
Fall/Winter 2016

News and Information for Alumni of St. Charles College, St. Mary’s Seminary College and St. Mary’s Seminary
What would you like everyone to know about St. Mary’s today? The most common things I’ve heard from St. Mary’s visitors since arriving have been how welcoming the community is and how happy everyone seems to be. People also comment that the seminarians seem very serious about what they’re doing, but also very friendly and pastoral in their style and outlook. This is exactly what I would want to hear. It reflects my own sense of St. Mary’s today, and the kind of formation and formational atmosphere I would like to encourage and cultivate.

Please share your vocational journey: I am the youngest of six in a strong Catholic family. I thought of priesthood as a youngster, but wanted to follow in my mother and oldest brother’s footsteps and be a musician and music teacher; later to follow in my father’s and be a lawyer and a public servant. I ended up getting degrees and working in both fields before seminary. I loved both and found both stimulating, but something kept gnawing at me that another path would help me fulfill my longing for formation and happiness pursuing the goal of creating such communities. I also realized that fostering reconciliation and a deep respect of people for one another is fundamental for achieving that goal. At a certain point I knew that priesthood would be the best way for me to be able to spend my life doing that.

Why did you become a Sulpician? I graduated from Theological College at CUA, a Sulpician seminary. I appreciated the Sulpician approach very much. I knew if I were ever to do seminary work, I would want it to be in a Sulpician seminary. When I finished my doctorate, I thought I might like to teach. I knew for sure that if I could work in a seminary it would be hard to resist. Soon after I finished my doctorate I received a call from St. Mary’s asking if I was interested in teaching there and doing formation work. That clinched it. Thankfully my bishop agreed and I eventually joined the Society. I’m deeply aware of the importance of priests for the Church’s ministry, and continue to have a deep desire to help men in their discernment and prepare them for priesthood. It has had a powerful effect on my own priesthood, helping me respect priests and want to help men become priests all the more. It just seemed like a natural fit for me. It makes me reflect deeply on the priesthood and my own priesthood every day. It inspires me to want to be a better priest and a better formator every day.

What are your current priorities? The first and most important priority for St. Mary’s today is to maintain and, to the extent possible, enhance its very fine formation program and academic faculty. As people come and go, we need to make sure we are recruiting and hiring the very best possible faculty members for every aspect of priestly formation, and for our academic and spiritual formation programs in particular. Right behind that is the importance of spreading the word about what a fine faculty and formation program we have, especially to let more bishops and vocation directors know they will think of St. Mary’s as a first choice to send their seminarians to. St. Mary’s was the first seminary in the U.S. and has produced more priests for the U.S. than any other seminary. It has been, and continues to be, one of the best seminaries for American priests. St. Mary’s is justly known as America’s “cradle of pastors.” A priority is to assure that it is well-known as such.

What are your goals for St. Mary’s EI and the Center for Continuing Formation? I want the EI to be widely recognized as a principal venue for ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, and a superior venue for theological and ministerial education for students other than Catholic seminarians. The EI is fulfilling that mission under its very fine Dean, Dr. Brent Laytham. I want to see its profile raised to reach an even wider audience and student pool. The Center likewise has been doing wonderful things under Msgr. David Fulton. While it has always offered opportunities for sabbaticals, more recently it’s been developing more targeted programs in more workable formats for today’s priests. I’d like to see that continue in order to serve the needs of priests and dioceses today, along with programs for others engaged in church ministries. I’m anxious to help build endowments in order to assure the ability to carry out their missions in a superlative fashion long into the future.

How do you maintain your private prayer life? When I was a youngster I was a night owl. As I’ve gotten older I’ve become an early bird. It’s come quite naturally, and it’s been the best thing possible for my prayer life, and also for serious reading. I rise quite early in the morning and have a regular routine of prayer and personal and professional reading before anyone encounters me. I also try to get to chapel well in advance of Mass or Morning Prayer to continue my personal prayer before the liturgy starts. I know that when I dedicate the first few hours of the day to prayer and serious reading it makes everything else fall into place. On the rare occasions when I don’t, things never seem to go as well as when I do.
(l-r) Fr. David Songry, OFM Cap., Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Fr. Brown and Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre at a special event in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Brown meeting Pope Francis in Rome in 2013.

