



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

Seminary News

A BEAUTIFUL BALANCE

ARCHBISHOP HARRY J. FLYNN RETURNED TO HIS MOUNTAIN HOME LAST FALL FOR AN EXTENDED STAY AND SHARES HIS REFLECTIONS ON THE SEMINARY AND THE PRIESTHOOD

by Tim S. Hickey, *Second Theology*, Archdiocese of Hartford

At the invitation of Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, Mount St. Mary's Seminary rector, Archbishop Harry J. Flynn, archbishop emeritus of Saint Paul-Minneapolis, former rector of the Mount (1970-79) and a seminary alumnus himself (1960), is returning to his mountain home for extended visits. Last fall, Archbishop Flynn spent two weeks in residence, and met one-on-one with many of the seminarians. He attended classes with them, joined them for meals in Patriot Hall and socialized with them in the seminary recreation room.

In this interview, Archbishop Flynn discussed the unique character of Mount St. Mary's Seminary and of the men who are formed here for the priesthood of Jesus Christ. He also shared his hopes for them as they prepare for and undertake their ministry to the people of God.

This conversation took place on Veteran's Day, and we began by talking about Father Timothy Vakoc, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, and the only priest-chaplain to have died

as a result of injuries sustained during the war in Iraq.

[Editor's Note: In May 2004, Father Vakoc's Humvee was hit by a roadside bomb while he was returning to his barracks after saying Mass on the 12th anniversary of his ordination. He suffered severe head injuries, including the loss of his left eye and brain damage. He returned to the United States for treatment and died in 2009 at the St. Therese Care Center in New Hope, Minn., where he had shown some signs of physical and cognitive improvement. Father Vakoc received a Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Combat Action Award for his service in Iraq.]

Archbishop Flynn: Father Tim was an outstanding priest. ... I will always remember with some poignancy and pain the day I received the news that he had been injured almost to the point of death. I had just ordained 15 men to the priesthood in our cathedral and I walked across the street — almost floated, really, because of the number and quality of those men I had just ordained — and I was having lunch when the phone rang. It was Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, who was then the Archbishop for the Military Services, USA. He told me that Father Tim had received injuries in Iraq that could prove fatal.



Father Harry J. Flynn, then Rector, welcomes Mother Teresa to the Seminary, October 1975.

It was amazing that he lived as long as he did because of his head injury. It was the merciful will of God to take him; if he had any cognizance of what was happening it would have been like being a prisoner in one's own body and not being able to communicate. He is the only chaplain of any denomination who was injured and killed in the Iraqi conflict; he is a great, great witness to what the priesthood is all about.

Question: Mount St. Mary's Seminary had a near-record enrollment this fall. What does that say to you about the priesthood, of the caliber of men being called to the priesthood and of the Mount's reputation for training men to serve as priests of Jesus Christ?

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Archbishop Flynn: After the Second Vatican Council, seminaries changed dramatically. I was vice rector and then rector here during those days. There were many seminaries that seemed to abandon anything that looked like formation. Here at the Mount we tried very much to keep a basic lifestyle of prayer and community. Cardinal Lawrence J. Sheehan of Baltimore attended all the sessions of Vatican II. He wrote to me before his retirement and said that in his judgment Mount St. Mary’s took the spirit of the council fathers and brought that into reality with the balance that we had. That letter is in the seminary archives. It is a most affirming and beautiful letter.

Many times after Vatican II, the Mount was criticized by those who said we had not renewed ourselves enough. I believe the beauty of the Mount is found in the balance that occurs here. We are on a campus of men and women studying for different professions. It was the dream of our founder, Father John DuBois, to have men studying for the priesthood alongside — in 1808 — men studying for other professions. In France after the revolution, he saw firsthand the difficulties that arose when the clergy were above everyone else. He wanted to make sure that clergy were educated not above everyone else but alongside everyone else, which gave birth to the seminary.

The Mount offers sound philosophical and theological training by well-qualified professors alongside a prayer life focused on the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, plus a

devotional life centered on the Eucharist and Our Lady.

We are all composed of head and heart, and if we go only with the heart we can become very sloppy human beings. If we only go with the head, we can become very sterile human beings. A good priest must combine the intellectual with the affective. It is not one or the other; it’s both. I think Mount St. Mary’s has that beautiful balance.

