

Spring/Summer 2024



Class Notes



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Honorees pictured before graduation ceremony. (l-r) Fr. Lawrence Terrien, P.S.S., Dr. Brent Laytham, President-Rector Fr. Phillip Brown, P.S.S., Archbishop William E. Lori, Dr. Matthew Dugandzic, Msgr. Paul McPartlan, and Fr. Paul Maillet, P.S.S.

Faculty News



Fr. Phillip J. Brown, P.S.S. gave a presentation last semester at the Casa Santa Maria in Rome to canonists on the *Ratio* and PPF. He also met with the Dicastery for Religious Institutes in Rome on two separate matters concerning religious communities that he serves as either Vatican-appointed Religious Assistant or canonist for the superiors of the community. He agreed to serve as canonical consultant regarding a cause for sainthood. Fr. Brown gave a presentation on the History of the Society of St. Sulpice and Sulpician seminary formation to priests of the Diocese of Buffalo at their annual Priests Convocation, the theme of which this year was “We are a Story People.” As St. Mary’s received a \$1,000,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment, Fr. Brown attended the Lilly Endowment Pathways for Tomorrow Coordination Program in Atlanta. He also attended the ordinations of recent graduates in Wilmington, Erie, Buffalo, Baltimore, and Scranton. Fr. Brown attended board meetings of Charlestown Senior Living, the St. Thomas More Society of Maryland, and the Publications Advisory Board of the Canon Law Society of America.



Dr. Barnabas Aspray wrote an article titled “Jesus was a Refugee: Unpacking the Theological Implications,” which was published online by *Modern Theology* and will soon be published in print. He was a panelist in late January for Georgetown University’s “Free Speech at the Crossroads” project, speaking

about refugees. Dr. Aspray spoke at the Catholic Community of South Baltimore on “The Christian Response to Refugees,” and in April, he attended the Conference “Catholic Moral Theology and Seminary Teaching” at Mundelein Seminary and presented on “The Ethics of Immigration.” He releases a podcase episode every few weeks at “Faith at the Frontiers” and publishes a new article roughly once a month at “Seen and Unseen.”



Fr. Dennis J. Billy, C.Ss.R. led a retreat for the IHM Sisters in Stone Harbor, NJ from July 17 to 23 and presented a workshop on “Spiritual Direction and the Moral Life” at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ from July 17 to 28. On August 21-22 he delivered a paper on “Formation of Conscience in *Veritatis splendor*” at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Fr. Billy recently published a book called *The Divinized Person*. He also preached a Forty Hours Devotion in March at St. David’s Parish in Willow Grove, PA.



Fr. William L. Burton, OFM completed a 4-part lecture series on the Old Testament for the Franciscan friars and postulants at Holy Name Friary in Silver Spring, MD. At the end of January, he initiated a second series of three all-day lectures on the New Testament for them. The fourth and final series was on Johannine Literature, given in late May.



Dr. Dennis Castillo gave a talk, “Faithful to Creed and Constitution: American Catholicism in the Early 20th century,” November 6, 2023 at the Cathedral Colloquium at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. In collaboration with the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Dr. Castillo convinced the City of Baltimore to redress past neglect of

the work of this African-American community of women religious. Dennis Castillo’s article, “Devotion Beyond Comprehension: The Catholic Church and the 1832 Cholera Epidemic in Baltimore,” appeared in the Winter 2024 issue of *U.S. Catholic Historian*.



Fr. Dominic G. Ciriaco has determined after a lengthy period of discernment that he is called to return to parish ministry, and therefore will be going back to the Archdiocese of Newark where he will be taking up a parochial assignment. We are grateful to Fr. Dominic Ciriaco for his contributions teaching and as Director of Spiritual Life Programs at St. Mary’s this year.



Dr. Matthew J. Dugandzic has been invited to guest-edit an issue of *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* on the theme of “The Use of Casuistry in Bioethics.” He gave a talk at North Carolina State University on October 26 titled: “A Thomistic Account of the Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technologies.” Dr. Dugandzic attended the annual meeting of the

American Catholic Philosophical Association, where he chaired two panels for *Sacra Doctrina* Project’s satellite session. He co-chaired the 2024 conference for the *Sacra Doctrina* Project. Dr. Dugandzic recently published an article, “Reason, Passion, and Metaphysics in Bonaventure: A Response to Hylomorphic Enthusiasm,” in *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, 22.1 (2024): pp. 95-106. He also gave a talk in mid-February for the Thomistic Institute chapter at Baylor University in Waco, TX on “Fasting and the Spiritual Life” and another called “On the Origin of Evil” for the Thomistic Institute Chapter at Queen’s University in Kingston, ON. Dr. Dugandzic published an essay titled “Moral Conversion and the Passions in Aquinas” in a book called *Moral Conversion in Scripture, Self, and Society*, published by De Gruyter.



Dr. Michael Gorman gave a keynote presentation titled “Justification by Faith as Participation in the Paschal Mystery” at the June 8–10, 2023 *Sacra Doctrina* conference at St. Mary’s. On sabbatical for 2023–24, he completed a commentary on 1 Corinthians to be published by Eerdmans in early 2025.

His interview with Cascade/Wipf & Stock publishers about theological and biblical writing may be found at <https://wipfandstock.com/blog/2023/09/26/the-theologist-michael-j-gorman-writing-with-a-spirit-of-joy/>. His recent virtual or in-person presentations have taken place in Baltimore and in Edmonton, Alberta, and at Creighton University, the University of Notre Dame, and Cranmer Hall (University of Durham, England). In November of 2023 at St. Mary’s, he participated in an E.I.-sponsored symposium honoring the late Raymond E. Brown. In February of this year, Dr. Gorman was a guest on the podcast of St. Mary’s new faculty member Barnabas Aspray and his colleague Austin Stevenson, “Faith at the Frontiers,” to discuss issues of history and theology in scriptural interpretation. Dr. Gorman’s latest publications include an article titled “Philemon as a Plea for Reparations Then and Now,” in *Reparations and the Theological Disciplines: Prophetic Voices for Remembrance, Reckoning, and Repair* (Lexington Books, 2023), and a foreword for the Korean translation of his book *Abide and Go: Missional Theosis in the Gospel of John*.



Fr. Fredrik Hansen, P.S.S. (cand.) preached at the “Red Mass” of the Diocese of Wilmington on Sunday, October 1, 2023, which was organized by the Saint Thomas More Society of Wilmington. Fr. Hansen has been appointed to the Committee on Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life of the Canon Law Society of America. His

article “Sound Decentralization and Institutional Synodality” was recently published by *The Jurist*, the peer-reviewed journal of the School of Canon Law of The Catholic University of America (79 (2023) 373-404). The article is the enlarged version of a paper he delivered at the conference *Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology XIV. 60 Years Vatican II: The End of the Western Church?* held at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, November 8–11, 2023.



Ms. Emily Hicks will be helping in the development of faculty workshops for St. Mary’s Institute for Pastoral Leadership and also developing courses for the International Priests Initiative in the Center for Continuing Formation. She presented her paper, “Cultural Dimensions in English Language Learning,” at the 5th International Conference on Applied

Research in Education (ARECONF) held October 20-22 in Rome, Italy.