Fr. Brown with his brothers and sisters.
Fr. Scott Detisch spent the month of July this past summer as the priest in residence for the Benedictine community at Mount Saviour Monastery in Elmira, NY. During that time, he offered a mini-course on contemporary theological issues to the monks. On December 1, Fr. Detisch conducted the Advent Day of Recollection for the priests of the Diocese of Scranton. His topic was entitled “Being Claimed by the Incarnation in our Priestly Life and Ministry.”

Msgr. David I. Fulton delivered the keynote address, Catechists as Messengers of Mercy, at the celebration for catechists in the Archdiocese of Baltimore on September 24, 2016.

In October, Dr. Michael Gorman gave seminars and lectures on the Gospel of John in Cambridge and Manchester, England. In November, the second edition of his book Apostle of the Crucified Lord was published, and the Korean translation of his book The Death
of the Messiah and the Birth of the New Covenant was released. In addition, he gave presentations on both Pauline theology and the Gospel of John at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Fr. Thomas R. Hurst, P.S.S., gave a retreat from October 2-7 for the priests of the Diocese of Charlotte, “The Gospel of John: Insights for Priestly Ministry and Life.” On November 30, he conducted the Advent Day of Recollection for the priests of the Diocese of Dallas, “Praying and Preaching in Advent.” Fr. Hurst will return to St. Mary’s for the spring semester to teach two classes, Patristic Theology and The Gospels of Matthew & Mark.

On November 3, Dr. Brent Laytham gave a lecture titled “Is Spirit Christology in 2 Corinthians Orthodox?” at the Luther Theological Southern Seminary. Also in November, he read a paper titled “But if...by the Spirit of God: Reading Matthew’s Lord’s Prayer as Spirit Christology,” at the Society of Biblical Literature.

Dr. Bill Scalia’s article “The Mysterious Stranger: A Religious Allegory for a Post-Christian Age” was published by The Mark Twain Annual; the article appears in the Fall 2016 (14:1) issue. In October, Dr. Scalia presented his paper “Hitchcock’s Lying Flashback: Ethics, Aesthetics, Memory, and Cinema” at the 2016 International Festival of Authors in Toronto, Ontario. Also, Dr. Scalia’s critical work on American filmmaker D.W. Griffith was referenced in the September 12 issue of the National Review.

In October, Dr. Paul Seaton wrote a blog titled “France Must Practice a Politics of the Possible,” which can be found at http://www.libertylawsite.org/2016/10/13/france-must-practice-a-politics-of-the-possible/. He also recently translated an interview with a famous French Catholic Philosopher, “Understand the Enemy as He Understands Himself,” https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2016/08/understand-the-enemy-as-he-understands-himself.

Fr. Lawrence B. Terrien, P.S.S. preached a retreat in September for the priests of the Diocese of Greensburg, and in October, he made presentations on the theology and spirituality of the priesthood for the priests of the Diocese of Camden. At the end of November, he did a Day of Recollection for the parish at Charlestowm Retirement Community, and in June he will preach a retreat for the Marist Fathers in Dayton, OH. Fr. Terrien plans to be on sabbatical next year.

Father Michael Barré, P.S.S., retired from the St. Mary's Seminary & University Faculty at the end of June, 2016 after close to fifty years as a priest, with over half of that time served at St. Mary's. Michael lived and ministered according to a famous text from the Book of Psalms: “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.”

Father Barré's dedication to the study of God's Word as light and lamp led to his opening of that Word to students in the classroom, as well as for other scholars in his publications and his leadership and addresses at the Catholic Biblical Association.

Always a priest, we heard Michael's sensitive and insightful homilies here at the seminary. He brought this same gift of preaching to his ministry in parishes, especially at Sacred Heart in Glyndon.

In addition to the depth and breadth of his knowledge as a biblical scholar, he brought his belief in the power of God's Spirit in the lives of seminarians to his work as spiritual director and mentor.

St. Mary's Seminary community thanks Father Barré for his priestly life and ministry exercised in this community, and wishes him God's blessing and strength in retirement.

Rev. Thomas R. Hurst, P.S.S.
President Rector 2007 – 2016
“Let us all, the Board of Trustees, the faculty, alumni, benefactors and students join together with Fr. Brown as ambassadors for this great institution, convinced that it has something truly beautiful, unique and necessary to offer the Church of Baltimore, the Church in the United States and indeed the Church Universal.”