Question: In particular, what have you noticed during this visit about the men in formation?

Archbishop Flynn: Coming back here this fall, there seems to be a maturity among the men — a maturity of focus toward the priesthood. ... Since Msgr. Rohlf’s invited me to come back here, in my time here in chapel, in the laundry room, in private conferences or at Patriot Hall, I’ve noticed the spirit of joy that has always been a hallmark of the Mount. It has not only sustained itself through the years but seems to be at an all-time high.

Question: This fall, Pope Benedict XVI issued a Letter to Seminarians as a capstone to the Year for Priests. He cautioned seminarians and new priests about trying to clamp down on popular devotions or ‘folk’ expressions of piety or faith practices. What has been your experience in your 50 years of priesthood of the richness of these kinds of devotions?

Archbishop Flynn: All of us need to realize that God is God. If we go through life thinking that we have to straighten out every situation, then we are going to be very busy people but also very sad people. When

I was first ordained there were certain popular devotions that could have been perceived to be excessive. That all took care of itself in the providence of God and by His grace.

If we are true to teaching what the Church teaches and to teaching it regularly — and by that I mean the whole Gospel, the whole teaching of the Church — then things even out. For instance, the gospel of life is a beautiful gospel and it must be preached. But it must be preached alongside the gospel of social justice, and that alongside the gospel of human sexuality. You see, it is the whole gospel. When we are preaching the whole gospel, we don’t have to worry about particular pieties becoming excessive because in God’s good time it evens out. I have found that over and over again.

Question: Most of the men who are studying at the Mount now are preparing for priesthood as the Church prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Vatican II. How do you think the council and its teachings should mark the priesthood of the 21st century?

Archbishop Flynn: We know from Church history that it can take years and even decades for any Church council to integrate itself fully into the life of the Church. I think this is true of Vatican II. When we finished Vatican II, there were immediately a lot of misinterpretations and misapplications of its teachings. It would be my hope that as a gift to the Church and to himself, every seminarian, every priest and every bishop would re-read or read for the first time the documents of Vatican II. There are many people who bemoan Vatican II who have never opened a council

document to read it. I know the workload on seminarians can be burdensome, but I would hope that classes specifically on the history and theology of Vatican II could be offered.

Question: Finally, there are two words that seem to capture the spirit of Vatican II and of the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI, and those are *communio* and *missio*, or communion and mission. What do those words mean to you?

Archbishop Flynn: We haven’t really penetrated the depth of meaning in the word *communio*; there is loads of work that needs to be done there. Nor have we penetrated the depths of the word *missio*. Sometimes we have a ‘come and get it’ approach to our faith, rather than taking the Gospel and giving it to the nations.

It would be my hope that people who use the word *communio* realize that it means something very profound and deep, and bespeaks a real commitment to and charitable concern for one’s neighbor. *Missio* goes hand in hand with *communio*. It means I can’t wait for people to come knocking on my door. I must go out and bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others.

LIFE OF MOUNT ALUMNUS AND SERVANT OF GOD, FATHER STANLEY ROTHER REMEMBERED

by Kevin J. Dansereau, Second Pre-Theology, Diocese of Arlington

October 21, 2010, the Mount community was honored to have Fr. Don Wolf of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City present a conference on the life and sanctity of Servant of God, Fr. Stanley Rother (Mount Seminary Class of 1963), who was killed on July 28, 1981 in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.

Fr. Wolf, a cousin of Fr. Rother, provided an overview of Fr. Rother's family life including his childhood growing up on a farm in the small town of Okarche, Oklahoma, where he developed his mechanical and problem-solving abilities. Upon entering the seminary after high school, Fr. Wolf stressed that Stanley Rother's road to ordination was not an easy one. After failing to make it through the seminary in San Antonio, Stanley was given a second chance and successfully completed his theology studies at Mount St. Mary's. He was ordained a priest in 1963 for Oklahoma City.

Fr. Rother's difficulties continued as he struggled through his first five years of priesthood in five different parishes in Oklahoma. In 1968, Fr. Rother volunteered to serve at the Oklahoma Mission to Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. In Guatemala, Fr. Rother became trilingual as he learned both Spanish and the challenging Tzutuhil dialect in order to minister to the needs of his people.

