



MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

Seminary News

SEMINARY MOURNS DEATH OF SISTER JOAN GORMLEY



Sister Joan Gormley, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Mount St. Mary's Seminary for 20 years, died at Gettysburg Hospital on Friday, October 19 after a long fight with cancer.

Sr. Joan was born in Philadelphia and received her B.A. at Trinity College in Washington D.C., and her M.A. in classics from Harvard University. She completed her doctorate in New Testament studies at Fordham University and then did post-graduate work which included study at the Ecole Biblique de Jerusalem and the Theresian Documentation Center, in Lisieux, France.

She arrived at the Mount in 1988 as a professor of Sacred Scripture, Spirituality, and Homiletics. In that capacity, Sr. Joan touched the lives of over 700 seminarians! "Sr. Joan not only taught seminarians

about the scriptures, she taught them how to preach them; but also, through her own example as a dedicated woman of the Church, she showed the men how to live them," said Fr. J. Daniel Mindling, OFM Cap., long-time colleague and Academic Dean of the Seminary.

"She admired the simplicity of St. Therese, and lived her spiritual life based on the principles of that sainted Doctor of the Church," according to Fr. Robert Zylla, OSC, a fellow faculty member. "Sr. Joan never sought the limelight; she looked for the good to be done, and did it." Fr. Brett Brannen, Vice Rector, added "She taught me the Gospel of John and I still use my notes from that course in my preaching! She was a tough teacher but I really liked and respected her."

Sr. Joan, in addition to her life-long interest in St. Therese of Lisieux, was also an expert in the spiritual writings of the Spanish mystics and St. John of Avila. Her translation of the latter's writings on priestly spirituality was published in book length form. The Archbishop of Granada in Spain, the Most Reverend Javier Martinez-Fernandez, was a long-time friend of Sr. Joan. The two studied together and maintained contact through the years. He respected her so

much that he honored her by sending two of his seminarians to study in Emmitsburg under her guidance.

Sr. Joan was one of thirteen children and all of those still living were present during her last week of life and at the funeral. On Tuesday, October 23rd, Sr. Joan's body was brought to St. Bernard's Chapel. The seminarians received her mortal remains with great reverence and then they held an all-night vigil, praying the Holy Rosary for the repose of her soul at the top of every hour! The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, October 24th at 9:30 am in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Former Rector of the Mount, Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Harrisburg, was the

main celebrant and homilist. The funeral Mass was attended not only by every seminary and university priest but by over 40 of her former students, now priests in dioceses around the country! Afterward, Fr. Brannen traveled to Philadelphia with the two seminarians from Granada, David Alcalde-Morales and Ildefonso Fernandez-Figares, for the burial in the Gormley family plot.

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf's, Rector, stated, "Sr. Joan will be sorely missed by us all. She was an example of steadfast love and commitment to the Church for both the faculty and the seminarians. She was a woman of faith and a woman of the Church."

Sr. Joan Gormley, Rest in Peace!



TWO HUNDRED VOCATION DIRECTORS VISIT THE MOUNT IN ONE DAY

What an opportunity! This year, the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD) held their annual convention in Baltimore the week of September 24th. On September 25th, five buses filled with over 200 vocation directors from all over the country pulled up in front of Mount St. Mary's Seminary for their Tuesday Day of Recollection preached by Fr. Benedict Groeschel. These vocation directors, with their respective bishops, are the ones who make the decision about which seminary to send their seminarians. Many of these priests (and some religious and lay people also), especially those from the western U.S., had never before seen Mount St. Mary's Seminary and knew us only by reputation.

The Mount was well-prepared to receive these important visitors. As soon as each bus arrived through the front gate of the University, a seminarian (transitional deacon) boarded the bus and began to speak to the vocation directors about the bicentennial celebrations, the seminary, the Grotto, etc. Upon arriving at McSweeney Hall, they were given tours of the seminary, had questions answered or just allowed to wander around. They were escorted to whatever they wanted to see in the short time before the Day of Recollection began.

In Immaculate Conception Chapel, Fr. Groeschel spoke to the visitors on the importance of faith and fidelity in vocation recruitment, followed by a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There were 10 Mount priests available for confessions during the Holy Hour. The short retreat ended with Holy Mass at 11:30 and then a "pig roast lunch." Mount seminarians served all these liturgical events and provided the music for the choirs.



After lunch, the vocation directors boarded a bus designated for the excursion they had selected. Some went to the Grotto, some to the Seton Shrine, some to Gettysburg and some to Washington D.C. Others hung around to visit with their seminarians or to attain more information about the Mount.