Fr. Maximilian Maria Jaskowak, O.P. gave the following papers and presentations: February 2024: “St. Thomas Aquinas and the Art of Celebrating the Roman Liturgy,” Aquinas Conference, Ave Maria University,

Ave Maria, FL; March 2024: "The Consolidation of American Seminaries: Continuing the Conversation," Symposium on Transforming Culture, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS. Parish Missions: in February and March; "Precious Blood: Ocean of Divine Mercy," Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mercer, PA, St. John the Beloved Parish, Wilmington, DE, and St. Agnes Parish, Catonsville, MD. Parish Presentations: December 4: "The Secret of Eucharistic Revival," Eucharistic Revival Series, SS. Philip & James Church, Baltimore, MD; December 10: "The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Communion of Saints," RCIA Class, SS. Philip & James Church, Baltimore, MD. Other Endeavors: March 8-10: Retreat Master, Congregation of Saint Rose of Lima (Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne), Hawthorne, NY.

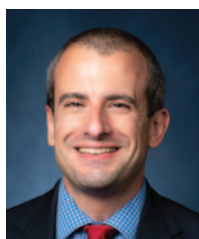


Dr. Paul Seaton completed a translation of Pierre Manent's *Pascal et la proposition chrétienne*. He published a review of Aaron Kheriaty's *The New Abnormal* at *Law and Liberty* and an essay on Pope Francis' use of St. Francis in *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli tutti* in Catholic World Report. Dr. Seaton's response to a review of his anthology of Pierre Manent's

writings on the religion of Humanity, "What is the Religion of Humanity?" was published at *Law & Liberty* on Nov. 13th. His manuscript, *Public Philosophy and Patriotism: Essays on the Declaration and Us*, has been accepted for publication by St. Augustine Press. He also wrote a review essay of Raymond Aron, "Liberty and Equality, for Modern Age," and participated in a podcast with Larry Chapp on political philosophy, Pierre Manent, and Rémi Brague.



Dr. Brent Laytham attended the annual conference of the Society of Christian Ethics in Chicago over the Christmas break, where he convened a session on teaching ethics. He also attended the Christmas Conference of the John Wesley Fellows in Washington, DC. In March, he attended the ATS's Deans East Coast Regional Meeting in Philadelphia.



Dr. John Macias presented a paper, "The Common Good and Natural Law as the Basis for Political Arguments," at the American Catholic Philosophical Association's annual meeting, held this year in Houston, TX, November 16-19th, along with Dr. Dugandzic. Dr. Macias presented two papers: "The Common Good and the Nation-State: The

Natural Law as a Basis for Political Arguments" and a poster presentation "What Makes the Integralist State Integralist?" Dr. Macias gave two virtual talks on February 22 as part of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals' Practitioner Education Program. The first was entitled "Ethical Principles: Moral Theory, Double-Effect, and Cooperation with Evil," and the second, "*Dignitas Personae*: Companion Piece to *Humanae Vitae* and *Donum Vitae*."



Fr. Paul Maillet, P.S.S. attended the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Antonio held November 17-21, 2023. Fr. Maillet is playing a solo piano recital at a classical music festival in the south of France at Aigues-Vives on July 20, 2024. He will play works of Bach, Schubert and Rachmaninoff.



Ms. Leelamma Sebastian attended the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools Conference in Schaumburg, IL, from September 28-30, 2023. She also attends the National Association of Lay Ministers Task Force (NALM) meetings and the Catholic Association of Theological Field Educators (CATFE) meetings on Zoom monthly. On

June 18, she attended the 2024 Pathways Coordination Program Gathering. This was followed by the 2024 Association of Theological Schools COA Biennial Conference on *Rooted in Hope, Thriving in Change: Navigating Transitions in Theological Education*, which took place from June 19 to 20 in Atlanta, GA.



Dr. James M. Starke presented two papers early fall: (a) "Refining the Narrative of Medieval Dedication Rites: A Review of the Sources" for a conference entitled "Afterlives of the Gregorian Sacramentary: Latin Mass Books and the Organisation of Liturgical Knowledge (c. 850-1200)" held at the *Institutum Liturgicum Ratisbonense* of the

Universität Regensburg in Germany, September 6-8, 2023; and (b) "The Loss and Recovery of Symbolic Capacity: Responding to Pope Francis' Challenge for Liturgical Formation Today" for the conference "'Remain in me': Liturgical Formation and the Eucharistic Revival," the Society for Catholic Liturgy, held September 21-22 in St. Paul, MN. On October 9th, Dr. Starke participated in board meetings of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in Cincinnati, OH, and was elected to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. On October 28th, he offered a presentation on the presence of Christ in the Eucharist in light of the U.S. Eucharistic Revival and the 60th anniversary of Vatican II for deanery staffs of the Diocese of Richmond.

Peter Paul Seaton, Jr., Ph.D.
 Richard and Barbara Fisher Chair in Moral Theology
 Retirement Celebration - April 23, 2024

In gratitude for 19 years of teaching excellence to
 St. Mary's Seminary & University
 2005 - 2024



Dr. Seaton in action!



Dr. Seaton's sister Sharon Lukachick and his brother Gary Seaton joined the community for this special celebration.



Bob and Maggie McCarty, Pat LeNoir and Dr. Seaton at the EI 50th Anniversary Jubilee, 2019.



Vice Chair Dan Rizzo, Dr. Seaton and Fr. Brown after the celebration dinner.



Graduation 2014 with Rev. Jeffrey Pavoglio, Diocese of Manchester.



Dr. Duganzic congratulates Dr. Seaton.



Alumni Day 2021 with Fr. Brian Capuano and Fr. Matt Hardesty.



Fr. Brown and Dr. Seaton at the grill for the annual bocci tournament.

Community Highlights



Seminarian Gianni Verginio (Syracuse) crowning the Sedes statue - May 1st, 2024.



Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh (SMS 1975), celebrates Mass for the Rite of Candidacy November 14, 2023.



Seminarians David Hairston (Richmond) and Andy Erdman (Buffalo) enjoyed a special barbeque made possible by an alumnus' gift.



Seminarians Ezekiel Yisi and Evans Yongyee (both Diocese of Portland) with their family and friends after they were Instituted as Acolytes by Most Rev. Lawrence Persico (Bishop of Erie), March 16, 2024.

2023-2024



The annual Fourth Theology panel discussion with recently ordained alumni was held on March 13th, 2024. The 4T men were joined by Fr. Evan Ponton (Archdiocese of Baltimore, SMSU 2020), Fr. Brennan Ferris (Wilmington, SMSU 2022) and Fr. Joseph Tokasz (Buffalo, SMSU 2022).



Seminarian Peter Henkels (Pittsburgh) with his family for the Family and Friends Weekend Celebration and the Institution of Lectors & Acolytes on March 16th, 2024.