Caught amid rising political tensions in the late 1970s in Guatemala and with his village under martial law, Fr. Rother returned to Oklahoma

in early 1981 after finding out that his name was on the list of local leaders to be killed. Despite the dangers, Fr. Rother returned to his parishioners in Santiago Atitlan in May of 1981 in order to continue to minister to their needs. On July 28, 1981, Fr. Wolf described how three men entered the rectory and shot Fr. Rother to death in his bedroom. Due to the admiration of his beloved parishioners, Fr. Stanley Rother's heart was buried in the church in Santiago Atitlan where it remains today.

In the second part of his presentation, Fr. Wolf focused on how Fr. Rother's sanctity was directly intertwined with his ministry in the place where he was called to serve and give his life. Fr. Wolf mentioned that Fr. Rother experienced many failures in his life but that his ministry in Guatemala was a success because of his ability to relate to the people of Santiago Atitlan. In his 13 years of service to the Tzutuhili people, Fr. Rother met the challenges of often being the sole pastor to nearly 35,000 people in a rural village in Guatemala.

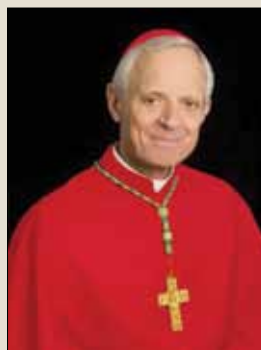
Fr. Wolf also noted that the beatification process of Fr. Stanley Rother is underway, but that it will be difficult due to many factors including the political complexity of the situation in Guatemala. Nonetheless, Fr. Wolf described at least one known miracle of a young woman who recovered from a brain aneurysm in Oklahoma due to the intercession of Fr. Stanley Rother.



Photo courtesy of Sooner Catholic Newspaper.

ARCHBISHOP WUERL ELEVATED TO CARDINAL

by William Wadsworth IV, Second Pre-Theology, Archdiocese of Washington



On November 20, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI elevated Archbishop Donald Wuerl to the Sacred College of Cardinals. It was a joyous day for the Washington seminarians at Mount St. Mary's as well as for the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. (We also celebrated with the two seminarians at the Mount from the Archdiocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka whose archbishop was elevated on the same day!) I had the opportunity to ask newly-created Cardinal Wuerl a few questions

about his elevation as well as the impending opening of a new Archdiocesan Seminary.

I first wanted to know how Cardinal Wuerl felt when he learned that the Pope intended to name him a Cardinal. In his response he pointed out that far from being simply a personal accolade, the elevation of our Archbishop to the College of Cardinals emphasizes the importance and trust the Supreme Pontiff places in Washington and it highlights that the "archdiocesan Church has a very important mission as it proclaims and lives out the Gospel of Christ in our nation's capital."

Regarding the new seminary, he said that the Washington, DC area is blessed with a number of major seminaries but there is nothing specifically pertaining to the college and pre-theology level. With the excellent philosophy department at The Catholic University and the large number of men entering formation right from high school, it was logical for the archdiocese to open a new seminary for them. It will be a wonderful opportunity to "experience the life of the Church in the archdiocese into which they will be incardinated and where they will serve and, at the same time, be prepared for priesthood by many of the priests with whom they will eventually be coworkers in the presbyterate." His Eminence stressed, however, that the connection with the Mount would continue to remain strong and vibrant. We are happy about that!

THE SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

by Mark Cusick, *Second Theology, Archdiocese of Washington DC*

On November 11th, Mr. Russ Breault presented the Shroud Encounter to the Mount St. Mary's Community. Mr. Breault's multimedia presentation was a part of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. (<http://shroudencounter.com/>) and included 150 images covering all aspects of Shroud research. His interesting look at the shroud walked the audience through scientific, biblical, and theological reasons suggesting that the Shroud is the actual burial linen used to bury the body of the Savior. It excited the audience to find out that Mr. Breault was 95% certain that the evidence pointed toward the veracity of the Shroud.