The NCDVD convention is hosted by a different region of the U.S. every year and with thirteen regions, it will be a long time before the convention comes back to this area. To have over 200 vocation directors on site at the same time was a tremendous marketing opportunity and we are hopeful that it will result in some new sending dioceses. The seminary administration is especially grateful to Deacon Jim Flanagan from Atlanta, who organized the seminarians for the visit and made the many detailed preparations. A special thank you also to Fr. Jerry Francik (VD of Baltimore), Fr. Brian Bashista, S'99 (VD of Arlington) and Msgr. Robert Panke (VD of Washington, DC), whose intercession was instrumental in getting the Day of Recollection to the Mount!

Thirty-two dioceses currently send men to Mount St. Mary's Seminary. After such an event, we are hopeful that this number will go up!

Fr. Brett Brannen
Vice Rector

Apostolic Nuncio Visits Mount St. Mary's Seminary

By Tom Crowe, S'11 (Diocese of Arlington)

The Apostolic nuncio to the United States, His Excellency, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, graced the seminary with a visit on the evening of September 10, 2007. With all the seminarians in attendance, the Archbishop began by celebrating Mass for the intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Afterwards Archbishop Sambi gave a lecture on the role of the Nuncio during which he shared some personal experiences, both in the Diplomatic Corps and as a seminarian at the Second Vatican Council. He explained to the seminarians that a Nuncio, as a delegate of the Pope, is primarily sent from Rome to the Church in a particular country, and only secondarily to the secular government. A Vatican diplomat can have many posts over the years: Archbishop Sambi's resumé reveals that since his entry into the Diplomatic Corps in 1969, he has been sent all over the world—to such places as Cuba, Algeria, Jerusalem and Indonesia. At the end of the lecture, there was a question and answer period. Archbishop Sambi remarked that there are no bad questions; but the answers might have to be cautious! In response to seminarian's queries, he then elaborated on his role in the selection of bishops, gave a diplomat's opinion of the war in Iraq, and shared some insights about the Popes under whom he had worked. The evening was a window into a lesser known sphere of the Church and the seminarians were glad to receive an authoritative first-hand commentary.



40 HOURS RETREAT



Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, visited the Mount September 7-9, 2007 to preach the annual 40 Hours Retreat with which the seminary begins each academic year.

PRE-THEOLOGY GRADUATION TRADITION



Second pre-theologians annually display their pleasure at shedding the white shirt and black tie uniform with clever displays and innocent pranks. This past year, a shirt and tie measuring 30' high by 75' wide was hung from the fourth floor windows on Deacon Night. The graduating second pretheologians also presented the "actual pretheology uniform worn by Fr. John Dubois" and hung their felt graduation banners in the first floor hallway near the Rector's office.

Seminary Faculty News



Associate Professor Robert Miller was one of five scholars internationally commissioned to write papers on ancient Israel in its earliest history, from its emergence as a nation until the reign of Solomon.

The European Seminar on Methodology in Israel's History commissioned papers

from contributors from the universities of Edinburgh, Berne, Copenhagen and North Carolina as well as the Mount. The seminar is committed to debating issues surrounding the history of ancient Israel with the aim of developing methodological principles for writing a history of the period.

The five papers were circulated in June, and then the authors met in Vienna in July at the International Society of Biblical Literature conference, where their papers were discussed by scholars from Brandeis, Notre Dame, University of Hull (England), University of Sheffield (England) and Tel Aviv University. The five essays, along with essays from last year's meeting, will be published in book form in the seminar's book series with Continuum Press.

Dr. Miller was invited to join the seminar and contribute an essay because of the reception of his 2005 book, "Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC." The next meeting of the seminar will be in the summer of 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal

SEMINARY ALUMNI RETREAT 2007

The annual Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat was held on campus June 18-22, 2007. Msgr. James J. Mulligan, former Seminary Dean of Studies, served as Retreat Master. Participants included:



Msgr. Steven Rohlf, Rector, has announced that the next retreat will be held at the Seminary June 9-13, 2008. Fr. Thomas Acklin, OSB, will be the Retreat Master.