Seminarians and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Joe Ryan (Syracuse) and Russ Sullivan (Baltimore) and alumnus Fr. Patrick Carrion (SMSU 1982) represented St. Mary's in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Baltimore, March 17th, 2024.



Seminarians (l-r) Rev. Mr. James Lancelotta (Baltimore) and Rev. Mr. Mike Misulia (Baltimore) joined seminarian Michael Selton (Baltimore) and his parents for the Family and Friends Celebration March 16th, 2024.



Fourth Year Class, May 9th, 2024

Class of 2024

Newly Ordained Priests

Assignments and addresses for Newly Ordained Priests will appear in our next issue of Class Notes.

Rev. Juan Sebastian Aristizabal
Diocese of Buffalo
Ordained June 1, 2024

Rev. William Asinari
Diocese of Scranton
Ordained June 29, 2024

Rev. Luke Dagher
Diocese of Erie
Ordained May 24, 2024

Rev. James Gebhart
Diocese of Wilmington
Ordained May 18, 2024

Rev. Michael Misulia
Archdiocese of Baltimore
Ordained June 22, 2024

Br. Bac Van Nguyen
Our Lady of Grace Cistercian
Monastery in Vietnam
Ordained to Diaconate 2024

Br. Kevin D. O'Connor
Rock Hill Oratory
Ordained August 17, 2024

Rev. Joseph Pham
Diocese of Albany
Ordained May 18, 2024

Rev. Michael Schultz
Archdiocese of Louisville
Ordained June 1, 2024

Rev. Lenin Suarez
Archdiocese of Baltimore
Ordained June 22, 2024

Rev. Yen Tran
Archdiocese of Louisville
Ordained June 1, 2024

Rev. Zachary Watson
Archdiocese of Baltimore
Ordained June 22, 2024

Rev. Pawel Zmija
Diocese of Syracuse
Ordained June 1, 2024

Graduation 2024



The Dagher family celebrated after graduation! Rev. Mr. Luke Dagher (Erie) and his twin brother Rev. Ben Dagher (SMSU class of 2022) joined their parents and friends in front of the Sedes statue.



Faculty member Emily Hicks (Director of Language Resources and Intercultural Integration) and Jennifer Miller (Director of the Seminary Schola) with Rev. Mr. Lenin Suarez (Baltimore).



Faculty member Fr. Maximilian Jaskowak, O.P. with Br. Kevin O'Connor (Rock Hill Oratory).



Rev. Mr. Michael Schultz (Louisville) celebrates with family and friends and Louisville's Vocation Director Fr. Martin Linebach.



Graduates Rev. Mr. Yen Tran (Louisville), Rev. Mr. Joseph Pham (Albany) and Brother Bac Nguyen (Cistercian Monastery) were joined by many members of the local Vietnamese community to celebrate their graduation.

Center for Continuing Formation



For more information to register, or for further information about St. Mary's Center for Continuing Formation onsite and distance, phone 410-864-4102 or email: CZyambo@stmarys.edu. Visit us at www.stmarys.edu/center.

Upcoming Programs

CONFERENCE FOR RECENTLY ORDAINED

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2024

A five-day workshop designed for priests who have been ordained from 1-3 years.

NEW PASTORS PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 11-15, 2024

A five-day program for newly ordained pastors or for priests who will soon be appointed to the pastorate.

EMBRACING THE THIRD ACT

FEBRUARY 3-6, 2025

The play continues: your role is not over. Join a conference for priests preparing for, transitioning to, or living in retirement: "the third act."

PRONUNCIATION FOR PASTORS: A PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL PRIESTS

4-6 session Courses (Synchronous and Asynchronous)

Three levels, placement determined by pre-assessment diagnostic. Individual instruction with lessons and feedback, in-person or online.

Contact us for scheduling.



Senior Priest Retreat, May 2023. Participants included Fr. Robert Bronwell, Fr. Peter Creed, Msgr. Paul Dudziak, Fr. Corbin Eddy (Presenter), Fr. Thomas Kalita (SMSU 1974), Msgr. Roger McGrath (SCC 1964), and Fr. John Polednak.



Alumni News



Alumni Day 2023 – members of the class of St. Mary's 1978 (l-r) Fr. Paul Tedesco, Fr. Craig Collison, Msgr. John Hopkins, Fr. Paul Montminy, Fr. Joe Biniek, Pat Gibbons, Fr. W. Pierre Baker, and Rick Vessels.

ST. CHARLES COLLEGE AND ST. MARY'S SEMINARY COLLEGE

1950s

❖ **Msgr. Joseph S. Lazor**, SCC'52 and SMS'58, (Baltimore), celebrated his 65th anniversary of ordination. Msgr. Lazor commented that he enjoyed everything about his ministry, which included 22 years as an army chaplain from 1971 to 1993, giving him the opportunity to celebrate Mass all over the world. He returned from the Army War College with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Msgr. Lazor received a papal honor last year, the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

❖ **Fr. Paul K. Thomas**, SCC'58 and SMS'64, (Baltimore), celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination. Fr. Thomas commented that what he enjoys most about priesthood are baptisms. He

explained, "...we're giving new life, spiritual life to the babies and to the adults that we baptize." Fr. Thomas found tremendous joy in following his parishioners through their spiritual lives. "We as priests help get them ready for first Communion, and later, help prepare them for confirmation, and eventually some of them get married," he said. "So, you've followed them all their lives. We're ordained to touch people's lives in a spiritual way."

1960s

❖ **Francis M. Glynn**, SCC'60, PS'62, and SMS'66, let us know that his wife, Ann Kim, passed away in January, 2022. By September, 2023, he realized the house was too large for him and moved to a condo near his two sisters. His address is 1010 Paragon Way, Unit D, Suffolk, VA 23435.

❖ **Daniel Short**, SCC'65, is now living at 244 NW 91st St., Oklahoma City, OK 73114.

❖ **Fr. Phillip B. Earley**, SCC'68, SMSC'70, and SMS'74, (Boston), has retired.

❖ **Fr. Patrick J. McLaughlin**, SCC'68, (Scranton), recently celebrated his 75th birthday. He retired and was appointed Pastor Emeritus of Immaculate Conception Church, Scranton. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1974 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, and served in parish ministry for eight years. From 1982-1988, he served as College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, MD. In 1986, he completed a graduate degree (M.A.) in Liturgical Studies at Notre Dame University, in addition to an M.A. Degree in Systematic Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in 1974. Following his years as Chaplain of Mt. St. Mary's, he returned to the Scranton Diocese to continue as a

pastor for the next 35 years in both rural and urban parishes, concluding as Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Scranton, for the past 14 years. Fr. McLaughlin resides at Villa St. Joseph, 1600 Green Ridge Street, Dunmore, PA 18509.

1970s

❖ **Peter J. Knippel**, SMS'70, is now living at 4250 N. Marine Dr., Unit 2801, Chicago, IL 60613.

❖ **Msgr. Robert Hartnett**, SMSC'70, (Baltimore), has been appointed Administrator of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Middle River.

❖ **Msgr. Daniel J. Plocharczyk**, SMSC'70 and SMS'74, (Hartford), previously Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in New Britain, has been granted senior status.