Mr. Breault, using his story-telling manner and visual displays, exhibited the fervor and dedication of a scientist who took us on a roller-coaster ride of scientific evidence, historical accounts and contemporary theories which led us to an understanding of what the shroud is--and isn't. Though fascinating for all its intrigue and dizzying array of evidence, Shroud Encounter opened not just the minds of those who attended that night but also the hearts, as we all felt a deeper appreciation in the end for the enormity of the holy sacrifice made by our Lord Jesus Christ for all of us.

FR. CLEMENT MACHADO ON PURGATORY

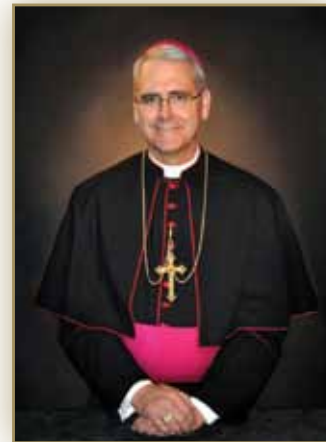
Fr. Clement Machado, renowned theologian and exorcist belonging to the Society of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Trinity, addressed the important topic of Purgatory in a symposium to seminarians at the Mount on October 26, 2010. The presentation had a twofold purpose. First, Fr. Machado elucidated the Church's teaching and tradition regarding the Souls in Purgatory. Second, he described the relationship between Christians on earth and the souls in Purgatory.

The presentation began with a description of the various Councils when the Church defined the existence of Purgatory. The Ecumenical Councils of II Nicaea, II Florence, and Trent deal with the dogma of Purgatory. Later, Paul VI revisited the doctrine in terms of indulgences not to change the Church's teaching but to develop it. The Catechism refers to the inexhaustible treasury which the one body of the Church holds. This treasury benefits Christians who wish to purify their souls. In particular Christians experience a "perennial link of charity between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sin in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (CCC1475). The treasury of the Church opens the great merit of Christ, his Mother, and his saints from which all Christians benefit.

Fr. Machado continued his talk by describing the relationship between Christians on earth and the departed in Purgatory. He explained that the Pilgrim Church has continuously honored with great respect the memory of the dead. The Church offers her suffrages for their deliverance from Purgatory. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, in their passage from Purgatory to heaven the souls suffer tremendously. Therefore, the souls in Purgatory count on our prayers because they can't accomplish satisfaction for themselves. Our prayers for them will strengthen the whole body of Christ, materially on earth and spiritually in Purgatory. Once the soul is released from Purgatory, their prayers will surely be effective for the Pilgrim Church when their prayers are placed before the throne of our Father in Heaven.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FLYNN

Archbishop Harry Flynn, former Seminary Rector and Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, was invited to the Mount to celebrate the Mass for All Souls on November 2, 2010. The Holy Mass was held at the National Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes located on the University campus. After the Mass, seminarians, priests, and friends processed from the Grotto by candlelight to St. Anthony's Cemetery where prayers were recited for the souls in Purgatory. During the procession, the bell tower with the golden statue of Our Lady tolled as the congregants sang. It was a very solemn occasion that is reminiscent of the Mount's great heritage and deep gratitude of our loved ones. The collective memory of past Mount St. Mary's alumni, priests, professors, and friends was lifted up to heaven through the songs and prayers of our liturgy. The bulwark of Catholicism proudly lives on as the Mount continues this annual tradition commemorating the beloved souls of our Christian brothers and sisters.



Archbishop Coakley Installed for Oklahoma City

Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley, S'83, former Bishop of Salina, Kansas, was appointed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to be the fourth Archbishop of Oklahoma City. The announcement was made in Rome on December 16, 2010. At the press conference in Oklahoma City, the new archbishop stated, "I have to admit that I am both excited and deeply humbled by the unexpected announcement that brings me here today. God is full of surprises!" The Mass of Episcopal Ordination and installation was celebrated on February 11, 2011, at the Church of St. John in Edmond, Oklahoma. Father Peter F. Ryan, S.J., Professor of Moral Theology, represented the Mount at the Mass. The Metropolitan Archdiocese of Oklahoma City serves 46,000 Catholics in thirty-one counties in the state.

Archbishop Coakley was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wichita in 1983 and later served as the Seminary's Director of Spiritual Formation from 1998-2002. He was appointed as Bishop of Salina by the late Pope John Paul II on October 21, 2004, the Mount's forty-seventh bishop.

