It is with mixed feelings that I write this ninth and last letter as President-Rector for Alumni News. After close to a decade as Rector I have grown in my understanding of the importance of priestly formation in the life of the Church and the role that St. Mary’s Seminary & University plays in this holy mission. In addition, my own conviction of the importance of the alumni’s involvement in the core mission of the seminary has deepened in my own mind and heart.

At graduation this year the seminary honored Edwin Cardinal O’Brien, who served twenty years in seminary administration, by awarding him an honorary doctorate. His commencement address emphasized the critical nature of the work of the Sulpicians in the ministry of priestly formation as well as in continuing formation of clergy: “I think you can appreciate my saying that this is a kind of homecoming for me... From the start I was impressed by the Sulpician spirit of this institution – a highly motivated student body, a distinguished and committed faculty and staff, and quite especially, a most effective and generous Board of Trustees.”

As I conclude my time as President-Rector let me echo the Cardinal’s view of the St. Mary’s community. I move into the next stage of my priestly life and ministry with a thankful and joyful heart for God’s goodness to me through the seminarians, faculty, staff, board and the alumni of this, my alma mater.

Rev. Thomas R. Hurst, P.S.S.
and
St. Mary’s Seminary Community
During his sabbatical, Dr. Michael Gorman delivered the Payton Lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California on April 6-7; his theme was "Reading John Missionally." He was also the keynote speaker at a theology conference held on March 18-19 at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York on the theme of "Participating in the Mission of God." On June 9-10 he will be a keynote lecturer at Trinity School for Ministry near Pittsburgh for a conference on "Christian Formation in a Post-Christian World." In addition, his essay "The Apocalyptic New Covenant and the Shape of Life in the Spirit according to Galatians" is included in Paul and the Apocalyptic Imagination (Fortress, 2016). Dr. Gorman has posted two new videos, the first one is 18 minutes and includes some reflections about his work in general and specifically about three books he has written with Wipf and Stock: Reading Paul, The Death of the Messiah and the Birth of the New Covenant, and Reading Revelation Responsibly: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTwY1fXiPpA; the second one is a two-minute excerpt from
the first; it's only about Reading Paul, but it does not have everything about Reading Paul that's in the first video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9boHmoOHaQ


Fr. Jerome A. Magat, P.S.S. (cand.) was inducted into the Mount St. Mary's University Dean's Circle of Excellence Alumni Hall of Fame on March 5, 2016 in Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Magat was selected as the seminary inductee, having attended Mt. St. Mary's Seminary from 1997 to 2002 prior to his ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Arlington.

In July 2015, Dr. Bill Scalia’s poem cycle Love in the Trial of Belief was published in the Pomona Valley Review. In October, Dr. Scalia presented his paper “Cinema and Being: How ‘Real’ is Cinema? How ‘Real’ is Audience? An Approach Toward Transcending the Subject/Object Split in Filmic Ontology” at the annual Literature / Film Association conference in York, PA. In March 2016, Dr. Scalia presented “Mark Twain’s The Mysterious Stranger: A Religious Allegory for a Post-Christian Age” at the Northeast Modern Language Association conference in Hartford, and in April he presented “The Redemptive Aesthetics of D.W. Griffith” at the Nineteenth Century Studies Association meeting in Lincoln, NE. His brief essay on contemporary American poet Andrea Hollander appeared in the Summer 2016 Coal Hill Review. Also, Dr. Scalia’s essay “Nature and the Mind of God: Emerson’s Transcendental Aesthetic” was accepted for publication in the journal Perichoresis and is forthcoming in the Fall of 2016.

Departing Faculty

Father Michael Barré, P.S.S.
“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” So says the Psalmist and so has Father Michael Barré taught and lived for close to fifty years as a priest with over half of that time at St. Mary’s. Father now leaves this seminary for the Sulpician retirement home. His insightful classes, inspiring homilies, and humorous banter will continue to be with us. The entire community extended its thanks to Father at the end of the academic year Mass at which he preached a moving homily. We presented him with a gift of a picture of a Qumran manuscript of Genesis chapter one. May the God who created us all continue to strengthen Michael in the next stage of his life and ministry.

Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
At the end of the academic year banquet we bid farewell to Father Daniel Grigassy after his four years of teaching, liturgical leadership and formation work at St. Mary’s. Father Grigassy’s guidance of our community liturgies in addition to his teaching liturgy and sacraments taught us the importance of the liturgy as the source and summit of the Church’s life. His careful guidance of seminarians in spiritual direction and mentoring assisted men in their movement toward priesthood. We wish him well in his new assignment with his Franciscan community.

Father Rene Lopez, P.S.S.
At the end of the academic year banquet we also bid farewell to Father Rene Lopez after his nine years of teaching and formation work at St. Mary’s. We remembered Father’s intense devotion to the Word of God in his classes and homilies as well as his advice to seminarians. Father will be on sabbatical for a year and then take up another Sulpician assignment. May the Lord strengthen him as a disciple and priest to continue walking in the footsteps of the Master.
April 21, 2016
Evening Prayer and Reception in honor of Father Hurst

“We thank you above all for your practice of pastoral charity which has unified the many different aspects of this seminary and university and has helped seminarians, priests, and laity alike to achieve in their lives that balance and harmony so essential for true holiness,” an excerpt from Archbishop William E. Lori’s comments at the ceremony. For more details and the full remarks on the event please visit the website www.stmarys.edu


Fr. Hurst with Dr. Michael Gorman and his wife Nancy. Dr. Gorman holds the Raymond E. Brown Chair in Sacred Scripture.

Msgr. Owen Campion and Chorbishop Seely Beggiani, long-time friends of Fr. Hurst, also joined him in the Sanctuary for Evening Prayer.
Current trustee Jack Cavanaugh and his wife Cynthia join Fr. Hurst and current trustee David Gaudreau and his wife Suzanne, at the reception.

Fr. Thomas Ulshafer, P.S.S. and Mrs. Peggy Obrecht

Vice Chair of the Board, Mr. David Kinkopf, and current trustees Bill Baird III and Dr. Ellen Yankellow, join Msgr. Richard Woy.

Fr. Hurst joins fellow Sulpicians Fr. Gerald McBrearty and Fr. Gladstone Stevens at the event.
St. Mary’s Seminary was the host for the annual Vianney Cup. The tournament brings together men from Theological College, Mt. St. Mary’s, St. Charles Seminary and St. Mary’s Roland Park. The seminarians also prayed and enjoyed dinner together.

St. Mary’s annual Yom HaShoah service was a moving and memorable interfaith prayer service which was planned and led by members of the Richman-Linehan Course in Jewish-Christian studies (pictured above). Holocaust survivor Mr. Herbert Hane lights the menorah during the service on April 6th.
Fourth year seminarians Rev. Mr. Jamie Power, Rev. Mr. Michael Drevitch, and Rev. Mr. Michael Sartori, pictured at the Shrine in Washington, where St. Mary’s seminarians had the privilege of joining thousands for the Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on his first trip to the United States.

Most Rev. Edward Malesic, Bishop of Greensburg, presided over the rite of admission into the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte on March 12th, 2016.