An excerpt from Archbishop William E. Lori’s remarks at the ceremony.

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Fr. Brown signs the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity as the 16th President of St. Mary’s Seminary & University.

Fr. Brown with former President Rector Fr. Robert Leavitt, P.S.S. Fr. Leavitt was a principal concelebrant and continues to teach as the France Merrick Professor in Systematic Theology.

Sulpician Provincial Very Rev. John Kemper enters the Chapel for the liturgy.
Syracuse alumni and current seminarians (l-r) Mr. Brendan Foley, Rev. Christopher Ballard (SMS'10), Mr. Dennis Walker, Rev. Michael Galuppi (SMS'07).

Trustee Jack Cavanaugh and Fr. Leavitt join Marc Bunting and Tony Mignini at the reception.

Fr. Brown welcomed good friends Jim and Carol O’Hara to the celebration.

Fr. Brown and EI Board Member Rev. Jason Poling are joined by Rev. Poling’s wife Mary and daughter Kara who played a piece composed by Fr. Brown for the English Horn during the Mass.
On Tuesday, November 15th, 2016, St. Mary's Seminary & University and the U.S. Province of the Society of St. Sulpice joined to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the Sulpicians in America and the founding of St. Mary's Seminary. His Eminence Marc Cardinal Ouellet, P.S.S., Prefect of the Congregation of Bishops, received an honorary degree from St. Mary's Seminary & University. The ceremony was attended by several of the United States' Cardinals, the Apostolic Nuncio of the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre and over 30 Bishops and Archbishops who were in Baltimore at the time for the USCCB meeting. The Province of the United States invited the seminarian communities of Theological College of the Catholic University of America, the other Sulpician seminary in the United States, and Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, founded by the Sulpicians, to join the seminarian community of St. Mary's Seminary & University for the special celebration.
Cardinal Marc Ouellet delivered his address, Towards a Renewal of the Priesthood for Our Time, after the conferral of the Honorary Degree.

St. Mary’s seminarians helped greet more than 300 guests and manage many of the logistics for the event.

Cardinal Ouellet and Fr. Brown with benefactor Marc Blum.

David Kinkopf, Esq., Vice Chair of the Board with Cardinal Ouellet.
Center for Continuing Formation

New Pastors - November 2016

From November 6-11, 2016, 28 new or soon-to-be-named pastors gathered at St. Mary’s Center for Continuing Formation for a workshop addressing this challenging transition in their priestly life and ministry.

Continuing Formation Programs

**SENIOR PRIEST RETREAT**
A retreat for “Veterans of the Campaign”
**MAY 15-19 2017**
A three-day retreat with an optional fourth day for senior priests who are retired, semi-retired, or ordained forty years or more.

**HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUES IN THE CONTEMPORARY PARISH**
**AUG. 6-10 2017**
This program is open to seminarians entering 3T and 4T, newly ordained and international priests.

**NEW PASTORS’ PROGRAM**
A five-day program for first time pastors
**OFFERED IN SPRING OR FALL 2017**
**MAY 28-JUNE 2, 2017**
**OR**
**NOV. 6-11, 2017**
Grounds the role of pastor in the personal and spiritual health of the priest.

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.

Fall/Winter 2016
Over 120 alumni from St. Charles College, Paca Street, St. Mary’s Seminary College and St. Mary’s Seminary gathered at Roland Park to celebrate the annual Alumni Days on October 19th and 20th. The Olier Award for Outstanding Alumnus was presented to Fr. Thomas Ulshafer, P.S.S. (SMS ’70) in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the Society of St. Sulpice over many years. Fr. Ulshafer recently completed a biography of the founding superior of the Sulpicians in the United States, Fr. François-Charles Nagot during his sabbatical.

Photos from Alumni Day are included throughout the Alumni News Section.
Msgr. Leo P. Carey, SCC’45 and SMS’51, (Paterson), is celebrating his 65th anniversary of ordination. He served as religion teacher and Athletic Director at the former Bayley-Ellard High School, Madison, and later served as Director of the high school until 1967. He served as pastor of St. Jude, Budd Lake; St. Nicholas, Passaic, and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lake Hopatcong. On a diocesan level, he was Director of Morris County CYO, Associate Vicar for Religious, and Dean for Western Morris Deanery. In 1992, after serving Our Lady Star of the Sea for 17 years, he retired from active ministry.