On hearing the wonderful news about Archbishop Coakley, Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, S.T.D., S'76, Rector, said, "The archdiocese will be well served by having such a gentle and wise shepherd to lead them. We are indeed proud to claim Archbishop Coakley as an alumnus, Mountaineer priest and former faculty member and we pledge him our continued affection and prayers."



Fairways and Greens: Consistency as a Virtue

by Brian Fink, First Theology, Diocese of Peoria

On the weekend of All Saints and All Souls Day, the Mount community welcomed for the second time Mr. Eric Fink, a PGA professional at Hawk Hollow Golf Club in Bath, MI., and his wife, Nancy, for a follow-up golf clinic for seminarians. Similar to last year, Mr. Fink offered two practice sessions in which he emphasized the fundamentals of a good swing and a sound short game. Given the wide range of golf skills and experience among the seminarians who participated (several had never swung a golf club before), Mr. Fink again focused on helping the men develop a simple, consistent method of addressing the ball and making solid contact, as well as incorporating a brief lesson on rules and basic golf etiquette. "Golf is meant to be enjoyable," Mr. Fink noted, "and learning how the game ought to be played only adds to that enjoyment." Many thanks to Mr. Fink.



MARCH FOR LIFE

by Greg Haman, Third Theology, Diocese of Fargo

"Can you answer the hard call?" Such was on the minds of nearly 800 teenagers the morning of Monday, January 24, 2011, after they were challenged by Dr. Thomas Powell, the president of the university, to stand up and answer Christ's "hard call" to work for life and for virtue.

For the first time, about an hour and a half from Washington, Mount St. Mary's University Campus Ministry hosted its own rally for life in the Knott ARCC.

On Monday morning, **Most Rev. Michael Jackels, S'81**, Bishop of Wichita, KS celebrated Mass before the teens boarded busses and headed into the city for the march on the National Mall. The event began when the students were rallied by Michele Fleming, a motivational speaker on the Theology of the Body from San Diego and the Clint Felts Band, a Christian Rock band consisting of MSM students, a FOCUS missionary, and a seminarian. Before Mass on Monday morning, University senior Tricia Lester gave a personal testimony describing her first experience praying for women in front of an abortion clinic, and seminarian Michael Zimmer, from Lincoln, NE, who challenged them with their baptismal call to "be great."

Arriving in Washington, the teens joined the flow of nearly 400,000 others marching from the Mall to the Supreme Court to call for a pro-life culture. As the day ended, the sea of supporters dispersed again until next year, but the Mount began a new tradition for Campus Ministry, and a new way for them to take part in one of the largest pro-life rallies on the globe.



Candidacy Mass Friday, November 19, 2010

Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend and former Rector, was the Main Celebrant and Presider for the Candidacy Mass. Seminarians included in the photo with Bishop Rhoades and Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, Rector include (left – right): Brother Leonard Revilla, M.F.V.A.(Birmingham), Matthew Codd (Charlotte), Scott Carter (Wichita), Jonathan Slavinskis (Worcester), Francesco Francese (Providence), Richard Dyer (Arlington), Michael Hinterschied (Columbus), Benjamin Green (Wichita), Nicholas Droll (Columbus), Mark Starr (Atlanta), Jaime Garcia-Vasquez (Baltimore), Brother Patrick Russell, M.F.V.A.(Birmingham), and Mark Good(Charleston). Bishop Rhoades also conducted a Silent Day of Renewal for all seminarians.

ALUMNI NEWS

Fr. William Carey, S'67, Diocese of Bridgeport, retired in January as Pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Greenwich, CT. In 1980, at the age of 40, Fr. Carey became a chaplain with the U.S. Army and served with the 101st Air Assault Unit in Fort Campbell, KY. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Fr. William Petruska, S'73, is presently a contract priest for the U.S. Navy in San Diego, CA. After serving for eleven years in various positions with the Diocese of Scranton, Father Petruska began his career as a Chaplain with the Navy in 1984. Some of his assignments included Guam, Pearl Harbor, Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, IL, Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD and the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. He retired in 2008 as a Captain.

