



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

Seminary News

Remembering FR. ANTHONY MANOCHIO

By the Rev. Brett Brannen, Vice Rector



As the anniversary of Fr. Manochio's death approaches, Vice Rector Fr. Brannen, S'91, reflects on the example he set for so many at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

It was Dec. 31, 1995. I was four years ordained a priest and working hard in my south Georgia parish when I heard the news: "Father Manochio is dead." I immediately dropped what I was doing and went over to the church to celebrate Holy Mass for him. After all, as my spiritual director, he had done so much for me, and for hundreds of other priests who had attended the Mount through the years! I thought to myself, "Father Manochio, that great saint and 'prisoner' of

the confessional and spiritual direction room, the man who taught me so much about prayer, had died."

He had arrived at the Mount in 1972, under the invitation of Rector Fr. Harry Flynn (now archbishop). He immediately set about his work as head of spiritual formation. His holiness was immediately recognizable. He was soft-spoken and gentle, never saying an unkind word about anyone. Every morning, like clockwork, he entered St. Bernard's Chapel at 6 a.m. to begin his Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. He sat (or knelt) in the fourth pew on the right as you entered the church, directly in front of the tabernacle. If you were here in those years, you probably have a vivid mental picture of him kneeling there, his balding head bowed deeply in silent prayer. After Mass, it was not long before the sign went up on his door, "In Conference." It remained there most of the day, everyday. It was a good bet that, if you asked any 10 seminarians in the house, "Who is your spiritual director?" seven would say "Father Manochio."

I can still remember his words: "The purpose of a priest is to bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people." "There is nothing worse than a proud priest." "You can never become a good confessor until you first become a good penitent." He had so many pearls of wisdom.

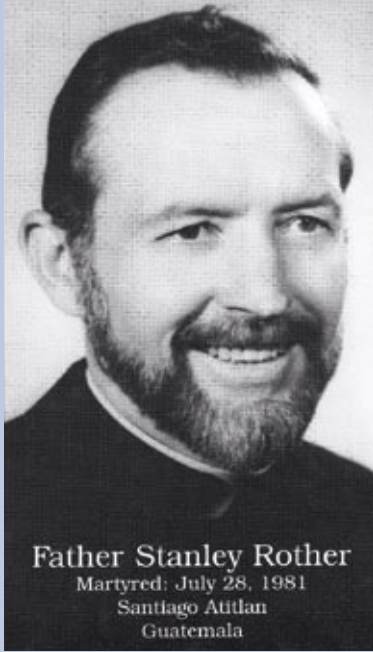
Father Manochio believed in simplicity of life and practiced what he preached. I can still see his old green "antique" car parked in front of McSweeney. It must have been an early 1960s model. As I recall, he had a brother who was a mechanic who patched it up for him every summer to get it through another year. He had a table outside of his room that was always piled high with clothes, shoes and other things. Seminarians would discard unwanted items there and other seminarians who needed them could pick them up. Today, there is an entire room in the basement of McSweeney devoted to this. The sign above the door reads "Manochio Mart."

He so looked forward to returning to his diocese to do what he loved so much: to be a parish priest. He waited for the bishop to make that decision. He would never ask to be changed. He finally received that call in 1992, after 20 years at the Mount. He returned to Jersey City, where he became pastor of Holy Rosary. I spoke to him only once by phone after his transfer and he told me how happy he was to be back in the parish, caring for God's people again.

In December 1995, he had been having chest pains and the doctor told him he needed to have a heart procedure. He assured the doctor that he would do so immediately after Christmas. He did not want to risk missing the great celebration of the birth of Christ! They found him sitting in his chair on December 31, when he had not shown up for the morning Mass. He had been preparing his homily.

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"YEAR OF FATHER STANLEY ROTHER" DECLARED FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ALUM'S MARTYRDOM

By Tom Crowe, Second Pre-Theology, Archdiocese of Arlington

"Kill me here," shouted **Fr. Stanley Rother, S'63**, to the three masked gunmen he fought in his Guatemalan rectory that night in late July 1981. The assailants had come to kill the man who had done so much to bring dignity and the love and peace of Christ to the poor people of Santiago Atitlán. Two gunshots to the head sent the missionary to his eternal reward.

Archbishop Eusebius Beltran of Fr. Rother's native Archdiocese of Oklahoma City declared 2006, the 25th anniversary of his assassination, the Archdiocesan Year of Father Stanley Rother. Prayer cards were printed and the diocese was asked to pray fervently for his canonization.