Most Rev. Denis Madden, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore admitted nine seminarians into Candidacy on November 12, 2015. The rite formally acknowledges and enrolls a seminarian as a candidate for Sacred Orders.

St. Mary’s welcomed many new seminarians in August 2015. They enjoyed a sight-seeing boat trip as part of the orientation activities.
Continuing Formation Programs

NEW PASTORS’ PROGRAM
A FIVE-DAY PROGRAM FOR FIRST TIME PASTORS
Nov. 6-11, 2016
Grounds the role of pastor in the personal and spiritual health of the priest.

SENIOR PRIEST RETREAT
A RETREAT FOR “VETERANS OF THE CAMPAIGN”
May 2017
A three-day retreat with an optional fourth day for senior priests who are retired, semi-retired, or ordained forty years or more.

FINANCIAL ISSUES IN THE CONTEMPORARY PARISH
July 2017
This program is open to seminarians entering 3T and 4T and recently ordained priests.

For more information on or registration for any of these programs, or for further information about St. Mary’s Center for Continuing Formation, phone 410-864-4102 or email: kkoronios@stmarys.edu. Visit us at www.stmarys.edu/center.
Center Highlights


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Fr. Robert Leavitt, P.S.S. giving a presentation to the New Pastors group in November.

Msgr. Art Bastress (SCC’45 and SMS’51) and Msgr. Walter Barrett (SCC’69, SMSC’71 and SMS’75) participated in the Senior Priest Retreat in May.
Class of 2016
Assignments and Addresses for Newly Ordained Priests

Rev. Gregg L. Abadilla
Diocese of Trenton
St. Clement Parish
172 Freneau Ave.
Matawan, NJ 07747

Rev. Juan Aguirre
Diocese of Norwich
St. Joseph Parish
99 Jackson St.
Willimantic, CT 06226

Rev. Diego Buritica
Diocese of Worcester
St. Leo Parish
108 Main St.
Leominster, MA 01453

Rev. Christopher Colavito
Diocese of Trenton
St. Isaac Jogues
349 Evesboro Medford Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Rev. Michael Drevitch
Diocese of Scranton
Catholic Community of the Epiphany
304 S. Elmer Ave.
Sayre, PA 18840

Rev. Edward Kennedy
Diocese of Camden
Our Lady of Hope
701 Little Gloucester Road
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Rev. Kenneth Kirkman
Diocese of Syracuse
St. Mary's Parish
59 N. Main St.
Cortland, NY 13045

Rev. Lance Martin
Diocese of Wilmington
St. John the Beloved
907 Milltown Road
Wilmington, DE 19808
Archbishop Lori with graduates Rev. Mr. Jorge Ramirez and Fr. Charles Sokota after the ceremony

Dr. Michael Gorman and Dr. Paul Seaton congratulate Rev. Mr. Michael Drevitch

Classmates Rev. Mr. Michael Sartori and Rev. Mr. Ed Kennedy at the reception

Rev. Joseph Mosley
Diocese of Scranton
St. Matthew’s Church
200 Brodhead Ave.
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Rev. John Michael Patilla
Diocese of Trenton
St. Benedict Parish
165 Bethany Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733

Rev. James Power
Diocese of Erie
St. Joseph
600 Pennsylvania Avenue W
Warren, PA 16365-2299

Rev. Daniel Price
Diocese of Trenton
St. Joseph’s Parish
376 Maple Place
Keyport, NJ 07735

Rev. Jorge Ramirez
Diocese of Rochester
Holy Cross Church
4492 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14612

Rev. Wilmar Ramos
Diocese of Worcester
Annunciation Parish
135 Nichols St.
Gardner, MA 01440

Rev. Ryan Ravis
Diocese of Greensburg
Our Lady of Grace
1001 Mt. Pleasant Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

Rev. Michael Sartori
Diocese of Manchester
Good Shepherd Parish
151 Emery St.
Berlin, NJ 03570

Summer 2016
Class Notes
Fr. John M. Garvey, SCC’44, can now be reached at 85 New Park Ave., Hartford, CT 06106-2184.

Fr. Leo B. Lydon, SCC’45 and SMS’50, (Wheeling-Charleston), is celebrating the 65th anniversary of his ordination. Fr. Lydon was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on June 3, 1950. As pastor, Fr. Lydon served in seven different parishes. In 1993, he retired to Clarksburg where he substituted for various priests in the different parishes of the diocese. He was then appointed administrator of St. Peter Parish in Fairmont, from where he retired in 2000. Fr. Lydon has served on the following commissions in the diocese: the Infirmed Priests’ Association, the Presbyteral Council, the Liturgical Commission, the Ecumenical Committee, the Vocations Committee and the Art and Architecture Committee. Fr. Lydon is also a former chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Clarksburg Council and served as chaplain of the Clarksburg Serra Club for seven years.

Fr. John L. Kelly, SCC’48, PS’50 and SMS’54, (Baltimore), called to let us know that he is now living at 20 E. Burke Ave., Apt. 202, Towson, MD 21286.

1950s

Francis M. Feeley, SCC’50, PS’52 and SMS’56, called to let us know that he is now living at 2525 Pot Spring Road, S-620, Timonium, MD 21093.

Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, SCC’51, PS’53 and SMS’57, (Wheeling-Charleston), previously rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston for 35 years, has retired.

Msgr. Paul G. Cook, SCC’52, (Baltimore), is now living at Mercy Ridge, S-735, 2525 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD 21093.

Msgr. Martin E. Feild, SCC’53 and SMS’59, (Baltimore), is now living at 2525 Pot Spring Road, S627, Timonium, MD 21093.

Eugene B. Ruane, SCC’56, PS’58 and SMS’62, is now living at 1882 Las Lunas St., Pasadena, CA 91107.

In the last issue, A. Richard Gowallis, SCC’57, was listed with an incorrect address. The correct address for him is 5479 Tradewinds Walkway, Apt. 1, San Jose, CA 95123. Richard and Vivian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 16, 2015. During their marriage, they were blessed with 3 beautiful children, Richard (who lives in San Diego), Thomas (lives in San Jose), and Maria (who lives in Alexandria, VA).
Fr. Sylvan P. Capitani, SCC’58, (Harrisburg), is now living at 17411 Reddale Dr., New Freedom, PA 17349.

Msgr. J. Peter Cullen, SCC’61 and SMS’67, (Bridgeport), wrote in to tell us that even though he has retired as of July 1, 2015, he continues in active ministry helping local parishes and is also the Connecticut State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. He is now living at the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence, 274 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, CT 06902.

Charles A. Knott, Jr., SCC’61, has let us know that he has moved. His new address is Knott’s Landing, 185 Tulip Lane, Gilbertsville, PA 19525.

James T. Buividas, SCC’63, has moved to 1816 Lark Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

Fr. Daniel C. Mahoney, SCC’64, (Greensburg), has been appointed Vicar Forane of Deanery IV while continuing as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, and Bishop’s Delegate for Matters Pertaining to the Celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

Msgr. Thomas G. Miller, SCC’65 and SMS’71, (Richmond), has retired and is now living at 5100 Monument Ave., Unit 1210, Richmond, VA 23230.