❖ **Fr. James M. Moran**, SMSC'70 and SMS'74, (Hartford), has retired and can now be reached at PO Box 746, Plainville, CT 06062.

❖ **Msgr. Walter C. Barrett**, SCC'69, SMSC'71, and SMS'75, (Richmond), has retired.

❖ **David T. Henry**, SCC'74 and SMS'78, is now living at 727 W. 40th St., Apt. 726, Baltimore, MD 21211.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

1950s

❖ **William C. McDonough**, SMS'55, is now living at 301 E. Conestoga Road, Apt. 321, Wayne, PA 19087.

1960s

❖ **Msgr. Louis Stasker**, SMS'65, (Grand Rapids), is now living at 298 Rolling Greene Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.

1970s

❖ **Eric P. Johnson**, SMS'70, is now living at 941 Ridgewood Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

❖ **Fr. Walter Packard**, SMS'71, (Erie), has retired, but continues on as Senior Associate at St. Luke Church, 421 E. 38th St., Erie, PA 16504.

❖ **Fr. Paul M. Lipinski**, SMS'73, (Rockford), celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination. Besides his parish assignments, Fr. Lipinski began years of service at central Catholic high schools as faculty member, spiritual director, assistant principal, and principal. He retired in 2018, and resides in Prairie Grove, IL.

❖ **Msgr. James T. Mahoney**, SMS'73, (Paterson), celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination. Among his many assignments, he was assistant superintendent of diocesan schools, director of diocesan pastoral research, and diocesan vicar for planning and priorities. He was named the diocesan vicar general and moderator of the curia in 2005. He retired from active ministry in 2020.

❖ **Fr. James W. Bessert**, SMS'76, (Saginaw), has retired with Senior Priest status.

❖ **Fr. Michael Duffy**, SMS'76, (Richmond), previously Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Bumpass; and St. Jude, Mineral, has retired, while continuing as a Judge on the Richmond Tribunal.

❖ **Fr. Lawrence A. Larson**, SMS'77, (Bridgeport), is now living at Queen of the Clergy Residence, 274 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, CT, 06902.

❖ **Fr. Craig A. Collison**, SMS'78, (Sioux City), has retired from active ministry at the age of 70. He now lives in Carroll, IA. He has served the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Sioux City for 45 years, and will continue to serve in a substitute role in the diocese as needed.

❖ **Fr. John H. Finnell**, SMS'78, (Wheeling-Charleston), has retired and is now living at 3 Maple Tree Lane, Cross Lanes, WV 25313.

1980s

❖ **Fr. Terry L. Bradshaw**, SMS'80, (Louisville), has retired as Pastor from the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, KY.

❖ **Fr. Lawrence Johnson**, SMS'81, (Baltimore), previously Director of Pastoral Care, Stella Maris, Timonium, has retired.

❖ **Fr. Patrick Carrion**, SMS'82, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Ijamsville, has been appointed Pastor, Pastorate of the Parishes of St. Anthony-Most Precious Blood, Gardenville, and St. Dominic,

Fr. Robert Leavitt, P.S.S. congratulates Fr. Rick Prior (Syracuse, Class of 2001) on receiving the 2023 Robert F. Leavitt Award for Excellence in Pastoral Leadership at Alumni Day, October 19, 2023.





Fr. Rich Gula, P.S.S. (SMSU 1973) celebrating his jubilee year, was the presider and homilist for Alumni Day Mass on October 19th, 2023. Also pictured l-r: Fr. Daniel Moore, P.S.S., Provincial Superior; Fr. Brown; Rev. Mr. Sebastian Aristizabal (Buffalo); Rev. Mr. James Gebhart (Wilmingon); Rev. Mr. Lenin Suarez (Baltimore); and Fr. Richard Prior (Class of 2001, Syracuse).

Hamilton, and the Parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Mayfield, and Shrine of the Little Flower, Belair-Edison.

❖ **Fr. David A. Grover, SMS'83,** (Camden), has been appointed Pastor, St. Rose of Lima Parish, 300 W. Kings Hwy, Ste. B, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035.

❖ **Fr. J. Joseph Hart, M.Div., BCC, CCISM, SMS'83,** was celebrated for his three decades of service to GBMC HealthCare and congratulated on his will-deserved retirement. He first joined GBMC in 1994 as the founding chaplain and coordinator of volunteers for the Hospice of Baltimore, which is now Gilchrist. In March of 1996, he became the first full-time chaplain and director of Spiritual Support Services at GBMC, a role he held up until his retirement on March 31, 2023. During his time with GBMC, he has had a profound impact on our health system – serving on numerous councils and committees, helping to design the Chapel, and implementing programs to enhance spiritual care for patients, their loved ones, and the GBMC staff.

❖ **Fr. Peter A. Williams, SMS'83,** (Syracuse), is now living at Morgan Square Senior Apts., 8547 Morgan Road, Apt 230, Clay, NY 13041.

❖ **Fr. John Ward, SMS'85,** (Baltimore), previously Pastor of Our Lady of the Fields Parish, Millersville, has retired with the title of Pastor Emeritus, while continuing as Adjutant Judicial Vicar.

❖ **Fr. Aidan N. Donahue, SMS'86,** (Hartford), has been appointed Pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Milford.

❖ **Fr. Ernie DeBlasio, SMS'88,** (Memphis), has retired from active ministry.

❖ **Fr. Scott Wimsett, SMS'88,** (Louisville), has been appointed Pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Raywick, KY, and St. Charles in St. Mary, KY.

❖ **Fr. Robert R. Reese, SMS'89,** (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor of St. Augustine Church in Dysart, PA, and St. Monica Church in Chest Springs, PA, while remaining Pastor of St. Joan of Arc in Fallentimber, PA.

1990s

❖ **Msgr. Robert K. Johnson, SMS'90,** (Worcester), previously Pastor, Holy Family Parish and St. Stephen Parish, Worcester, has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parish, Worcester.

❖ **Bishop Kevin S. Randall, SMS'92,** (Norwich), has been named Apostolic Nuncio in Bangladesh. His address is Dhaka 1212, UN Road 2, Baridhara, PO Box 6003, Bangladesh.

❖ **Fr. William Spacek, SMS'92,** (Baltimore), previously Chaplain, Anne Arundel County Hospitals, has been appointed Chaplain, St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore.

❖ **Fr. Stuart H. Pinette, SMS'94,** (Hartford), has been appointed Pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish in Litchfield, CT.

Seminarian Anthony Pampena (Pittsburgh) and alumnus Fr. Tyler Bandura (Greensburg, Class of 2013) at Alumni Day, October 19th, 2023.



❖ **Msgr. Richard F. Reidy**, SMS'94, (Worcester), has been named a Chaplain to His Holiness, with the title of Reverend Monsignor.