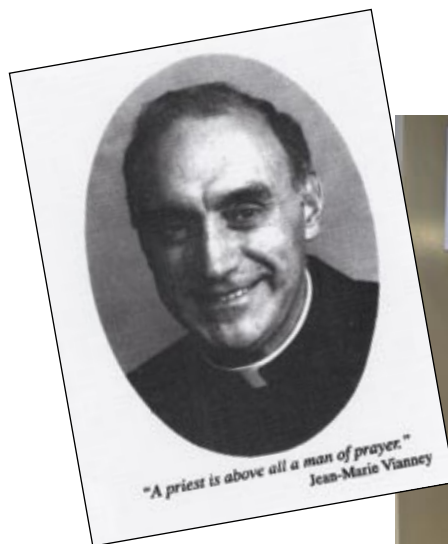
Father Rother poured himself out totally for the people of his Guatemalan parish. In his 13 years there he helped build a hospital, fixed up the church, worked the farms and celebrated up to five Sunday Masses each week with as many as 1,000 Baptisms per year. Perhaps most impressively, he mastered both Spanish and the native dialect of Tzutujil and even translated the New Testament into that difficult tongue! He deeply loved the people and was loved by them.

Civil war reached his village in 1980 and acts of charity became criminal. Father Rother refused to play politics. He remained true to the Gospel message of helping the downtrodden and doing what was right rather than what was pragmatic. In the end this radical witness, born of the love of Christ, led to his martyrdom. Father Stanley Rother, pray for us.

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Father Anthony Manochio was a legend at the Mount! He was a priest for 39 years and spent 20 of them at Mount St. Mary's. Ten years ago, a great saint died! From the old rocking chair in his room to his antique car parked out front ... every morning, fourth row right side, head bowed in prayer ... "In Conference" ... "The purpose of a priest is to bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people." I think I can speak for the many priests who came through the Mount and benefited from his holiness, guidance and wisdom when I say, "Father Manochio, you brought us to Jesus ... so that we could bring Him to others. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you! And may you rest in peace."

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INSIDE VIEW ON THREE POPES

By Peter Sharpe, 2nd Theology, Diocese of Fargo

The seminarian community was pleased to have the chance to hear the testimony of the only living man who has been a private secretary of three popes. **Bishop John Magee of Cloyne**, Ireland, gave an hour-and-a-half talk on a September afternoon, sharing some of his impressions of the pontiffs with whom he worked from 1974 until the early 1980s. The stories gave welcome insights on Popes Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II.

Bishop Magee was ordained for a missionary society and spent several years in Africa, his “first love.” He went to Rome and entered Vatican service. One day, his superior in the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith told him that his name had been “sent up,” and that when the call came, he was to say “yes.” He did not know what this meant but he did not ask any questions. He trusted his superior very much.

Nothing happened for six months, and then, after a telegram calling him back from Christmas vacation, he found himself in a little elevator in the Vatican, literally moving up—where, he wasn’t yet sure. A vivacious monsignor asked him if he could type and if he had a cassock, and sent him off to the dining room. Father Magee walked in, and almost ran into Pope Paul VI. At this point, he knew who his new boss would be!

All the years that followed of praying, walking and working with the popes allowed him to come to appreciate the authentic holiness and Christlikeness of each. In summing up each pope’s greatest virtue, the bishop suggested that the hallmark of Pope Paul VI was his complete love for the Church; Pope John Paul I, “the smiling pope,” was marked by an absolute humility; and Pope John Paul II was a man whose faith conviction gave him unbounded courage.

Bishop Magee finished by saying he hopes someday to publish the full account of his memoirs of these three holy men. When that comes out, it will be a best seller!

To order an audio CD of Bishop Magee’s talk, please send \$4 for MP3 format or \$8 for a 2 CD set to Mrs. Susie Nield, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Checks should be made payable to Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and note “Bishop Magee CD” in the memo line.



Bishop John Magee, center, private secretary for three popes, with Msgr. Rohlfs and Fr. Tommy Lane.



FORMER RECTOR HONORED AT PRIESTS' ALUMNI REUNION

Monsignor Richard M. McGuinness, former rector of the seminary, died on Aug. 9, 2006. He was 80 years old. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Aug. 12 in St. John the Apostle Church, Linden, N.J., with the Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, retired archbishop of Newark, serving as the principal celebrant. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair, N.J. Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, S’76, rector, and Father Brett Brannen, S’91, vice rector, represented the Mount at the Mass. A memorial Mass was held in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on September 9. Monsignor Rohlfs was the celebrant and the Rev. Brannen, Monsignor McGuinness’ former student, served as the homilist.

Monsignor McGuinness succeeded Archbishop Harry Flynn, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as rector in 1979. During his service as rector, seminarians from more than 50 dioceses studied and were ordained from the seminary. In 1987, Monsignor McGuinness returned to the Archdiocese of Newark and served as pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish for 18 years. He was also director of the Permanent Diaconate Program, director of the Respect for Life Office and columnist for *The Catholic Advocate*.