Peter J. Conlon, SCC’66, wrote in to let us know that he has been married for 43 years, and is happily retired and living in Arizona. He and his wife have 2 children: a son, Christopher, who is an assistant professor of economics at Columbia University; and a daughter, Irene, who is a recent MBA graduate of The Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. Peter spent most of his life teaching High School in New Jersey as well as operating, along with his wife, some small businesses, some of which proved relatively successful. They enjoy traveling extensively and playing golf whenever the opportunity arises. He added that he has nothing but fond memories of his five years at St. Charles and the Sulpicians who taught there.

Dr. Paul C. King, SCC’67, has let us know that he can now be reached at PO Box 8143, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Fr. Paul M. Mullen, SCC’67, (Scranton), has been elected to the Priest Personnel Board by the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Scranton. Fr. Mullen will continue to serve as Pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Parish, Milford.

Fr. Phil Brown, P.S.S., preached at Evening Prayer in April. This was the first opportunity for him to meet the seminarian community after the announcement of his appointment as the next President Rector.
Walter J. Borys, SCC’69, wrote in to let us know that he has retired from a full-time Software Development career. He now has more time to do the things he enjoys, which include his involvement in four faith-based music groups (and a 60’s rock band). He also travels with his wife, Suzanne, and babysits his granddaughter Jaina. His current address is 5 Windswept Drive, Trenton, NJ 08690.

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Fr. Cornelius F. O’Leary, S.M S’56, (Worcester), is celebrating his 60th anniversary of ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 10, 1956 in St. Paul Cathedral by Bishop Wright. He was an associate pastor at St. Brigid Parish, Millbury; St. Leo Parish, Leominster; St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge; St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Worcester, before being named administrator of St. Anne Parish, Southborough in 1978. He was appointed pastor of St. Martin Parish, Otter River in 1979. He retired from active ministry in 2004 and lives at Notre Dame du Lac, Worcester.

Fr. Joseph H. Pettit, S.M S’56, (Hartford), is now at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002.

Fr. James M. Lennon, S.M S’58, (Joliet), called to let us know that he is now at Church of St. Anthony, 100 N. Scott St., Joliet, IL 60432.

Fr. Michael A. Valente, S.M S’58, (Joliet), has let us know that he is retired and is now living at 3633 N. Pacific Ave, Chicago, IL 60634.

Msgr. John J. Smith, S.M S’59, (Fall River), is now living at 375 Elsbree St., #218, Fall River, MA 02720.

1960s

William A. Benson, PS’56 and SMS’60, wrote in to let us know that he and his wife, Kate, are living in a Kendal Continuing Care Retirement Community. They have been blessed with four children and eleven grandchildren, all healthy and successfully fulfilling their goals in life. He fondly remembers his dear friends from his seminary days and wishes them all well.

Fr. Thomas D. Weise, PS’58 and SMS’62, (Mobile), can now be reached at Mother Mary Mission, PO Box 1050, Phenix City, AL 36868.

Fr. Charles B. McDermott, SMS’63, (Providence), is now living at 46 Club House Road, Coventry, RI 02816-6517.

Msgr. William J. Feldcamp, SMS’65, (Scranton), is now living at Villa St. Joseph, 1600 Green Ridge St., Dunmore, PA 18509.

Msgr. Martin T. Geraghty, SMS’65, (Brooklyn), previously pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bayside, has been granted senior priest status, while remaining in residence at St. Robert Bellarmine.

Msgr. F. Charles Troncale, SMS’65, (Mobile), has retired effective June 24, 2016.

Fr. Gordon A. Polenz, SMS’68, (Albany), has let us know that he has retired and now lives in Florida. His new address is 13 Sun Air Blvd E, Haines City, FL 33844. In retirement, he assists at St. Joseph’s Church in Winter Haven.

Fr. David J. Koch, SMS’69, (Green Bay), has let us know that his new address is 921 Legacy Landing, Apt. 407, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

Msgr. Robert T. McDermott, SMS’69, (Camden), is now living at The Manor at St. Mary’s, 220 St. Mary’s Drive, Room 404, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

1980s

- Fr. Robert A. Ours, SMS’80, (Syracuse), has moved to 1307 First North St., Second Floor, Syracuse, NY 13208.
- Fr. Patrick J. Madden, SMS’83, (Mobile), has been appointed pastor of St. Maurice Parish in Brewton, effective June 24, 2016.
- Fr. Peter A. Williams, SMS’83, (Syracuse), is now living at F5 Sherbrook Apts, 1063 Halstead Rd., Cortland, NY 13045.
- Fr. John P. Gwoźdz, SMS’86, (Hartford), has let us know that he is now at St. Christopher Church, 538 Brewer St., East Hartford, CT 06118-2399.
- Fr. Ernie De Blasio, SMS’88, (Memphis), has let us know that he is now pastor of Catholic Church of the Incarnation, 360 Bray Station Road, Collierville, TN 38017.
- Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, V.E., SMS’88, (Wheeling-Charleston), has been appointed rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, with residence in the parish rectory.
- Fr. David F. Kelley, SMS’88, (Wilmington), has been named Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Wilmington in addition to serving as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Middletown.

1990s

- Fr. Sean K. Code, SMS’92, (Altoona-Johnstown), has been appointed Catholic Chaplain at Conemaugh Health System, Johnstown, with residence at St. John Gaulbert Cathedral in Johnstown.
- Fr. Norman P. Carroll, SMS’93, (Wilmington), has become the Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations, in addition to remaining pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Wilmington.
- Fr. Raymond L. Harris, SMS’94, (Baltimore), previously associate pastor of St. Agnes and St. William or York Parishes in Catonsville and Baltimore, respectively, is now temporary administrator of Holy Family in Randallstown.
- Fr. James T. Gregory, SMS’98, (Hartford), let us know that he has been assigned pastor of St. Teresa of Avila, 494 Main Street South, PO Box 5001, Woodbury, CT 06798.

2000s

- Mr. Antanas Kevalas died January 3, 2016 at his home in Kaunas, Lithuania. He is survived by his beloved wife, Irena Kevalas, and their three children, Bishop Kestutis Kevalas, SMS’00, (Kaunas, Lithuania).
Lithuania), Jurate Kevalas Zukauskas and her husband Mindaugas Zukauskas and grandchildren Elizabeth and Olivia Zukauskas of New York, Neringa Kevalas Denton and her husband Chris Denton and grandchildren William, Emilia and Patrick Denton of Texas. A funeral Mass was held in Kaunas, Lithuania.