❖ **Fr. James T. Ruggieri**, SMS'94, (Providence), has been appointed Bishop of Portland, ME by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, Bishop of Providence, shared his congratulations saying, "...I have come to appreciate and admire Father Ruggieri's personal humility, authenticity, and remarkably fruitful priestly ministry. That ministry has wide-reaching effects upon the people and clergy of the diocese. For these reasons, among others, I see the wisdom of the Holy Father's choice..." A Mass of Ordination and Installation was celebrated on May 7, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, Maine, which was attended by Fr. Phillip Brown, President Rector of St. Mary's. Bishop Ruggieri will officially succeed Bishop Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D., who has led the Diocese of Portland for 10 years, and become the 13th Bishop of Portland.

❖ **Fr. John Jicha**, SMS'95, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of the Parishes of St. Joseph, Hagerstown; St. James, Boonsboro; and St. Augustine, Williamsport, has been appointed Pastor, Pastorage of the Parishes of St. Athanasius, Curtis Bay; and St. Rose of Lima, Brooklyn Park.

❖ **Fr. James T. Gregory**, SMS'98, (Hartford), previously Pastor, Prince of Peace Parish in Woodbury, has been appointed Pastor in solidum, St. Luke Parish, Southington.

❖ **Fr. David Kucera**, SMS'98, (Dubuque), has retired and is now living at 9700 Schenk Road, Denver, IA 50662.

❖ **Fr. James S. Mazzone**, SMS'99, (Worcester), was sworn in as a Chaplain for the Massachusetts State Police Chaplain Corps.

2000s

❖ **Fr. R. Paul Beach**, SMS'01, (Louisville), will serve as presbyteral



Alumni classmates John Andrulewicz and Tony Mignini (SCC Class of 1963) with Fr. Brown at the Alumni Day reception, October 18th, 2023.

moderator of St. Boniface Church while continuing as Rector of the Shrine of St. Martin of Tours and as judicial vicar and director of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Metropolitan Tribunal.

❖ **Fr. Ty Hullinger**, SMS'04, (Baltimore), previously Pastor, Pastorate of the Parishes of St. Anthony-Most Precious Blood, Gardenville, and St. Dominic, Hamilton, has been appointed Pastor of Transfiguration Parish, Pigtown.

❖ **Fr. Miguel A. Pagan**, SMS'04, (Worcester), previously Associate Pastor of St. George Parish in Worcester, has been named Pastor of St. Denis Parish in Douglas.

❖ **Fr. Patrick Besel**, SMS'06, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Middle River.

❖ **Fr. Mark Bialek**, SMS'06, (Baltimore), has been appointed co-director of Ongoing Priestly Formation while continuing as Pastor of St. John Parish, Westminster, and St. Joseph Parish, Taneytown.

❖ **Fr. Johnathan Schmolt**, SMS'08, (Erie), has been appointed Pastor of Christ the King Parish, 123 Good St., Houtzdale, PA 16651-1099.

2010s

❖ **Fr. Gregory Rapisarda**, SCC'67 and SMS'10, (Baltimore), previously Associate Pastor, Pastorate of Our Lady of Hope Parish, Dundalk, and St. Luke Parish, Edgemere, has retired, while continuing to serve as part-time Catholic Chaplain to Johns Hopkins Hospital – Bayview.

❖ **Fr. Michael Wimsatt**, SMS'10, (Louisville), is now at St. James Catholic Church, 307 W. Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

❖ **Fr. Brian Capuano**, SMS'11, (Richmond), previously Vicar for Vocations for the Diocese of Richmond, has been appointed Judicial Vicar and Chancellor for the Diocese of Richmond. As Chancellor, he will be the chief archivist and chief notary for the diocese. As Judicial Vicar, he will be responsible for administration of the tribunal, ensuring that justice is carried out in various areas of the life of the Church.

❖ **Fr. Matthew T. Hardesty**, SMS'11, (Louisville), previously Pastor of St. Catherine Church in New Haven, KY, Immaculate Conception Church in Culvertown, KY, and St. Vincent de Paul Church in New Hope, KY, has

been appointed Pastor of St. Athanasius Church in Louisville.

❖ **Fr. Christopher Hess**, SMS'12, (Richmond), previously Pastor of St. Anne, Bristol; St. Bernard, Cate City; and St. Patrick Dungannon, has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Blackstone; Sacred Heart, Meherrin; and St. Theresa, Farmville.

❖ **Fr. Tyler Bandura**, SMS'13, (Greensburg), has been appointed Administrator Pro-Tem of St. Rose Parish, Latrobe, while remaining Pastor of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Greensburg, Vicar Forane of Deanery V, and in all other Diocesan Appointments.

❖ **Fr. Christopher B. Lubecke**, SMS'13, (Louisville), previously Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church, has been appointed Pastor of St. Albert the Great Church.

❖ **Fr. Tochi Iwuji**, SMS'18, (Richmond), previously Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Blackstone; Sacred Heart, Meherrin; and St. Theresa, Farmville, has been appointed Administrator of Holy Rosary, Richmond, while remaining Director of the Office for Black Catholics.

❖ **Fr. John Martinez**, SMS'18, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor, Pastorate of St. Francis de Sales Parish,

Abingdon, and Prince of Peace Parish, Greenwood.

❖ **Fr. Victor A. Sierra**, SMS'18, (Worcester), previously Associate Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Milford, has been named Pastor of Annunciation Parish in Gardner.

❖ **Fr. John Streifel**, SMS'18, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor, Pastorate of St. Clare, Essex, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Essex.

2020's

❖ **Fr. Malachi Clark**, SMS'20, (Syracuse), previously Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Church, Syracuse, and sacramental minister at St. Ann Church, Manlius, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Church and St. Mary's Church, Cortland; St. Lawrence Mission, DeRuyter; St. Margaret's Church, Homer; and St. Patrick Oratory, Truxton.

❖ **Fr. Mark R. Dunmire**, SMS'20, (Greensburg), has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Rita, Immaculate Conception, and St. John the Evangelist Parishes, Connellsville, and St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottsdale, and St. Joseph Parish, Everson, with residence in St. John the Evangelist Parish Rectory.

❖ **Fr. Evan Ponton**, SMS'20, (Baltimore), previously Associate Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Severna Park, and Chaplain, Archbishop Spalding High School, Severn, has been appointed Associate Pastor, Pastorate of St. Anthony-Most Precious Blood, Gardenville, and St. Dominic, Hamilton, and Parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, Mayfield, and Shrine of the Little Flower, Belair-Edison.

❖ **Fr. Carlos F. Ardila**, SMS'21, (Worcester), previously Associate Pastor of St. John Paul II Parish, has been named Pastor of that parish.

❖ **Fr. Scott Kady**, SMS'21, (Baltimore), previously Associate Pastor, Pastorate of the Parishes of Resurrection and St. Paul, Ellicott City, has been appointed Pastor, Divine Mercy Parish, Frostburg.

❖ **Fr. Maruice Afor**, SMS'22, (Baltimore), previously Associate Pastor, Pastorate of St. Stephen Parish, Bradshaw, and Holy Spirit Parish, Joppa, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Severna Park.

❖ **Fr. Cleber de Paula**, SMS'22, (Worcester), previously Associate Pastor, Holy Family Parish and St. Stephen Parish, Worcester, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parish, Worcester.