In March 2006, Monsignor McGuinness was named the recipient of the 31st Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award sponsored by the National Alumni Association. On April 13, Archbishop John J. Myers and Monsignor Rohlfs presented the award to him following Holy Thursday Mass at St. Theresa Church, Kenilworth, N.J.

Monsignor McGuinness was honored posthumously at the Priests’ Alumni Reunion Dinner on Tuesday, October 3rd. In his poignant tribute, Father Brannen said about his mentor, “In his quiet, humble, joyful way, he brought people to Jesus and Jesus to people for fifty-five years of priesthood. His was a priesthood well lived!”

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

By John Rapisarda, *Third Theology*, Archdiocese of Baltimore

DR. OWEN PHELAN

The Mount community is pleased to welcome Dr. Owen Phelan as professor of church history. Dr. Phelan comes to us after teaching at Valparaiso University and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Burke, Va. One of his favorite assignments, however, was teaching 2nd grade CCD at Sacred Heart Parish in South Bend, Ind. He and his wife, Lauren, have three children: Declan, Therese and one TBD. Dr. Phelan received his BA degree from the College of William and Mary and his MA and PhD from the University of Notre Dame. He expects “lots of prayer” to come with working at the Mount, and is impressed with the beautiful location of the campus.



*“You are great,
O Lord, and greatly
to be praised.”
—St. Augustine*

MR. FREDERICK ZIEGLER

Welcome back to Mr. Frederick Ziegler, our organist and director of liturgical music. Mr. Ziegler served the Mount through the spring of 1997 and now returns to lead us in music and song. He has four children, one of whom is a student at Mount St. Mary’s University. Mr. Ziegler was born and raised on a farm in Sykesville, Md. He began his career as a liturgical musician at age 14. Now, 40 years and eight churches later, he enters the “pinnacle of [his] career.” He reports that he “continues to be impressed” with the Mount and expects “to be a positive element in the formation of the men.”



*“A hymn is a prayer
said twice.”
—St. Augustine*

MONSIGNOR STUART SWETLAND, STD

In 1991, Monsignor Swetland finished his studies here at the Mount and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria, Ill. Fifteen years later, he returns to us as our director of homiletics and pre-theology. Monsignor Swetland was born in Pittsburgh, and has family elsewhere in Pennsylvania, as well as in South Carolina, California, Georgia and Illinois. While his favorite assignment was being the chaplain of the Newman Center at the University of Illinois, he says that “it is great to be back on this Holy Mountain.” He happily observes that “the staff and seminarians are absolutely first rate.”



*“We know that all things
work together for good
for those who love God
and are called according
to his purpose.”
—Romans 8:28*

2006 SEMINARY REUNION

OCTOBER 3-4, 2006



LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Fr. Thomas Walsh, S'53 (Charlotte) and Fr. Hugh McGroarty, S'45 (Scranton), attending the Priests' Alumni Reunion dinner, have served the Church for 114 years.



Rev. Mr. Joseph Yokum, Diocese of Columbus, received a Rev. Carl J. Fives National Alumni Scholarship at the traditional Priests' Alumni Dinner. Joining in the presentation are: President Thomas H. Powell, Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, Rector, and Patrick J. Goles, C'64, National Alumni President



Bishop Paul S. Coakley, S'83, the Mount's 47th bishop, with President Thomas H. Powell and Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S'76 at the Bishop's Garden on the Terrace

Bishop Paul S. Coakley, S'83, Diocese of Salina, offered the Centennial Blessing of McSweeney Hall as part of the Priests' Alumni Reunion. The cornerstone for the building was laid on October 8, 1906

Class of 1996 (L-R): Fr. Eric Arnout (Allentown), Fr. Thomas Hennessy (Atlanta), Fr. John Clark (Washington), Fr. Brian Brownsey (Peoria), Fr. Joseph Wheelock (Ogdensburg), Fr. Loras Grell (Lincoln) and Fr. Tim Baer (Washington)



2007 ALUMNI REUNION DATES ANNOUNCED: BISHOP WILLIAM LORI TO RETURN TO THE MOUNT

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, rector, has announced that **Bishop William E. Lori, STD, S'77**, Diocese of Bridgeport, will be the main celebrant of the traditional Homecoming Mass at the Priests' Alumni Reunion on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007. Bishop Lori was ordained to the priesthood from the Mount for the Archdiocese of Washington on May 17, 1977, by William Cardinal Baum. In 1995, he was elevated to the Episcopate as auxiliary bishop of Washington. On Jan. 23, 2001, he was appointed by the late Pope John Paul II to be the fourth bishop of Bridgeport. Bishop Lori was installed on March 19, 2001.

Other reunion highlights will include the presentation of the 32nd Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the Reunion Dinner, and Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

A block of 25 rooms has been reserved at the Sleep Inn-Emmitsburg, located off U.S. Rt. 15, a mile north of the Mount. For reservations, and a special Mount rate, call 301-447-0044 and be sure to mention the Priests' Reunion.