- **Rev. Ricardo Bailey, SMS’03**, is an Episcopal Priest for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta (received into the Episcopal Priesthood in November, 2013). Currently, he is the Vicar/Rector of the Episcopal Chapel at Emmaus House, a social outreach and justice initiative of the Diocese of Atlanta to serve in one of the poorest areas in the Atlanta area known as Peoplестown.
- **Fr. Daniel Hoffman, SMS’09**, (Erie), has been appointed judge in first instance in the Matrimonial Tribunal, in addition to his appointment as pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, Edinboro.
- **Fr. Michael T. Wimsatt, SMS’10**, (Louisville), successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the Catholic University of America and graduated on May 14, 2016, with a Pontifical Doctorate in Systematic Theology. In June, he will become Administrator of the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, KY.
- **Fr. Andrew Switzer, SMS’11**, (Wheeling-Charleston), has been appointed administrator of St. Sebastian Parish in Kingwood, St. Edward the Confessor Mission in Terra Alta and St. Zita Parish in Masontown with residence at the parish rectory in Kingwood.
- **Fr. Warren V. Tanghe, SMS’11**, (Baltimore), previously associate pastor of St. Mark in Catonsville, has been assigned temporary administrator of St. Paul Parish in Ellicott City.
- **Fr. Charles Pawlowski, SMS’12**, (Manchester), has been appointed pastor of St. Helena Parish in Enfield and St. Mary Mission Church in Canaan. This assignment is in addition to his position as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon.
- **Fr. Christopher B. Lubecke, SMS’13**, (Louisville), will serve as pastor of St. Catherine Church in New Haven, KY, and Immaculate Conception Church in Culvertown, KY. He previously served as administrator of St. Catherine and Immaculate Conception.
- **Fr. Stefan Migac, SMS’14**, (Richmond), is now stationed at St. Theresa, 709 Buffalo St., Farmville, VA 23901.

Recent alumni Fr. Matthew Strickenberger (SMS’10), Fr. Michael Wimsatt (SMS’10), Fr. Ned Conklin (SMS’14), Fr. Chris Ballard (SMS’10), and Fr. Joe O’Connor (SMS’05) all returned for Alumni Day 2015.
IN MEMORIAM

Former Faculty

* Former Rector, Rev. Leonard R. Foisy, died on April 29, 2016. Fr. Foisy, a priest of Manchester, NH, was ordained in 1957 and was a member of the Society of St. Sulpice from 1957-1980. He was an alumnus of Theological College and was the Vice Chair of the St. Mary's Seminary Board of Trustees from 1975-1977. He then served as Rector at St. Mary's from 1977-1980. Fr. Foisy returned to Manchester in 1980 and served in a number of parishes throughout the diocese until his retirement from ministry in 1997. Most Rev. Peter Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, presided at his funeral on May 6th, and his committal will be celebrated privately at a later date at St. Mary's Cemetery in Claremont, New Hampshire.

* Peter W. Culman, long-time managing director of Center Stage and St. Mary's former faculty member, died on August 18, 2015. Peter was an adjunct faculty member at St. Mary's from 1990-2005. Fr. Robert F. Leavitt, P.S.S., a close friend, noted “As the managing director of Center Stage who worked regularly with directors and actors conveying the emotions behind the script of a play, Peter tried to teach seminarians how to do the same with homilies based on the script of Scripture. He influenced a great many alumni on how to use their imaginations in conveying the words and message of Jesus Christ to their congregations. He often said: "Preach from your belly!"” He is survived by his wife Sita, who was also connected to St. Mary’s as she was a former board member.

* Fr. William T. Miller, S.J., Associate Professor in Sacred Scripture (2008-2012), died on June 13, 2016. He entered the Society of Jesus at the Novitiate of St. Isaac Jogues in Wernersville, PA in 1959. He was ordained a priest on June 3, 1972 and went on to receive a Masters in Hebrew from Catholic University and a Ph.D. in Old Testament Theology from the Union Theological Seminary in NY. As a scholastic, Fr. Miller taught physics at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia, but following ordination, and having completed his studies in theology, began his many assignments teaching theology at St. Louis University, Regis University in Denver and Gonzaga University in Spokane. In 1994, he began a 12-year tenure at the Mount Angel Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Oregon where he served as a professor of Latin and Greek, taught Old Testament Scripture, and was Formation Director for nine years. Fr. Miller came to Baltimore in 2008 where he taught theology and scripture at St. Mary's Seminary before serving as a professor of theology at Loyola University Maryland for four years. He remained active, leading lectures and discussions on scripture until his death.

* Fr. Paul J. Philibert, O.P., Associate Professor of Moral Theology at St. Mary's (1974-1977), died on April 14, 2016. Fr. Philibert, a native of Baltimore, was ordained in Washington DC, in 1963. Fr. Leavitt, who worked closely with Fr. Philibert on the faculty, commented his impact, "Father Philibert’s expertise as a faculty member in moral theology, catechetics, and liturgy left his students with a very balanced appreciation for the role of the priest as moral leader, teacher, and liturgist. He was gifted artistically as a musician and the arts which also made him an inspiring formator at St. Mary’s, who left a lasting impression of goodness and grace on his students."

Fr. Philibert was considered one of the most influential Dominican theologians, teaching at many seminaries and universities over the years. He was author of nine books on theology and liturgy.
Msgr. Robert A. Ford, SCC’38, (New York), died on January 29, 2016, at the age of 97. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 25, 1944. From 1944 to 1970 he worked in various capacities with Catholic Charities and during that period was assigned to St. Malachy’s Church and St. John the Evangelist Church in Manhattan. In 1966, he was the youngest priest to be elevated to Msgr. In 1970, he was assigned to St. Anthony’s Church in the Bronx where he spent 12 years as Pastor. In 1982, Monsignor Ford returned home to Suffern and the Church of his youth, as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church where he served until 1990. His years in Suffern, where his brothers Hugh and Tom and their families resided, and where he lived just blocks away from childhood home on Maple Avenue, were those he treasured for the rest of his life. In 1990, he was appointed to the Office of Retired Priests, a position he held for many years. From 1997-2004, Msgr. Ford was assigned to the Church of St. John the Baptist in Piermont. In 2003, Msgr. Ford moved to the newly opened John Cardinal O’Connor Clergy Residence where he lived until his death. In his years of “retirement,” he focused his attention on editing “In Diebus Illis,” a newsletter he started in 1992 dedicated to honoring the accomplishments of living and deceased priests in the Archdiocese of New York. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Timothy Cardinal Dolan at Sacred Heart Church.

Fr. William J. Shovelton, SMS’46, (Fall River), died on January 31, 2015, at the age of 92. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 1946, by Bishop James E. Cassidy at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fall River. Following his ordination, he was assigned as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Isle Parish, Nantucket; St. Louis Parish, Fall River; Sacred Heart Parish, Fall River; St. Thomas More Parish, Somerset; parochial administrator of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Seekonk, and pastor of St. William’s Parish in Fall River before retiring in 1993. Fr. Shovelton also served as a Fall River District director of the Catholic Guild for the Blind. Following his retirement, he assisted his brother for several years at Holy Trinity Parish, West Harwich. Fr. Shovelton is survived by his brother, Fr. Gerald T. Shovelton (SCC’50) who resides in Lady Lake. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Timothy Church in Lady Lake.