Fr. Francis Tamburro, C'70, S'74, is pastor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Berwick, Pa. and also Dean of the Northern Dearnery in the Diocese of Harrisburg. On January 30, 2011, he and his parishioners welcomed Bishop Joseph McFadden, and several priests in the diocese to celebrate a Mass, sponsored by the 4th Degree Assembly #974 of the Knights of Columbus in support of the Knights steadfast commitment to the sanctity of marriage.

Fr. Dan Kublala, S'76, was recently elected President of the Presbyteral Council and also appointed as a Consultor to Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski, Archbishop of Miami.

Fr. Benedetto Vaghetto, S'78, Diocese of Pittsburgh, is serving as Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Tribunal Office and also Spiritual Director of Saint Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. Fr. Vaghetto will be studying this summer at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

Msgr. Raymond East, S'81, was the celebrant of a Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg, Pa. in honor of Black History Month. The faithful gathered for the Mass on February 6, 2011, to celebrate African-American faith and culture. Msgr. East is Executive Director of the Office of Black Catholics for the Archdiocese of Washington and pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Church in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Brian Bebak, S'86, writes that he has been Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in El Dorado, KS, for the past three and one-half years and is looking forward to celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on May 31, 2011,

Fr. Hayden Vaverek, S'94, is now serving as a development officer for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) in New York City. He is a member of the Diocese of Charleston.

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Peter J. Alisaukas
College Class of 1939
Seminary Class of 1943
Diocese of Scranton
April 14, 2010

Joseph A. Barrett, Sr.
Rector's Council
Archdiocese of Washington
September 19, 2010

Peter Duchock
College Class of 1964
Seminary Class of 1968
June 2010

Jacques J. Moore
Benefactor
Diocese of Arlington
December 31, 2010

Fr. Frank J. Ryan
Seminary Class of 1958
Diocese of Peoria
July 4, 2010

Leo B. Topper
College Class of 1967
Retired, Vice President of
Business and Finance
January 1, 2011

May they rest in peace.

Bishop Knestout to be Celebrant at Homecoming Mass

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S.T.D., S'76

Rector, has announced that Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington and Seminary Class of 1989, will be the main celebrant for the traditional Homecoming Mass at the Seminary Alumni Reunion on Tuesday October 4, 2011. Bishop Knestout's Mass of Episcopal Ordination was celebrated on December 29, 2008; he is the fiftieth Mountaineer priest to be elevated to the Episcopacy. The reunion will also feature the presentation of the 36th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the Reunion Dinner and Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday morning.

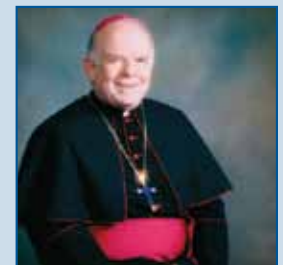
A block of rooms for the Reunion has been reserved at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg, located off US #15, a mile north of the Mount. For reservations, and a special Mount rate, alumni can call 301-447-0044 and be sure to mention the Seminary Reunion.



Bishop John W. Flesey to be Seminary Alumni Retreat Master

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S.T.D., Rector, has announced that Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, and a highly respected spiritual mentor and scholar, will be the Retreat Master for the annual Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat, June 20-24, 2011. Bishop Flesey received a doctorate of Sacred Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He served as a teacher and Spiritual Director at the Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University. In 1995, Bishop Flesey was named to a five-year term as the Seminary Rector and Dean. In 2003, he was appointed Director of Ongoing Formation for Priests of the Archdiocese of Newark, and later on May 21, 2004, was named by the late Pope John Paul II as Auxiliary Bishop.

For more information about these activities and more, please contact Phil McGlade, Office of Seminary Development, or Alumni Relations at 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.



Annual Family Weekend Held in October

The annual Family Weekend was held at the Seminary, Oct. 22-24, 2010, and it was the largest since the inaugural event in 2006. One-hundred and sixty-six family members of sixty-two seminarians from twenty-one dioceses participated in the activities. Some interesting facts about the family trips:

- States represented: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, California and as far away as Germany.
- 79,282 = total miles traveled round trips by family members to the Mount, excluding Germany (with Dusseldorf - 88,082)
- 25 families traveled more than 1,000 miles round trip to the Mount
- 1,278 miles = average round trip per family.