❖ **Fr. Dennis Walker**, SMS'22, (Syracuse), previously Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Church of Padua and St. Mary's Church, Cortland, St. Lawrence Mission, DeRuyter, St. Margaret's Church, Home, and St. Patrick Oratory, Truxton, has been appointed Administrator of the Church of the Nativity including St. Leo Church, Tully; St. Patrick Mission, Otisco; St. Joseph Church, Lafayette; and Immaculate Conception, Pompey.

❖ **Fr. Julio R. Granados**, SMS'22, (Worcester), has been appointed Associate Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Lancaster, while remaining Associate Pastor, St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish, Clinton.

Msgr. Steven P. Hurley and Fr. Thomas Muldowney (both St. Mary's Class of 2003), with their former Rector, Fr. Robert F. Leavitt, P.S.S., at Alumni Day.



IN MEMORIAM



FORMER FACULTY



✚ **Fr. Michael L. Barré, P.S.S.**, SMS'70, (Memphis), died on September 25, 2023, at the age of 80. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1970 for the Diocese of Memphis, and admitted into the Society of St. Sulpice in 1974. He taught at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park from 1970-1973, and again from 1978-1992. He went to Johns Hopkins University to pursue a doctorate in Near Eastern Studies from 1973-1978. Fr. Barré joined the faculty of St. Mary's Seminary in 1992 until he retired in 2013. Fr. Barré was an Old Testament scholar, with extraordinary linguistic skills. During a sabbatical from 2011-2012 he worked on a major translation and interpretation of the Prayer of Habakkuk. When he retired in 2013 he remained in residence at St. Mary's Seminary until the renovations were completed in 2016 at Villa Olier, the Sulpician retirement community. Fr. Barré continued to serve as a spiritual director to many seminarians during those years before moving out to Catonsville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Catonsville. Fr. Daniel Doherty, P.S.S. was the presider, Fr. Thomas Ulshafer, P.S.S., his seminary classmate and long-time friend, gave the homily. Fr. Gladstone (Bud) Stevens, P.S.S., the first consultor, gave the Final Commendation.



✚ **Fr. Thomas J. Burke, O.S.S.T.**, SMSC'74 and SMS'78, (Baltimore), died on August 11, 2023, at the age of 71. On June 28, 1969, he was received as a Postulant of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives and subsequently entered the Novitiate on August 2, 1971. On September 10, 1977, he professed Solemn Vows at St. Bernard Church in Baltimore. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1978 at St. Matthew's Church in Baltimore. During his 43 years of priesthood, Fr. Burke faithfully served the Order and the Church as an educator at the high school and university levels. Fr. Burke was on the faculty, teaching in the field of Systematic Theology for over 32 years. He also served as Vice Rector and Dean of the School of Theology. Fr. Burke was an excellent teacher, mentor, and spiritual director during his years at St. Mary's. He served his Trinitarian Order as Minister Provincial, Provincial Councilor, Minister Conventual, Formation Director, and as Rector, Department Chair, and teacher at DeMatha Catholic High School. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church in Hanover.

✚ **Fr. A. Leo Spodnik, SMS'48**, (Hartford), died on September 4, 2023, at the age of 101. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1948, at St. Augustine Church, Bridgeport, by Bishop Henry J. O'Brien, then Bishop of Hartford. During his 75 years in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Fr. Spodnik served in at least thirteen parishes. He retired from active ministry in 1997. Fr. Spodnik had the honor of being the longest ordained priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Leo the Great Church in Waterbury, with Bishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford, presiding.

✚ **Fr. William J. Keech, O.S.F.S.**, SCC'45, (Wilmington), died on October 14, 2023, at the age of 97. He was a professed member of the Oblates for 75 years, and a priest for 66 years, and held the distinction as the oldest Oblate in North America. Fr. Keech joined the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales in 1943. He made his First Profession of vows in 1948 and his Perpetual Profession in 1951. He was ordained a priest on June 8, 1957 by Bishop Hubert J. Cartwright at St. Anthony's Church in Wilmington. Following ordination, Fr. Keech taught at Salesianum School until 1967, when the new Oblate seminary on the campus of Allentown College (now DeSales University) was built in Center Valley, PA. During his time at Allentown College, he was also a marriage counselor at the Pastoral Institute of Lehigh Valley in Allentown. Fr. Keech was assigned to the Oblate community at St. Anthony of Padua Parish where he also taught at Padua Academy. He went to Florida to become the first Oblate pastor at St. Cecilia Parish in Fort Myers, then returned to St. Anthony's until 1994. Fr. Keech stayed in Wilmington and worked with the Oblate Development Office until 2000, when he retired. In retirement, he helped organize the Salesianum Alumni Veteran Committee and was inducted into the Salesianum Hall of Fame in 2014. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Wilmington.

A special Memorial Mass for Fr. Barré and Fr. Burke was held at St. Mary's on November 6th, 2023 which was a wonderful opportunity for current seminarians, faculty, staff and alumni to remember these wonderful priests who were such an essential part of St. Mary's for so many years. Fr. Robert F. Leavitt, P.S.S. was the homilist for the Mass.

✠ **Msgr. Frederick A. Valentino**, SCC'45 and SMS'50, (Trenton), died on July 6, 2023, at the age of 98. At the time of his death, Msgr. Valentino had been the oldest priest in the Diocese of Trenton. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1950, at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton by Bishop George W. Ahr. Besides his diocesan assignments as Associate Pastor or Pastor, Msgr. Valentino served as Director of the Mercer County Catholic Youth Organization and Northern Monmouth County Catholic Youth Athletic Center director. In 1979, he was invested as a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor by Pope John Paul II. He also served as dean of the Northern Ocean Deanery, chairman of the diocesan Building Commission, episcopal vicar of Ocean County, diocesan budget committee, the priest pension committee, and the expansion and development committees. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. James Church, Red Bank, with Bishop David M. O'Connell as principal celebrant.

✠ **Msgr. Nicholas J. Iacovacci**, PS'47 and SMS'51, (Providence), died on November 23, 2023, at the age of 97. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1951 at the Cathedral in Providence by Bishop Russel J. McVinney. During his 72 years in the Diocese of Providence, Msgr.

Iacovacci served in five parishes, as well as on many diocesan boards, committees, and offices. He served as vice-president and president of the Senate of Priests, and chaplain of the Daughters of Isabella, Santa Maria Circle No. 58, and the State Circle. In addition to his parish duties, he served as Catholic prison ministry in the Adult Correctional Institute, Cranston. He was named a Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI, with the title of Monsignor. A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter Church in Warwick.

✠ **Msgr. Cletus J. Hawes**, SMS'52, (Dubuque), died on April 1, 2023, at the age of 96. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 26, 1952. Msgr. Hawes served as a parish priest, pastor, and administrator during his 70 years of service to the Archdiocese of Dubuque, as well as working in Catholic schools as a teacher, coach, counselor, and administrator. He was very active throughout his life in the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), and was a Faithful Friar of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He retired from his priestly assignments in 2016, and moved back to Wexford, IA, living with his brothers Cyril and Fr. Donald on the farm where he was raised. Msgr. Hawes was also an avid traveler, having traveled to six of the

seven continents. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wexford, with Archbishop Michael O. Jackels presiding.