Msgr. Robert G. Barcio, PS’43 and SMS’47, died on September 30, 2015, at the age of 94. He was in his 67th year as a priest of the Diocese of Erie. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 15, 1947, by Bishop John Mark Gannon at St. Peter Cathedral. Msgr. Barcio began his priestly ministry as parochial vicar of Holy Rosary Parish in Erie. He was appointed to teach at Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie, during which time he was also weekend sacramental assistant at Blessed Sacrament, St. Jude and St. Luke parishes, all in Erie. In 1956, Msgr. Barcio was appointed to teach history at Gannon University, where he remained until 1974. He was named chairman of the History Department in 1966. In 1975, Msgr. Barcio was appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Clearfield, where he served until 1985 when he was appointed pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Erie. In 1986, he left St. Mark Parish to become the diocesan historian and archivist, a post he held until 2010. During his tenure as historian and archivist, he authored three volumes of diocesan history, as well as a pictorial history of the Diocese of Erie. Also, he co-authored Education on the Square, a history of Gannon University. He retired in 1993 but continued to celebrate daily Mass for parishioners at St. Peter Cathedral, until 2013. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, with Bishop Lawrence Persico as the main celebrant.

Fr. William J. Maloney, SCC’43 and SMS’45, (Erie), died on March 17, 2016, at the age of 93. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie on May 6, 1948, at St. Peter Cathedral by Archbishop John Mark Gannon. Over his 67 years in the Diocese of Erie, Fr. Maloney served in seven parishes. Upon his 60th anniversary as a priest. Fr. Maloney said that prayer was essential to nurturing our spiritual lives. Fr. Maloney retired from active ministry in 1991, returning to his home diocese of Pittsburgh. For many years during his retirement, he celebrated Mass and heard confessions at St. Paul Parish in Butler, PA. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bartholomew Church, with Bishop emeritus Donald Trautman as the main celebrant.

Msgr. Eugene J. Kernan, SCC’44 and SMS’49, (Camden), died on April 7, 2016, at the age of 90. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1949, by Bishop Bartholomew J. Eustace (his own father had been Bishop Eustace’s chauffeur from 1939-1951). Msgr. Kernan was parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Atlantic City, Assumption in Atco, and St. Peter in Merchantville. As a parish pastor, Msgr. Kernan served at Incarnation in Mantua, Sacred Heart in Mount Ephraim, and St. Paul in Stone Harbor, where he served until his retirement in 1999. He also served as chaplain at Ancora State Hospital in Winslow Township and Eastern Shore Nursing Home in Cape May Court House. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Camden’s Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Fr. Raymond P. Wieling, SMS’49, (Sioux City), died on August 16, 2015, at the age of 90. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1949, at Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City by Bishop Joseph M. Mueller of the Sioux City Diocese. Over his 66 years in the Diocese of Sioux City, Fr. Wieling served in seven parishes. He retired in 1995, but continued to celebrate Mass throughout the Diocese until 2011. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Danbury, with Fr. Daniel Greving and Bishop R. Walker Nickless presiding.

Msgr. Charles W. McNamee, SMS’50, (Rockford), died on March 13, 2015, at the age of 90. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1950, by Bishop John J. Boylan at St. Patrick Church, Dixon. He furthered his studies and received a Master of Education from Loyola University, and a Licentiate in
Canon Law (cum laude) from Rome. He was appointed a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1994, and later Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary by Pope John Paul II in 1999. Over his 65 years in the Diocese of Rockford, Msgr. McNamme served in many parishes as well as on faculty at several schools, and various other positions within the diocese. He retired from active ministry in 1999, but continued weekend assistance to Holy Spirit Parish in Roscoe, as well as Chaplain for the Boy Scouts of America. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford.

Msgr. Charles W. Daly, SMS’51, (Hartford), died on February 26, 2016, at the age of 95. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, achieving the rank of captain. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1951, Msgr. Daly was first appointed as assistant pastor at St. Anthony Parish in Hartford from 1951-1955. He was named assistant chancellor of the Archdiocese of Hartford and executive secretary-treasurer of The Catholic Transcript in 1959. In 1962, Msgr. Daly assumed full-time duties at the chancery as the fiscal officer of the Archdiocese of Hartford. He retired in 1996. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair was the principal celebrant of a Mass of Christian Burial at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

William S. Holland, SCC’45 and SMS’51, died on January 24, 2014, at the age of 87. Bill served in the Army and was discharged with the Rank of Sergeant. After being discharged, he was employed as a Civil Servant at Fort George G. Meade, MD, with the title of Supervisory Inventory Management Specialist. He retired after 46 years of service. During this time, Bill received many awards, among them were 18 Awards of Exceptional Performance and two Superior Civil Service Awards. Bill was a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Assn (NARFE) and was a member of the Army (AUSA) until 1951. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bartholomew Church in Manchester, MD.

Bishop William R. Houck, SMS’51, (Jackson), died on March 9, 2016, at the age of 89. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1951, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile by Bishop Thomas J. Toolen. In addition to his parish assignments, Bishop Houck was quickly put in to the ministry of Catholic education. On May 27, 1979, Pope John Paul II (now St. John Paul II) ordained Bishop Houck into the sacred order of bishops. He served with Bishop Joseph B. Brunini until Bishop Brunini retired in 1984. Pope John Paul II then named Bishop Houck as the ninth bishop of Jackson and he was installed on June 5, 1984. During his tenure as bishop, he focused on many issues involving education and evangelization. Bishop Houck served as Chair of the U.S. Bishops’ committee on evangelization and helped develop and publish: “Go and Make Disciples: A National Strategy for Catholic Evangelization,” which is still in use today. He also carried on the tradition of his predecessor by being actively involved in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. While still serving as bishop of the diocese, Pope John Paul II, at the request of Cardinal Francis George, appointed Bishop Houck as President of the Catholic Church Extension Society of America in September 2001. Bishop Houck continued to serve as bishop, splitting his time between the diocese and Chicago (Extension’s headquarters), until Jan. 3, 2003, when Bishop Joseph Latino was appointed Bishop of Jackson and Bishop Houck’s retirement was accepted by the pope. He remained President of Catholic Extension until retiring in 2007 and returning to Jackson. In recent years, Bishop Houck has continued his involvement in diocesan, chancery and cathedral life. His presence at liturgies and parish events was a testament to his ongoing desire to be engaged in church life. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle.

Francis P. “Jackie” Peretti, SCC’45, died on January 19, 2014, at the age of 92. Frank was baptized at St. Michael Catholic Church, Frostburg, where he was a life-long parishioner and devout practitioner of his Catholic beliefs; never without his rosary, and regularly attending Saturday evening Mass and his nephew Craig Kenney. Frank was employed for a short period of time at the Celanese Corp. and Kelly Springfield Tire Co., then worked most of his career at Hercules ABL (now ATK), retiring after 33 years. He was an active resident of the Frostburg community, being co-owner of “Pecks” on Broadway St. in the early 1960’s, a member of Frostburg’s Planning and Zoning Board in the ’70s, a life member of Frostburg Elks 470, a 70+ year member of Frostburg Knights of Columbus 1443, and a Fourth Degree Chief Justice Taney Knight. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church, with Fr. Doug Kenney as celebrant.

