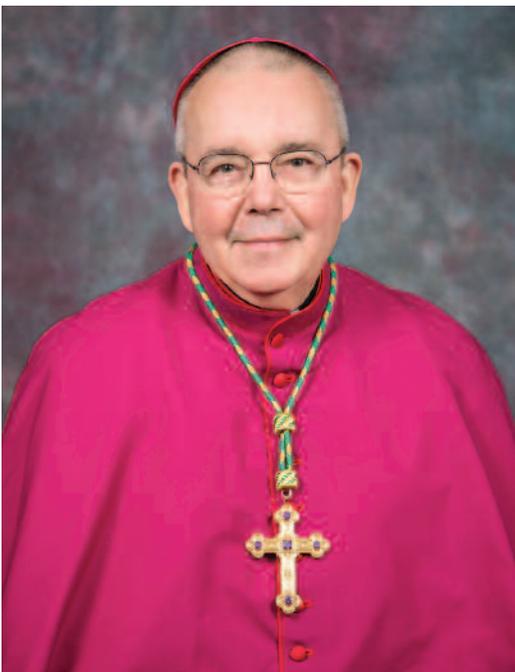
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# Bishop David Talley

## appointed to lead Memphis diocese



*Most Reverend David P. Talley*

The Most Rev. David P. Talley T'89 ('86-89) was named as the bishop of the Diocese of Memphis, TN, by Pope Francis. The appointment was announced in Rome on March 5, 2019.

Bishop Talley was ordained to the episcopacy on April 2, 2013, as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He was appointed as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria on September 21, 2016, and took possession of the diocese as its 12th bishop upon the resignation of Bishop Ronald Herzog on February 2, 2017.

Bishop Talley obtained a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Auburn University in Alabama and a master's degree in social work from

the University of Georgia. He earned his Master of Divinity from Saint Meinrad School of Theology and was ordained a priest in 1989. He later earned a licentiate and a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Bishop Talley was installed as bishop of Memphis on April 2 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis. ✝

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