✠ **Fr. Paul F. Kenefick**, SMS'56, (Hartford), died on July 5, 2023, at the age of 92, just days after celebrating his 67th anniversary of ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 1, 1956 in Belgium by Bishop Russell J. McVinney. Following ordination, Fr. Kenefick began a special assignment in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where his flair for languages aided in his ministry, as he was able to speak seven languages. Fr. Kenefick later served in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, including communities in Watertown, New Haven, Hartford, West Hartford, and Meriden. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Thomas Chapel, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, in Bloomfield, CT, with Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, as principal celebrant.

✠ **Fr. John J. Kavanaugh**, SCC'51, PS'53, and SMS'57, (Wilmington), died on September 13, 2023, at the age of 92. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1957 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Wilmington, by Bishop Hubert J. Cartwright. During his 66 years in the Diocese of Wilmington, Fr. Kavanaugh served in at least 13 parishes. An avid sports fan, he worked as a referee for high school competitions throughout Delaware and Cecil County, MD. Whenever he arrived at a new parish, he would enhance the playing fields for the children. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Perryville, MD.

✠ **Fr. Joseph E. Vujs**, PS'53 and SMS'57, (Hartford), died on May 16, 2023, at the age of 93. He was valedictorian of his high school class, and attended Wesleyan University with the intention of becoming a medical doctor. While there, he was called to the priesthood, attended St. Mary's Seminary, and was ordained a priest on May 25, 1957. He later received a doctor of ministry from Hartford Seminary in 1987. During his 66 years in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Fr. Vujs served in



many parishes. In his retirement, he continued his ministry by celebrating the Eucharist wherever he was needed and provided the sacraments to patients at MidState Medical Center in Meriden, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair at St. Mary's Church, Annunciation Parish, in Newington.

✠ **Philip L. Kennedy**, SMS'59, died on February 28, 2023, at the age of 92. Phil had a variety of life experiences, including serving in the U.S. Army in the Korean conflict, as a priest in the Catholic Diocese of Rockford, and as a psychotherapist and spiritual teacher in Chicago. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago.

✠ **Msr. John P. Connor**, SMS'61, (Nashville), died on June 13, 2023, at the age of 88. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1961 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation by Bishop William Adrian. He served as Associate Pastor or Pastor of multiple parishes in Memphis and Nashville, as well as Greenville, Dayton, and Columbia. He served as professor and administrator in several high schools throughout the diocese. Diocesan leadership positions included Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of Nashville; serving on the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors; Episcopal Vicar of the Nashville Deanery; Bishop's Delegate for Education; Vicar General (Moderator of the Curia); Vicar of Education; Administrator for the Relocation of Father Ryan High School; Permanent Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus #7447; and Chancellor for the Diocese of Nashville. He retired from full-time ministry in 2005, but continued to assist in parishes for many years. In 2019, he was named a monsignor by Pope Francis. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Henry Church in Nashville, with Bishop J. Mark Spalding officiating.

✠ **James V. Folmer**, SMS'61, died on September 29, 2022, at the age of 87. Jim worked as a bond manager for Penn National Insurance. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg. He loved to read, com-



plete puzzles, and golf with his buddies. Jim always loved a good laugh and spending time with his family. He will always be remembered as being a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother. He is survived by his wife, Monica, three children, two sisters, and seven grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg.

✠ **Bishop Victor Galeone**, SCC'55, (Baltimore), died on May 29, 2023, at the age of 87. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Baltimore on December 18, 1960 by Bishop Martin J. O'Connor in the Chapel of the North American College. Bishop Galeone served as a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in several parishes, as well as serving as a missionary in Peru with the Society of St. James the Apostle during the 1970's and early 1980's. In 2001, he was named the new bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. During his time there, Bishop Galeone managed the diocese through a recession, dedicated a museum at Mission of Nombre de Dios and consolidated and moved the diocesan archives, and began the diocesan formation program for the permanent diaconate and ordained the first deacons. In addition, he championed the traditional family, natural family planning and protection of the

unborn, which he addressed in his first pastoral letter, "Marriage: A Communion of Life and Love" (July 2003), which was translated into 14 languages. Bishop Galeone retired as bishop in 2011, the year he celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination. He spent the early years of his retirement in a Trappist monastery in South Carolina, where he ministered to prisoners. A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier as principal celebrant.

✠ **Thomas O. Mallonée**, SCC'55, died on April 8, 2023, at the age of 87. Thomas was married to Florence (Wysincavage) for 68 years. He enjoyed a number of years in retirement from ownership of his businesses, Halifax Video Service in Halifax, and M&S Television Service in Linglestown. He also previously worked in sales and service at Penn Appliance in Harrisburg, and D&H Distributing in Harrisburg. Thomas was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Millersburg, and the Knights of Columbus, Lykens. He enjoyed singing and performing with the Twin Valley Players and the Lykens Minstrel. He was also a member of the choir at Queen of Peace and other parishes throughout his life, and was a frequent soloist. A Mass of Christian Burial

was celebrated at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Millersburg.

✚ **Msgr. Richard G. Mayer**, SMS'61, (Erie), died on October 23, 2023, at the age of 89. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 1961, at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, by Bishop Edward P. McManaman. During his 62 years in the Diocese of Erie, he served in at least eight schools and parishes until his retirement in 2009. During this time of active ministry, Msgr. Mayer also served the Diocese of Erie in a number of other capacities including as a member of the Priests' Personnel Board, the Presbyteral Council and the College of Consultors, as well as the Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee. In 1994, Msgr. Mayer was made a Chaplain of His Holiness by Pope John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor. In 2016, he was appointed a Minister of Mercy for the Diocese of Erie during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church with Bishop Lawrence T. Persico as the main celebrant.

✚ **Msgr. Clement P. Lemon**, SCC'58 and SMS'64, (Wilmington), died on October 11, 2023, days shy of his 86th birthday. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 16, 1964, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington, by Bishop Michael W. Hyle. During his 59 years in the Diocese of Wilmington, Msgr. Clement served in many parishes, as well as served as Director of Vocations and head of the Propagation of the Faith Office, and Vicar for Clergy. In 1992, he was named a Prelate of Honor to Pope John Paul II with the title Monsignor. He retired from active ministry in 2014 and lived and ministered at Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Wilmington.

✚ **Bishop Mauro Morelli**, SMS'65, (Duque de Caxias, Brazil), died on October 9, 2023, at the age of 88. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 28, 1965. He served in parishes for nine years before being appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Sao Paulo, and Titular Bishop of Vatarba on December 12, 1974, where he

first demonstrated his commitment to public service and the upliftment of the underprivileged. He was appointed as Bishop of Duque de Caxias, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on May 25, 1981. He retired at the age of 69 on March 30, 2005.