Charles A. Reese, SCC’46, died on May 28, 2015, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret, seven children, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Before completing his law degree, Charles served in the US Air Force in Bartow, FL, and Waco, TX. He practiced law in the District of Columbia Corporation Counsel Office before entering private practice in Howard County, MD, in 1959. He was a leading education attorney in the State of Maryland for over 30 years representing numerous school systems. He also practiced law in the fields of land use and zoning, election law and administrative law. He was an active member of the Church of the Resurrection Parish in Ellicott City. He was president of the parish Holy Name Society and the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s Holy Name Society. He was a founding member of the home school Association for Resurrection St. Paul School in Ellicott City and he served on the school boards of St. Louis Catholic School in Clarksville, MD, and Seton Keough High School in Baltimore. Charles was awarded the Archdiocese of Baltimore Service Award by Bishop W. Francis Malooly in 2003, the Loyola University of Maryland Alumni Jubilation Medal, and in 2011 the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Maryland’s Award of the Year. He was recognized by the Howard County Bar Foundation with a Lifetime
Achievement Award. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of the Resurrection.

**Damian P. Alagia, Jr., SCC’47 and SMS’53,** died on February 5, 2015, at the age of 87. Mr. Alagia was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Third Army Judge Advocate General Corps and was stationed in Ft. Benning, GA and Fort Campbell, KY. He achieved the rank of Captain and was awarded The Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant from the Department of the Army. After his Army service, he moved to Louisville where he began his long career in private legal practice. Mr. Alagia was an expert in Agriculture, Tax and Anti-trust law and was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the National Commission on Agricultural Trade and Export Policy. Mr. Alagia served on the board of many organizations and universities. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Bellarmine University Chapel of Our Lady of the Woods.

**Fr. Joseph H. Fennessy,** SCC’50, (Harrisburg), died on December 10, 2015, at the age of 86. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 10, 1956, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg by Bishop George L. Leech. Over his 59 years in the Diocese of Harrisburg, Fr. Fennessy served in 9 parishes. In his retirement, Fr. Fennessy moved to Bloomington where he often celebrated Mass in parishes filling in for priests on vacation or at the annual continuing education workshop. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Columba Church in Bloomington by Bishop Ronald Gainer.

**Msgr. John C. Collopy,** SMS’56, (Baltimore), died on May 10, 2015, at the age of 85. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1956 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore by then-Archbishop Francis P. Keough. Over his 59 years in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Msgr. Collopy served in eight parishes. In 1994, Msgr. Collopy was assigned to direct the archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Service for Retired Priests. He became a monsignor in 1999, and in 2002 he retired. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist in Long Green Valley.

**Fr. John H. McDonnell,** SCC’50, PS’52 and SMS’56, (Wheeling-Charleston), died on June 28, 2015, at the age of 85. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wheeling on May 26, 1956, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg, by Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell. Fr. McDonnell served as associate pastor of Immaculate Conception and as pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Ravenswood. He also served as chaplain of the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Clarksburg. Fr. McDonnell was well known in West Virginia and nationally for his extensive work in ecumenism. He retired from active ministry in 2006. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Michael J. Bransfield at St. Agnes Parish in Charleston. The homily was given by Msgr. Frederick P. Annie, V.G. (SMSC’74 and SMS’78).

**Fr. Edward J. Penchi,** SMS’56, died on January 31, 2016, at the age of 85. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1956, at Holy Cross Seminary by Bishop John P. Treacy. He was assistant pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, then assistant director of the Brothers of St. Pius X. In 1963, Fr. Penchi was given a three year assignment at Santa Cruz in Bolivia. He returned for a few months to assist at Immaculate Conception in Eau Claire. He soon returned to the mission of Santa Cruz. In 1980, he was assigned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist in the pastor care of the Cuban refugees at Fort McCoy. He returned to Santa Cruz, where, in 2000, he was granted senior priest status, while he continued to live and serve at the parish of Santa Cruz. Father Penchi was the director of the local Pro-Life Radio Program and served in that role until his death. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**Msgr. Armando J. Perini,** SCC’50, (Metuchen), died on April 1, 2016, at the age of 86. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1956, in St. Anthony Church, Trenton, by Bishop George W. Ahr. Over his 59 years in the Diocese of Metuchen, Msgr. Perini served in eight parishes. In 1972, Msgr. Perini was appointed pastor of St. Helena Parish, Edison, serving there for 36 years. Upon retirement in 2008, Msgr. Perini resided in Florida and Pennsylvania. Upon moving to Maria Regina Residence, he continued to serve the Newark Archdiocese as a weekend assistant in St. Lucy Parish. A funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary Church, Alpha.

**Fr. Florent R. Bilodeau,** PS’53 and SMS’57, (Manchester), died on March 7, 2016, at the age of 84. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 1957, by Bishop Matthew F. Brady, at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Over his 58 years in the Diocese of Manchester, Fr.
Bilodeau served in eight parishes. During this time he also served as chaplain to the Newman Club at NH College of Accounting & Commerce and Notre Dame College, as well as Diocesan Family Life Director. He retired in 2001. Fr. Bilodeau was very involved in CYO activities, first as Assistant Deanery Director and then as Deanery Director for the Manchester Deanery. He served as Diocesan Consultant and a member of the Diocesan Personnel Board. He also served as chaplain to the Maximilian Kolbe Council #9058, Knights of Columbus.

✝ John W. O’Brien, SCC’51, PS’53 and SMS’57, died on April 7, 2016, at the age of 84. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1957, and served at several parishes in the Baltimore area. He left the priesthood in 1972, and that year became an English teacher of the Home and Schools Program for city public schools. He retired from the program in 1997. In 1974, he married the former Mary Jane Healy, and the two of them enjoyed sailing the Chesapeake Bay, skiing in Colorado and attending reunions in Louvain. The two were communicants for nearly 50 years of Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church in Bolton Hill. He was a member of the parish council and the group CORPUS at Call to Action. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Corpus Christi.

✝ Fr. Peter J. Scanlon, PS’53 and SMS’57, (Worcester), died on September 24, 2015, at the age of 84. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John J. Wright on May 30, 1957 at St. Paul’s Cathedral. He served in several parishes of the diocese before being named Diocesan Director of the Newman Apostolate. He was then named pastor of the former Our Lady of Fatima Church on Belmont Street in 1976. He also served as Chaplain of the Worcester Fire Department for 45 years and was the full time Campus Minister at Worcester Polytechnic Institute for more than 20 years. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, with Bishop Robert J. McManus as principal celebrant.

✝ William J. Cosgrove, SCC’52, died on August 25, 2015, at the age of 82. Bill spent 30 years at Citibank, where he retired as a Senior Banker, Senior Credit Officer in 1991. He then served as Executive Vice President at Citadel Group Representatives Inc. until 2004. In retirement, he served on several boards including Huntington City Bancorp., Inc., John Hancock Funds where he served as Lead Trustee, The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, and the Arcola Country Club where he was a member for many years. Bill taught as an adjunct Professor at the Lubin Graduate School of Business of Pace University and as an Instructor at the American Institute of Banking where he also served as President. He held a B.A. from Fordham College, an MBA from New York University and a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. He was admitted to the New York Bar and the United States Supreme Court Bar. Bill also served as a medic in the US Army. He was active in the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, NJ. Bill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marilyn, as well as his three children and two grandchildren. A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Presentation.