Msgr. George A. Dudak, SCC’50, (Paterson), is celebrating his 60th anniversary of ordination. He was Pastor of Our Lady of the Mountain Parish, Long Valley for 30 years until he retired from active ministry in 1999. He was ordained by Bishop James McNulty on May 26, 1956. When Msgr. Dudak was assigned as Pastor of Our Lady of the Mountain in 1969, he had just returned to active ministry.
from five years of service in the former diocesan mission in Ica, Peru. Msgr. Dudak’s first assignment was as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mercy, Whippany, for two years, followed by six years at St. George Parish, Paterson. He later served at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Paterson. On the Diocesan level he served as Chairman of the Development Commission and as a member of the Priests’ Personnel Board. He currently serves as part-time Parochial Vicar at Resurrection Parish, Randolph.

Fr. Joseph H. Pettit, PS’52 and SMS’56, (Hartford), is celebrating his 60th anniversary of ordination. He was ordained a priest by Archbishop Henry J. O’Brien on May 10, 1956, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. He served in at least seven parishes, as well as serving on the Diocesan Bureau of Social Service and the Derby Commission of the Needs of the Elderly and was a member of the Mayor’s Citizens Advisory Committee and the Lower Naugatuck Valley Mental Health Planning Commission.

Fr. Joseph F. Gotwalt, SCC’59 and SMS’65, (Harrisburg), is now living at St. Vincent de Paul parish house, 220 Third St., Hanover, PA 17331.

1960s

Msgr. John F. Macfarlane, SCC’60 and SMS’66, (Washington, DC), has let us know that he has a new job after his retirement as Secretary of Education for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

Lexie H. Redden, SCC’62, has retired from the WV State Tax Department as Director of Criminal Investigations. He resides in Charmco, WV with Barbara, his wife of 54 years.

Fr. Ronald J. Cioffi, SCC’63, PS’65 and SMS’69, (Trenton), has retired as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Keyport.

John W. Maxian, SCC’63, PS’65 and SMS’69, has retired after 48 years in commercial radio and TV. After relaxing for a year, he looks forward to traveling, volunteering at the Holiday Hills Senior Center, and working part time as a digital cinema projectionist. He also looks forward to seeing everyone at the next class reunion.

Bernard D. Wasilewski, SCC’63, has moved to 1317 Mineo Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Fr. Mark R. Cavagnaro, SCC’65 and SMS’71, (Camden), previously Pastor at Our Lady of Hope in Blackwood, has been assigned as Pastor at St. Brendan the Navigator in Avalon.

Fr. Ronald A. Pachence, SCC’65 and SMS’71, (San Diego), is now living at 3459 Argyle St., San Diego, CA 92111-4808.
Msgr. Michael SC Schmied, SCC’65 and SMSC’71, (Richmond), is now living at 10330 Parahunt Pathway, Ashland, VA 23005. The last 20 of 45 years of his ordained service were spent as Pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Richmond. The first 10 of those years, he also served as Bishop Walter Sullivan’s First Episcopal Vicar for the Diocesan Hispanic Apostolate.

Msgr. G. Michael Schlepner, SCC’66, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of St. Margaret Parish in Bel Air, has retired.

Msgr. Donald S. Essex, SCC’67, PS’69 and SMSC’73, is now living at 15211 Eldridge Way #1J, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Paul M. Fisher, SCC’67, has retired in Guam, with his wife of 46 years, Aurea Bolanos.

Fr. Mark J. Logue, SCC’67 and SMSC’73, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrow, West River, has retired.

Fr. Richard W. Beck, V.F., SCC’68, (Scranton), has been appointed Administrator, pro tem, of St. Patrick Parish, Milford, and St. Joseph Parish, Matamoras, and will continue to serve as Pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, Hawley.

Very Rev. Canon Robert A. Schiesler, SCC’69, SMSC’71, EI’74, has retired as Rector of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI, and has moved to Mechanicsburg, PA, where he serves as Rector of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

Msgr. Richard J. Murphy, PS’69 and SMSC’73, (Baltimore), previously stationed at St. Timothy, Walkersville, has retired.