Fr. James Armstrong, S'77 (Pittsburgh) Fr. John Barbella, S'87 (Metuchen), Msgr. James Beattie, S'61 (Washington) Fr. F. Michael Bryant, S'69 (Washington), Fr. John Carney, S'63 (Baltimore) Fr. Timothy Castor, S'01 (Rapid City), Msgr. Karl Chimiak, S'80 (Washington) Fr. Patrick Devine, S'69 (Harrisburg), Fr. Peter DiTomasso, S'04 (M.SS.CC) Fr. James Dolan, S'75 (Pittsburgh), Fr. James Durkin, S'68 (Camden) Msgr. James Farmer, S'80 (Baltimore), Fr. Robert Finlan, S'94 (Allentown) Fr. Lawrence Frazier, S'71 (Baltimore), Fr. Richard Gallagher, S'72 (Trenton) Fr. Chris Haake, S'97 (Peoria), Fr. Larry Hess, S'79 (Allentown) Fr. John Hissrich, S'86 (Pittsburgh), Fr. Paul Josten, S'87 (Sioux Falls) Fr. Michael Krull, S'86 (Metuchen), Fr. Frank Kurimsky, S'86 (Pittsburgh) Fr. Kenneth Kolibas, S'94 (Metuchen), Fr. Robert Lacey, S'05 (Sioux Falls) Msgr. Philip Lowery, S'76 (Trenton), Fr. Michael Maranowski, S'87 (Pittsburgh) Fr. Peter McLaughlin, S'78 (Camden), Fr. Kenneth Medve, S'97 (Allentown) Fr. Ronald Moratelli, S'69 (Harrisburg), Fr. John Mudd, S'69 (Washington) Fr. Kenneth Parker, S'65 (Raleigh), Msgr. Thomas Phillips, S'71 (Baltimore) Fr. Edward Quinlan, S'78 (Harrisburg), Fr. Eugene Roberts, S'75 (Trenton) Fr. Michael Ruane, S'69 (Baltimore), Fr. Jeffrey Samaha, S'78 (Washington) Fr. Stanley Swacha, S'79 (Erie), Msgr. Thomas Walsh, S'53 (Charlotte) Fr. Edwin Wichman, S'80 (Pittsburgh), Fr. Michael Messaro (Harrisburg) Fr. Bernardo Pistone (Harrisburg), Fr. Larry Adamczyk (Baltimore) Fr. Francis Karwacki (Harrisburg) and Msgr. Edward Lynch (Baltimore)

FATHER ROBERT FINLAN TO CHAIR ANNUAL FUND

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, Rector, has announced that Fr. Robert T. Finlan, S'94, will serve as Chairman for the 2007-2008 Seminary Annual Fund. He succeeds Fr. C. Douglas Kenney, C'95, S'99, who was recently elected as National Alumni Vice President in June.



Fr. Finlan, a member of the Diocese of Allentown, was recently appointed as President of Bethlehem Catholic High School in Bethlehem, Pa. He previously served as President of Holy Name High School in Reading, Pa. and Cardinal Brennan High School in Ashland, Pa. Fr. Finlan has also been a member of the Rector's Council since 2005.

SILVER JUBILARIANS

In the June 2007 Seminary Newsletter recognizing members of the Class of 1982 for their twenty-five years of service to the Church, Fr. Thomas J. Smith and Fr. William R. Dermott, Jr. were not included. Fr. Smith, a member of the Diocese of Norwich, is a chaplain at Saint Emma Monastery and Retreat House in Greensburg, Pa. Fr. Dermott, a member of the Diocese of Allentown, is presently a United States Navy chaplain stationed in Norfolk, Va. We regret the error and congratulate Fr. Smith and Fr. Dermott on their silver jubilee. PGM

SEMINARY ANNUAL GIVING - A TERRIFIC YEAR!

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, Rector, has announced that the 2006-2007 Seminary Annual Fund generated over \$376,000 in gifts from alumni, parents, friends and foundations. In addition, he noted that Seminary alumni participation increased from 31% to 35%. Msgr. Rohlfs stated, "On behalf of our faculty and seminarians, I would like to extend my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our benefactors. We truly appreciate your continued generosity and financial support of our venerable Seminary. Also, many thanks to Fr. Doug Kenney for his efforts as Chairman of the Annual Fund".

FATHER MINDLING RECOGNIZED

Father J. Daniel Mindling, OFM, Cap., Seminary Academic Dean, received a plaque of appreciation from the Maryland Catholic Conference at the October 2006 meeting of its Governing and Administration Boards. The plaque was presented to Fr. Mindling by Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, Archdiocese of Washington, who thanked Fr. Mindling for his dedicated efforts while serving as general editor of the bishops' new pastoral letter, *Comfort and Consolation: Care of the Sick and Dying*.

ANNUAL PRIESTS' REUNION

OCTOBER 2-3, 2007



Mount alumni priests and seminarians prepare for the procession into the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception for the Homecoming Mass.