✝ Fr. Roy H. Duquette, SMS’58, (Springfield, MA), died on August 14, 2015, at the age of 82. He was ordained a priest on May 24, 1958, by Bishop Christopher J. Weldon, Bishop of Springfield. Fr. Duquette served as a protem pastor at St. Theresa Church in S. Hadley, then as an assistant pastor at Sacred Heart in Holyoke, St. Mary’s in Northampton, and St. Mary’s in Westfield. He was part of the faculty as an Athletic Director at Holyoke Catholic High School, after which he became director at the former St. Michael’s High School. He later became Chaplain at American International College in Springfield. Fr. Duquette became pastor at St. John’s Church in Millers Falls, then pastor at the former St. John’s Church in Hadley, followed by Annunciation Chapel in Florence, where he was pastor until he retired in 2004. In his free time he enjoyed playing board games, walking his faithful dogs, but most of all he loved his time spent with family and friends at the family cottage on the lake in Holland, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Name Parish in Springfield.

✝ Deacon Francis E. Lambert, SCC’52, died on September 22, 2015, at the age of 84. Frank initially began studying for the priesthood, but later changed course, briefly serving in the U.S. Army and eventually earning a Master’s Degree in Hospital Administration from Northwestern University in Chicago. By 1959, he was the youngest professional Hospital Administrator in the state of Ohio. He married his wife, Betty, in 1958, and they were blessed with four children. In 1976 he changed course professionally yet again, returning to his roots in the ministry. Having studied to become a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church, Frank left hospital administration for full time ministry, become the first Associate Director of the Baltimore Archdiocese Division of Health Care Ministry. Frank later earned a second
Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola College in Baltimore. He dedicated the rest of his professional career to the ministry, continuing to serve as a Permanent Deacon after retiring to Green Valley, AZ in 1994. For most of his last years, Frank lived in a senior living community in Tucson, AZ, where he served as a deacon at Sunday Masses. Frank and his wife Betty volunteered many hours at the Green Valley Animal League during their retirement. A talented artist in ink, oil and graphite, Frank captured the diversity of humanity in portraiture and won numerous awards for his talent. A memorial service was held at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Green Valley, AZ.

Fr. Michael J. Polak, SMS’58, (Pittsburgh), died on March 28, 2016 at the age of 83. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 1958, at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh by Bishop John Dearden. Over his 57 years in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Fr. Polak served in seven parishes. When Fr. Polak celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 2008, he spoke of the joys of being a parochial vicar, hospital chaplain and pastor, that far outweighed the sacrifices of his ministry. He enjoyed the life so much that he assisted at more than 50 parishes in the years following his retirement in 2002. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Agnes Church in West Mifflin, with Bishop William Winter presiding.

Msgr. Joseph C. Ansaldi, SCC’55, (New York), died on November 12, 2015, at the age of 79. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1962, and named a monsignor in 1990. He served at the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin on Staten Island, 1962-1963; he was parochial vicar at St. Dominic’s, the Bronx, 1963; he served as dean of discipline and taught religion, American history, Church history and German at Cardinal Hayes in West Park, 1963-1978; he joined the faculty as academic dean at St. Joseph by-the-Sea in 1978, and taught American history, religion and French; he was principal for 27 years beginning in 1982; was vicar from 1991-1998; finally served on the faculty from 2009-2011 when he retired. At the time of his death he was a weekend associate at St. Charles parish in the Oakwood section of Staten Island. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel with Auxiliary Bishop John J. Jenik as principal celebrant and Msgr. Anthony D. Marchitelli as homilist.

Fr. David E. Beebe, SMS’61, (Camden), died on March 2, 2016, at the age of 81. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1961 in Camden by Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano. His priestly assignments started in June, 1961, and continued throughout the diocese of 44 years at many So. Jersey parishes. He was a math and religion teacher at both Gloucester Catholic and Camden Catholic High Schools from 1962 to 1967. Fr. Beebe held many posts in the Diocese including Director of Religious Education, a lifetime member of the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership holding the positions of Treasurer and Executive Director, served on the Priest Personnel Board, the Presbyteral Council, Executive Director of the Diocesan Synod and later as Director of St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center, Blackwood and Spiritual Director of S. Jersey Cursillo Movement. He was the Campus Minister at both Glassboro State College (Rowan University) and LaSalle University before retiring in 2005. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Turnersville, NJ.

Msgr. William L. Pitt, Jr., SCC’55 and SMS’61, (Richmond), died on February 25, 2015, at the age of 79. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 1, 1961. He was a teacher and assistant principal at St. John Vianney Seminary in Richmond from 1961 to 1967 and Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick’s Parish, Richmond and a teacher at St. Patrick’s and Cathedral High Schools from 1967 to 1968. He moved back to Norfolk in 1968 and became the principal of Norfolk Catholic High School until 1972. He in 1971 was pastor of Christ the King Parish in Norfolk until 1973 and was the chancellor and vicar general of the Diocese of Richmond until 1985. In 1985, he became the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Hampton until 1992. He was the principal of Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School in Virginia Beach from 1992 until his retirement in 2004. In his retirement, he was generous with his time supporting local parishes, schools and priests. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk.

Fr. David Turchik, SMS’61, died on May 31, 2014, at the age of 79. He taught English for 33 years in the Connecticut Vocational Technical Schools, during which time he was honored to be named the first “Teacher of the Year” in that state system. During his tenure there he was appointed to the State Steering Committee in English, a position he held until his retirement. In addition to being an outstanding educator, he was also a mentor and counselor for students, families and colleagues. Following his retirement from the Vocational Technical system, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of St. Basil College Seminary. Bishop Curtis appointed him to the Board of mediation and arbitration followed by a number of years instructing parents who had children preparing for baptism. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull.

toral assignments Fr. Crean served on many diocesan boards and committees and among his many accomplishments received an Honorary Degree from Elms College. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Church in Westfield.

Fr. Raymond J. Orloski, SCC’56, (Harrisburg), died on January 11, 2016, at the age of 79. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg by Bishop George L. Leech on May 19, 1962, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Over his 53 years in the Diocese of Harrisburg, Fr. Orloski served in eight parishes until his retirement in 2008. After retiring from active ministry, Fr. Orloski remained active, assisting at parishes throughout the diocese. Notably, he was the spiritual adviser and board member of the Mother Pauline Visintainer Religious Foundation. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Angels Church in Kulpmont, with Bishop Ronald Gainer as the celebrant, and Fr. John C. Kemper, P.S.S., as homilist.

Fr. Carl E. Bauer, SCC’57 and SMS’63, (Wheeling-Charleston), died on October 22, 2015, at the age of 78. He was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges in May, 1963. Following his ordination, Fr. Bauer served as associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg, WV, from 1963-1966. He was also a teacher and guidance counselor at Parkersburg Catholic High School, where he then served as principal from 1966-1969. He was director of the Seminary House of Studies in Wheeling from 1969-1974; pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling from 1974-1986; dean of the Wheeling Deanery from 1976-1982; pastor of St. Mary Parish in Star City, WV, from 1986-2002; pastor of St. Ursula Parish in Pursglove, WV, from 1986-1994; and was vicar forane of the Clarksburg Vicariate from 1999-2002. Fr. Bauer also served as president of the Presbyteral Council and chair of the Priests’ Personnel Committee and Continuing Education Committee. He was involved in education at all levels, serving as pastor of several Catholic schools and on a number of school boards.