✚ **Joseph A. Tierney**, SCC'60 and SMS'66, died on September 23, 2023, at the age of 83. He was the youngest of eleven children, and entered the seminary because he wanted to follow his brother into the priesthood. Instead, he attended St. John's College with the intent of becoming a doctor. He soon changed direction and began teaching high school Latin before entering officer training school for the U.S. Air Force. He was discharged from the Air Force in 1967 at the rank of Captain, and received the Air Force Commendation Medal. Joe had the opportunity to work in human resources in several different companies in locations around the world. He retired with his family in Long Grove, IL in 2007, where he enjoyed maintaining his garden, winter skiing in Wisconsin, and long "Tierney lunches". He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jerilyn, three children, nine grandchildren, and a sister. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Chesapeake City, MD.

✚ **Thomas R. Missett**, PS'65 and SMS'69, died on June 4, 2023, at the age of 80. Tom enjoyed a 35-year career in nonprofit development in Connecticut, serving educational institutions such as American School for the Deaf and Boys and Girls Village, retiring as Chief Development Officer at Waterbury Hospital in 2015. Tom is survived by his wife, Cathy (nee Romano), two sons, two grandchildren, and one brother. A memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT.

✚ **Fr. Charles F. Strobel**, SMS'69, (Nashville), died on August 6, 2023, at the age of 80 of complications from Parkinson's disease. He was ordained to the priesthood on January 31, 1970 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation by Bishop Joseph Durick. Fr. Strobel lived a life of

radical service defined by his conviction that society's highest obligation is to care for its most marginalized members. Fr. Strobel began a city-wide program in which congregations across Nashville provide food, shelter, and community to the homeless during the winter months, launching Room In The Inn early in December 1986 with four congregations, and by the end of that winter, 31 churches, synagogues, and mosques welcomed the homeless under their roofs. Today, Room In The Inn comprises nearly 200 congregations and more than 7,000 volunteers who shelter nearly 1,500 people each winter. Fr. Strobel received many accolades throughout his life, including the Human Relations Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1989, the Catholic Charities Annual Service Award from the Diocese of Nashville in 2002, the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nashville Chapter of the ACLU, and many others. A community gathering to celebrate his life was held at First Horizon Park, home of the Nashville Sounds Baseball Club in North Nashville.

✚ **Fr. Sean F. Turley**, SMS'71, (Wilmington), died on November 20, 2023. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1971 at Holy Angels Church in Newark. He was an Associate Pastor at St. John the Beloved, St. Helena's, and St. Matthew parishes, all in Wilmington, and St. Joseph, Middletown. Before entering the seminary, he taught at St. Edmond's Academy for two years. In 1981, he entered the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain and remained on active duty until 1995. At that time, he was appointed Pastor of SS. Michael and James Parish in Haunton, Staffordshire, England. He remained there until his retirement in 2015.

✚ **Fr. David R. Engbarth**, SMS'75, (Rockford), died on November 22, 2023, at the age of 75. He was ordained to the priesthood on November 20, 1976, by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill at St. Joseph Parish, Freeport. During his 48 years in the Diocese of Rockford, Fr. Engbarth served in at least eight parishes. He co-founded the Prayer Coalition for Reconciliation, a

group that held prayer vigils for victims of violence in Aurora. Fr. Engbarth also served as a volunteer chaplain at the Kane County Jail where he visited inmates. He was awarded the Kane County Citizen of the Year award in 2008. Fr. Engbarth retired from active ministry in 2014. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Aurora.

✠ **Joseph J. Keenan, SCC'68**, died on July 20, 2023, at the age of 74. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1968, and married his high school sweetheart, Catherine "Kay" Jackson, in 1970. In 1971, he was transferred to the Naval Medical Research Institute at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, where he served as a Tissue Culture technician. He left the Navy in 1978 but in 1979 he joined the Delaware Air National Guard's 166th Tactical Clinic as a lab technician. He was activated in 1991 to serve in Operation Desert Storm, and retired when he returned stateside. He used his Navy training to obtain work for the DuPont Company, first in Medical Products, then as a scientist in formations for Agricultural Products. He received many awards culminating in a patent, and retired in 2007 after 25 years of service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter the Apostle Church in New Castle, DE.

✠ **Theodore A. Zawistowski, SMSC'70, SMS'74**, died on October 22, 2023, at the age of 74 after a short illness. Ted worked for the Municipal Court District in Cleveland, OH as a probation officer and counselor. Upon retirement in 2001, Ted and Marge moved to Southport where they enjoyed exploring nature and National Parks, as well as beekeeping, gardening, bird watching, and hiking. They loved taking cruises and exploring other countries. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marge, four daughters, and three grandchildren. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport, NC.

✠ **Fr. Phillip M. Johnson, SMS'10**, (Camden), died on September 26, 2023, at the age of 70. He was a former Lutheran



minister, and he and his wife, Janet, were received into the Catholic Church in 2006. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Camden on May 22, 2010, by Bishop Joseph A. Galante. He served at St. Bridget University Parish in

Glassboro, and as Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Cherry Hill, until his retirement in 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Thomas More Church in Cherry Hill.

FRIENDS

✠ **Marc P. Blum, Esq.** of Baltimore, MD, died on August 15th, 2023. Mr. Blum was with the firm Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander and was the CEO of the World Total Return Fund. He had a very long association with the Sulpician Province. After the closing of St. Mary's on Paca Street he worked closely with the Sulpicians, especially Fr. John Sullivan, P.S.S., to craft an agreement with Baltimore City on the future use of the property. Mr. Blum was very generous benefactor for many years and was instrumental in helping Fr. Robert Leavitt, P.S.S. establish the Saint Pope John Paul II Reading Room next to the Knott library in 2003. The collection and artifacts in the room are in honor of Cardinal Keeler's work with Christian/Jewish relations. Mr. Blum,

the consummate host, invited Fr. Leavitt, and in later years, Fr. Hurst and Fr. Brown for Friday evening Shabbat dinners with friends. Mr. Blum is survived by his wife, Leonor, his two sons and grandchildren.

✠ **Ronald L. Mason** died on June 5, 2023. Mr. Mason was a former board member, dedicated to the priesthood and was a long-time benefactor of St. Mary's Seminary. Mr. Mason generously supported many key initiatives including the Center for Continuing Formation in the late 90s. Mr. Mason had an illustrious career in banking at Provident Bank of Maryland for forty-eight years rising from teller to Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Mason was survived by his five children and eleven grandchildren.

THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

St. Mary's Seminary & University established the Heritage Society in 1990 to honor alumni and friends who value our past and are committed to our present and future. By including St. Mary's in their gift and estate plans, this special group will enable the Seminary to continue the strong tradition of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral excellence which began in 1791.

Please consider joining the alumni members of the Heritage Society:

<i>Anonymous (5)</i>	<i>Rev. Raymond L. Harris, Jr.</i>	<i>Rev. William J. Moorman, O.S.S.T.</i>
<i>Rev. Frank D. Almade</i>	<i>Rev. Donald J. Hawes</i>	<i>Rev. James M. Moran</i>
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