Bishop William E. Lori, S'77, the Mount's 45th bishop, with President Thomas H. Powell and Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S'76, at the Bishops' Garden on the Terrace following the Homecoming Mass. Bishop Lori was the main celebrant.



Bishop William Lori and Fr. Michael Roach, member of Seminary faculty for 30 years, received Bicenennial Medals following the homecoming Mass. President Powell and Msgr. Rohlfs made the presentations.



Deacon James Flanagan, Archdiocese of Atlanta, received the Fr. Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship at the Priests' Reunion Dinner. He is congratulated by Bishop William Lori, S'77, Msgr. Steven Rohlfs, S'76, Rector, Fr. Doug Kenney, C'95, S'99, Alumni Vice President, and Pat Goles, C'64, Alumni President.



Class of 1997 at the Priests' Reunion Dinner were: Fr. Bob Oravetz, Pittsburgh Byzantine Diocese (seated) and Fr. Chris Haake (L) and Fr. Donald Roszkowski (R), both of the Diocese of Peoria.



Silver Jubilarians from the Class of 1982 attending the Priests' Alumni Dinner include: (Front: L-R) Fr. David Danneker (Diocese of Harrisburg). Fr. Robert Pasley, Diocese of Camden, and (Rear) Fr. John Hurley, Archdiocese of Washington.



Fr. Robert V. Zylla, member of the faculty for 36 years, received the 32nd Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the National Alumni Association at the Reunion Dinner. He is congratulated by Bishop Lori, Msgr. Rohlfs, Fr. Kenney and Pat Goles. Fr. Zylla has taught over 80% of all living Mount alumni priests.

FR. RON GILLIS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

On August 27, 2007, Fr. Ron Gillis was a priest for 40 years! For the last 20 years, Fr. Gillis has served as an adjunct spiritual director at the Mount. Though he is the full time chaplain at The Heights Catholic School in D.C., he drives up to the Mount every week and stays about 24 hours to do spiritual direction. He currently serves as the spiritual director for 21 Mount seminarians! The seminary community celebrated with Fr. Gillis with a Solemn Mass in I.C. Chapel followed by a banquet for his family, friends and directees. Thank you Fr. Gillis for sharing one half of your priesthood with Mt. St. Mary's Seminary!





WELCOME NEW SEMINARIANS!

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, STD, Rector, has announced that 160 seminarians from 32 dioceses and four religious orders are presently studying for the priesthood at the Mount, including 50 new men. The Rector also notes that 30% of the seminarians were not born in the United States and came to the Seminary from 14 countries: Mexico, Columbia, Venezuela, Argentina, The Philippines, Malaysia, Spain, Peru, Poland, Vietnam, Nigeria, Kenya, Togo and the Cameroon.



BICENTENNIAL KICK-OFF

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Diocese of Harrisburg and former Rector, was the main celebrant and homilist at the opening Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception celebrated on August 24th, appropriately the birth date of Father John DuBois. Later in the day, Bishop Rhoades blessed a bronze statue of Father DuBois unveiled at its location on the Terrace and dedicated as Founder's Plaza.

MARIAN DAY AT THE GROTTO OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

By Patrick Reilley Diocese of Wichita S'10

This September, the Legion of Mary at Mount St. Mary's, along with three seminary professors, held the first Marian Day in at least 10 years at the Grotto of the Immaculate Conception. The theme for this year's Marian Day was "Mary and the Perfection of the Christian Life". Three faculty members at Mount St. Mary's, Sr. Joan Gormley, Fr. Frederick Miller and Msgr. Stuart Swetland, presented talks on the subject of Mary as the exemplar of the Christian life.

The Marian Days were first proposed last year as a way for the Legion of Mary to increase devotion to Our Lady and to provide an opportunity for people to learn more about the role of the Blessed Virgin in their lives. Fr. Frederick Miller, chaplain for the Mount St. Mary's Praesidium, said that the seminarians arranged the entire program and contacted the speakers for the weekend. Fr. Miller continued, "I've been impressed by many of the seminarians in their working and planning."

The weekend was well attended by both locals and visitors, including a group of seminarians from St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie) in New York. Many seminarians from the base of Our Lady's Mountain made the climb to take part in the day, which included Mass, three talks and a Holy Hour. Sr. Joan Gormley, member of the Scripture Department, gave a talk Saturday morning on "Mary and the Purgative Way". This was followed by a talk by Msgr. Stuart Swetland, Director of Pre-theology, on "Mary and the Illuminative Way". Finally, Saturday afternoon, Fr. Fred Miller, Systematic Theology, gave a talk on "Mary and the Unitive Way". The afternoon ended with a Holy Hour that concluded with Benediction.