For more information about reunion activities, contact **Phil McGlade, Office of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).**





MOUNT ST. MARY'S CLAIMS SECOND CONSECUTIVE RECTOR'S CUP TITLE

By Tom Crowe, Second Pre-Theology, Archdiocese of Arlington

Gladstone, NJ ~ Mount St. Mary's won its second consecutive Rector's Cup title, defeating host Immaculate Conception Seminary 4-2 in the championship soccer game after shutting out St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoody, in the semifinal round, 2-0.

Despite losing six starters from the 2005 squad, the defending champs managed to bend but not break on defense and break through just enough on offense. Despite some shaky play early on, the Mount's tenacity and superior teamwork made the difference.

In the championship game, ICS struck first on a penalty kick that MSM goalie **Tim Naples** (2nd theology, Burlington) initially appeared to have stopped. **Henri Atem** (3rd theology, Atlanta) tied the score shortly after and an impressive save by Naples on ICS's second penalty kick preserved the 1-1 knot at the half.

MSM midfielder **Jason Weber** (1st theology, Arlington) tied the game with a looping shot that dropped in over the ICS goalie from 25 yards out. MSM took the lead when midfielder **Alfonso Fernandez** (3rd theology, Granada, Spain), Rector's Cup MVP, headed a laser shot into the corner of the goal off a perfect corner kick by **Carlos Gallardo** (4th theology, Atlanta). Atem closed out the scoring with his second goal as time wound down.

Four different Mounties found the goal in the two games: Atem with three, and one each from Weber, Fernandez and **Collins Anaech** (3rd theology, Hartford), who twisted a shot along the end line and into the goal against Dunwoody. Gallardo had three assists in the championship game despite a severely pulled hamstring. Also contributing on offense were **Matthew Ericksen** (2nd theology, Savannah) and **Craig Sanger** (1st theology, Wichita)

Defensively, with a shutout of Dunwoody and ICS's only goals coming on penalty kicks, MSM completely shut down opposing offenses. Despite two pulled hamstrings, **Deacon Jon-Daniel Schnobrich** (Burlington), team captain and veteran of six MSM Rector's Cup teams, set the tone at sweeper. Joining the effort were a host of Rector's Cup rookies: **Josh Bennett** (2nd pre-theology, Lafayette-in-Indiana), **Rheo Ofalsa** (2nd pre-theology, Omaha) and **Matt Rolling** (1st theology, Lincoln), who played just about every minute of both games, **Chad Arnold** (1st theology, Wichita), and **Chiji Ogbuka** (1st theology, Atlanta), who spelled Schnobrich at sweeper.

Schuster, who only played in the second half of the championship game due to injury, praised Schnobrich's leadership. "He orchestrated the whole defense, and trained them so well in the few short weeks before the tournament

that they were able to play solid D even when [he] couldn't lead them on the field due to his injury. Then from the sidelines he made some great strategic substitutions and kept our heads in the game when emotions were running high."

"Everyone played so well, and as a team," Schnobrich commented after playing his final Rector's Cup game. "As far as next year goes, we're only losing one player, so I expect that the Mount is going to be a contender again. I know the guys are already looking forward to defending the championship next fall."

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— Deacon Jon-Daniel Schnobrich

MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY 2006-07

33 SENDING DIOCESES



NEW ENGLAND

- Burlington
- Boston
- Fall River
- Worcester
- Providence
- Bridgeport
- Hartford
- Norwich

MID ATLANTIC

- Baltimore
- Washington
- Arlington
- Harrisburg
- Camden
- Newark
- Wheeling-Charleston
- Military Services

SOUTH

- Charlotte
- Atlanta
- Savannah
- Birmingham

MID WEST

- Columbus
- Peoria
- Rockford
- Lafayette in Indiana
- Kalamazoo
- Fargo
- Dodge City
- Wichita
- Lincoln
- Omaha

NEW MEN

In fall 2006 the seminary welcomed 52 new seminarians bringing overall enrollment to 152 from 33 sending dioceses and three religious orders (see map and list above for sending dioceses). We now have over 1,000 priests from the Mount serving in parishes throughout the United States.



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ARCHBISHOP HARRY J. FLYNN LEADS ALUMNI SUMMER RETREAT

Former seminary rector
Archbishop Harry J. Flynn,
S'60, Archdiocese of Saint
Paul and Minneapolis,
served as the retreat master
for the annual Seminary
Alumni Retreat held at the
Mount, June 19-23, 2006.
The participants included
56 alumni from 26 seminary
classes and 18 dioceses.

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs,
STD, S'76, rector, has
announced that next year's
retreat at the seminary will be
held June 18-22, 2007. The
retreat master will be
Fr. Thomas Acklin, OSB.

*For more information about
the 2007 retreat, please
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