He also taught at Wheeling Jesuit University. Fr. Bauer retired from active ministry in 2002, when he moved to the rural Low Country of South Carolina, where he was charged with two small mission churches, helped in several other parishes and was chaplain at a federal correctional institution. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Church in Morgantown, WV.

Kenneth M. Johnson, SMS’63, died on February 1, 2016, at the age of 78. He taught at East Corinth Academy for one year following the completion of his Master’s degree, and then joined the faculty at Husson College in 1965. At Husson, he became a full professor and taught there for 45 years until his retirement in 2010. He lived most of his life in the family home, moving to Sylvia Ross Home in 2012. He was a communicant of St. John’s Church, St. Paul the Apostle Parish since 1939. He served as religious education teacher, parish council member, Eucharistic minister, and lecturer. He is survived by his brother, sister, two nephews and one niece along with their children. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John’s Catholic Church.

Deacon Edward E. Rinderle, SMS’65, died on July 28, 2015, at the age of 75. Ed was a native of Erie, PA, a graduate in electrical engineering from Gannon University, and received his MBA from Stetson University. He moved to DeLand, FL, in 1967, working as a design engineer and eventually chief engineer at Florida Transformer in DeLeon Springs. He continued his career as President of RAF Magnetics in DeLand, and later as Director of Economic Development for the County of Volusia until his retirement. Ed was ordained by Bishop Thomas Grady in 1983 as a permanent Deacon. He served as chaplain at Stetson University Catholic Campus Ministry for 23 years, was lector for the Knights of Columbus, visited sick and homebound, served dinner to needy and homeless, assisted in building homes with Habitat for Humanity, and made himself available and willing to serve in any need. Ed had a unique ability to sense a personal need in others, and to turn his focus and his ear to their concerns. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Mary Lee, four children and nine grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church in DeLand.

Fr. Nicholas J. Calabro, SMS’67, (Bridgeport), died on August 24, 2015, at the age of 73. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1966, in St. Mary Church in Stamford, by Bishop Walter W. Curtis. Fr. Calabro served as parochial vicar at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport, Sacred Heart Parish in Stamford, St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull,
St. Patrick Parish in Bridgeport, St. Mary Parish in Bethel, Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Wilton, and Christ the King Parish in Trumbull. Fr. Calabro was also a faculty member and spiritual director at Central Catholic High School in Norwalk from 1978-1988. In 1990, Fr. Calabro was appointed pastor of St. Roch, which had been his home parish growing up. He served at St. Roch until 2009, when poor health forced him to retire. Thereafter, he resided at the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of Clergy Residence in Stamford. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Roch Church.

+ R. Francis Fountain, SMS’67, died on August 31, 2015, at the age of 73. Frank spent his working career at Hewlett-Packard/Agilent Technologies and especially enjoyed working in Germany, China and Japan. He retired in 2006. Frank was an active member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, DE where he was a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Knights of Columbus and served with the Lazarus Committee and the Sages Senior Group as Treasurer. Frank is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Dolores Antoine Fountain, two sisters, a brother, brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Frank enjoyed photography, woodworking, reading and gardening. He and Dolores enjoyed traveling throughout their marriage. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, DE.

+ David V. Burds, SMS’70, died on January 30, 2016, at the age of 70. Dave was Director of the Endependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) for 15 years after retiring from IBM. He was a widely known advocate and model for independent living by people with severe disabilities. He has been a quadriplegic since an accident damaged his spinal cord in 1977. Dave is survived by his wife, Peggy, children Chris, Ann, Sara and Eric, and six grandchildren and six brothers and sisters.

+ Ronald W. Novotny, SCC’64 and PS’66, died on May 31, 2015, at the age of 71. He earned post-graduate degrees from Catholic University, American University and University of Dayton including a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. Ron worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 13 years in the Washington, DC area before spending six years helping patients at the VA Hospital in Tampa. His life work and mission was as Founder and Director of the Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spirituality. Ron is survived by Adrienne, his beloved wife of 42 years, three children, seven grandchildren and two sisters. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Divine Providence House of Prayer.

+ Fr. Vincent G. Carpinelli, SMS’71, (Camden), died on February 12, 2016, at the age of 72. He was ordained a priest on May 22, 1971, by Bishop George H. Guilfoyle. Over his 44 years in the Diocese of Camden, he served in nine parishes. Fr. Carpinelli was chaplain of Cooper University Hospital, Camden; priest moderator for Project Rachel; secretary of the Padre Pio Shrine in Buena Borough; and as a member of the Marian Commission, the Liturgical Commission and the Presbyteral Council. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church, Haddon Heights.

+ Msgr. Arthur F. Valenzano, SCC’69, SMSC’71 and SMS’75, (Baltimore), died on September 5, 2015, at the age of 66. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1975 by Archbishop William D. Borders. He served at St. Ambrose in Park Heights and at St. Mary of the Assumption in Govans. He was named a pastor of William of York in Ten Hills, where he served from 1986-1993. He was then named pastor of St. John’s in Westminster, one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. When named a monsignor in 1996, he was the youngest priest in the archdiocese to receive the title. In 2010, he was named rector of Baltimore’s Basilica of the Assumption, where he served until his death. A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the Assumption.

+ Patrick McEvoy “Mac” Cromwell, long-time Seminary advisor, died on September 16, 2015. Mac Cromwell chaired the Seminary’s Investment Committee for over a decade. A retired attorney, Mac was involved in a number of Baltimore Catholic institutions, most notably Mercy Medical Center where he was a long-time trustee and Chair of the Board. He was also the first chairman of the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s Independent Review Board. His funeral service was celebrated in the St. Mary’s Seminary Chapel and Fr. Leavitt noted in his homily “With his philanthropic commitments, Mac wagered on human goodness playing against many obstacles, and figuring out how to win. As board chair at Mercy Medical Center, he did that. As the chair of our Investment Committee at the seminary he did that. In his service to the Archdiocese on the Clergy Review Board, he did that. In all these ways, he was playing a hand dealt by circumstances beyond easy control, and making the better, or at least the good, win out. Faith for him was much more than some insurance policy on the afterlife. It was a wager on goodness in this one.”

+ Joseph S. Keelty, long-time benefactor of St. Mary’s died on April 10, 2016. Mr. Keelty, a retired home builder who developed Baltimore County’s Rodgers Forge and Mays Chapel Village, was known as a very generous donor to schools and charities. Mr. Keelty, a very close friend of Fr. Robert F. Leavitt, P.S.S., was a major benefactor to the Bicentennial, Center for Continuing Formation, and Library campaigns. At the conclusion of Fr. Leavitt’s tenure as President Rector Mr. Keelty generously endowed the Center for Continuing Formation Director of Priest Programs in his honor. Fr. Leavitt celebrated Mr. Keelty’s funeral Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Mt. Washington.
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