Due to the success of this year's Marian Day, the Legion of Mary is already planning a special Marian Day weekend to coincide with the celebration of Mount St. Mary's Bicentennial. This three-day celebration will take place on October 9-11th, 2008, and will be divided thematically with Thursday and Friday oriented for priests, seminarians and religious and Saturday for the general public.

VISIT THE SEMINARY ONLINE...

Go to www.msmary.edu/seminary for the latest updates and news about admissions, catalog (PDF format), degree programs, formation, calendar of events, alumni news, ways to provide financial support and the Mount's Bicentennial celebration, which officially began on August 24, 2007.

ALUMNI NEWS

Fr. Patrick Devine, S'69, a member of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is pastor of St. Columba Parish in Bloomsburg, PA. The parish recently celebrated its 125th anniversary.

Fr. Thomas Kessler, S'84, Diocese of Allentown, has been assigned to the Seminary of Saint Paul in Saint Paul, MN.

Fr. Lee Hellwig, S'86, is a Lt. Cmdr. and Chaplain in the United States Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska. He is a member of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Fr. Salvatore "Sam" Lamendola, S'90, has been named pastor and administrator of St. Ambrose Church, Avonmore, PA and St. Matthew Church, Saltsburg, PA. He is a member of the Diocese of Greensburg and formerly served as Director of the Seminary's Pastoral Field Education Program.

Fr. Gary Caster, S'93, was recently named Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. He is a member of the Diocese of Peoria.

Fr. Kyle Ingels, S'05, has been named Chaplain at the University of Maryland in College Park. He is a member of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Fr. Chad Wilhelm, S'94, served in the United States Navy Chaplaincy Corps from 1992-1994. During this time, he served on the USS Ranger, at the United States Naval Academy and the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Also, he served within the Diocese of Fargo as the Director of the Apostleship of Prayer, member of the Liturgy Committee, member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal. Currently, he is Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, ND.

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. William M. Dwyer
College Class of 1934
Seminary Class of 1938
Diocese of Syracuse
September 6, 2006

Fr. John O. Winnenberg
College Class of 1951
Seminary Class of 1955
Archdiocese of Washington
May 7, 2007

Fr. Cyril M. Hudak
College Class of 1949
Seminary Class of 1953
Archdiocese of Miami
Diocese of Scranton
September 10, 2007

Fr. Robert F. Lentz
College Class of 1960
Seminary Class of 1964
Archdiocese of Baltimore
September 18, 2007

Fr. Andrew F. Strish
Seminary Class of 1967
Diocese of Scranton
May 15, 2007

Sr. Ann Bernadette Cafferty
O.S.F.
Mount St. Mary's Sister Superior
Sisters of St. Francis 1939 - 1984
September 27, 2007

May they rest in peace.

NEW SEMINARY FACULTY



Mr. Alejandro Titus-Aguilera, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology



Dr. Paige E. Hochschild, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy for Pre-Theology



Fr. Leo E. Patalinghug, STL, Archdiocese of Baltimore, Director of Pastoral Field Education



Fr. Marcelo F. Parma, JCD, Diocese of San Juan, Argentina, Associate Director of Spiritual Formation



Mrs. Caroline Purcell, Instructor, English as a Second Language Program



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UPCOMING SEMINARY ALUMNI EVENTS

June 2008

9 - 13 Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat
Retreat Master-Fr. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B

October 2008

8-9 Priests' Alumni Reunion
9 Festival of Mary Lecture
11 Bicentennial Gala Dinner
Wyndham Hotel,
Gettysburg, Pa.
12 Bicentennial Closing Mass
Archbishop Harry J.
Flynn, S' 60
Archdiocese of Saint Paul

RECTOR'S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Mount St. Mary's Seminary Rector's Cup Soccer Team celebrates after winning this annual tournament for the third year in a row! Each year, St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie, NY), St. Charles Seminary (Philadelphia), Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall (Newark) and the Mount come together for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, fun and soccer. The tournament is hosted by one of these seminaries each year. Next year, Mount St. Mary's will be the host. Can we make it four years in a row?

COMING SOON SEMINARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, Rector, has announced that a Seminary Email Newsletter will be introduced to the community by the end of the year. The newsletter will be sent periodically to alumni, parents and friends and include timely updates from the Seminary. To receive it, please be sure the Office of Seminary Development/ Alumni Relations has your email address. For more information or to include your address, please contact Phil McGlade (mcglade@msmary.edu).