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S.T.D., Rector, has announced that next year's Fall Weekend will be October 21-23, 2011. The Seminary has reserved a block of 25 rooms at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg (301-447-0044), located one mile north of the Mount on U.S. Route #15. When making reservations, family members should inform the motel representative that they are with the Seminary. For more information about the events, please contact Phil McGlade (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu)



John Kocke, First Pre-Theology (Fargo) and his parents, John and Janet, Fargo, ND



Briggs Hurley, First Pre-Theology (St. Augustine) and his mother, Dawn, and grandmother, Laverne Michalk, Rockledge, FL



Adam Sparling, Second Theology (Lincoln) and his mother, Terri Murray, Lincoln, NB



Deacon Steve Dandeneau, Fourth Theology (Providence) and his parents, Jim and Jackie, Cumberland, RI



Rich Dyer, Third Theology (Arlington) and his parents, Richard and Justine, Culpeper, VA

BISHOP GUGLIELMONE SPEAKS TO SEMINARIANS ON SCOUTING

by Conrad Murphy, Second Pre-Theology, Archdiocese of Washington



"For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and fellowship, we thank thee, O Lord" Hundreds of Boy Scouts have prayed this simple prayer while trekking through the incredible beauty of God's creation. The Scouting Movement is not only compatible with the Catholic Faith, it's program of leadership development and personal formation can be one of the greatest tools at a Pastor's

disposal. According to Most Reverend Robert Guglielmono, Bishop of Charleston and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) liaison to the Boy Scouts of America, the Scouting program is wholeheartedly devoted to helping young men grow in virtue. In a conference to the Mount Seminarians, the Bishop and former World Chaplain to Catholic Scouting, noted that the Scouting movement has had a long history with the Catholic Church (Pope Pius XI invited Scouts to camp in the Vatican gardens) and is committed to upholding the fundamental values of society. Scouts not only learn camping and outdoor skills, they learn virtue and in Catholic troops have the opportunity for in depth catechesis. Scouting, concluded the Bishop, is more than a camping program, it's an opportunity to form the next generation of Catholic priests and lay men in virtue and reverence.

UPCOMING SEMINARY EVENTS

April 29, 2011

Lector Mass

Presiding – Bishop Peter J. Jugis,
Diocese of Charlotte

April 30, 2011

Acolyte Mass

Presiding - Bishop Peter J. Jugis,
Diocese of Charlotte

May 6, 2011

Deacon Night and Graduation

June 20 -24, 2011

Seminary Alumni Retreat

Retreat Master - Bishop John W. Flesey, Archdiocese of Newark

October 4-5, 2011

Seminary Alumni Reunion

Tuesday: Homecoming Mass – Bishop Barry C. Knestout, S'89, Archdiocese of Washington, Celebrant, and Reunion Dinner-Presentation of 36th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award; Wednesday: Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

October 21-23, 2011

Seminary Family Weekend

For more information: Phil McGlade, Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu)

RECENTLY AT THE SEMINARY

Veterans' Day Party: Nov. 12, 2010, seminarians honored included: Army - Brian McAllister, First Theo. (Arlington), Derek Hooper, First Pre-Theo. (Wichita), and Michael Revak, Second Theo. (Atlanta); Air Force – Richard Dyer, Third Theo. (Arlington); Air National Guard – Brian Fink, First Theo. (Peoria); and Army ROTC - Alec Scott, Second Pre-Theo. (Washington).



Retreats: The annual Silent Retreat, Jan. 10-14, 2011-The Most Rev. William P. Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, WI, served as the Retreat Master. The Fourth Year Retreat was

held the same week at St. Mary Providence Center in Elverson, PA.

Workshop: A workshop on Stewardship for all seminarians was conducted January 28-29, 2011. Fr. John Lanzrath, S'88 (Wichita) served as the Presenter.



DATE SET FOR CHAPEL RE-DEDICATION

The re-dedication of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2011, appropriately the date when the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, member of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the Seminary, will be the main celebrant.

The cornerstone of the Chapel was laid in 1908, during the Mount's Centennial celebration and solemnly dedicated on October 12, 1910. The last renovations were done in 1978 to bring the Chapel into conformity with the norms of the Second Vatican Council. The four year and \$2.5 million restoration preserves and enhances the beauty of the chapel.

More information about the re-dedication plans will be included in the future on the Mount's web site – www.msmary.edu.