Msgr. Gerald R. Belanger, SCC’69, SMSC’71 and SMSC’75, (Manchester), previously Pastor of Divine Mercy Church in Petersborough, NY, is now Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Meredith, NH.

1970s

J. Thomas Puglisi, SMSC’72, has moved to 104 Willis Street, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Fr. Stephen D. Gosnell, SMSC’73, (Baltimore), previously Associate Pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Frederick, is now Associate Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Baynesville, and St. Ursula, Parkville.

Fr. Christopher P. Moore, SMSC’73 and SMSC’77, (Baltimore), has returned from sabbatical and is now Associate Pastor of the Catholic Churches of Glen Burnie.

Msgr. Kevin T. Schenning, SMSC’76 and SMSC’81, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of St. Joseph, Fullerton, has been appointed Pastor of St. Margaret in Bel Air.
1950s

- Fr. Joseph A. LaPlante, SMS’54, (Winona), is now living at 12104 Grant Blvd. W, Wabasha, MN 55981.
- Fr. Paul F. Kenefick, SMS’56, (Hartford), celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 1, 1956, by Bishop Russell J. McVinney of Providence at the American College Chapel in Louvain, Belgium. Because his spending a college vacation in Spain had drawn the attention of Archbishop John F. Whealon, Fr. Kenefick was sent to Puerto Rico to immerse himself in the culture and language in order to serve the emerging Spanish population of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Over his 60 years in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Fr. Kenefick has served in at least six parishes. He also served as Spiritual Director of Cursillo for the Archdiocese of Hartford from 1990-1992. Fr. Kenefick moved to the Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin Residence in Bloomfield on his 75th birthday, in September 2005.
- Thomas A. Vinca, SMS’59, is now living at 5 Dezac, Devon, PA 19333. He retired in 2014, after spending 27 years as CEO of Family Services of NW PA, in Erie, PA. He is married, with four adult children and 7 grandchildren.

1960s

- Fr. Vincent F. Langan, SMS’60, (Scranton), can now be reached at PO Box 365, Sayre, PA 18840-0365.
- Fr. James T. Mudd, SMS’64, (Louisville), is now living at 3817 Greenhurst Dr., Louisville, KY 40299.
- Fr. Roland C. Cloutier, SMS’66, (Norwich), has retired from his pastoral duties at All Saints Church in Somers, CT and St. Edward Church in Stafford Springs, CT. He now lives at his home and can be reached at PO Box 724, 46 Leh Ave., Griswold, CT 06351.
- Fr. Edward P. Lyman, SMS’67, (Scranton), previously Senior Priest, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, has retired.
- Msgr. Eddy N. Bisson, SMS’68, (Manchester), is now living at 490 N. River Road Unit 38, Manchester, NJ 03104-1947.
- Fr. Robert A. Streveler, SMS’69, (LaCrosse), has retired as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Edgar and Holy Family Parish, Pontiatowski. He is now Chaplain/Priest in Residence at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, while he continues his work as On-Call Chaplain at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, WI.

1970s

- Phillip W. Venne, SMS’72, wrote in to let us know that he graduated from the U.S. Public Health Service’s Health Records Administration program at Wyman Park, Baltimore, in 1975. He joined the Hospital Corporation of America at its new King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in that same year. He later managed patient services and human resources in other Western-operated Middle East hospitals until 1990. After briefly residing in the Philippines, Phillip relocated to Thailand, at first managing a private English-language institute in Bangkok; and later serving in Thai law firms as a consultant to American and European business clients. He is currently retired in the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai.
Fr. Michael A. Angeloni, SMS'75, (Wilmington), has been appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Cross, Dover and Immaculate Conception, Marydel, MD.

Fr. David R. Engbarsn, SMS’75, (Rockford), is living at 10265 Ulmerton Road, Lot #155, Largo, FL 33771.

Fr. Lee F. Bacchi, SMS’77, (Joliet), is now serving as Catholic Chaplain at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL.

Fr. Craig A. Collison, SMS’78, (Sioux City), previously Pastor of Sacred Heart in Sioux City, IA and St. Patrick’s in Akron, IA, as well as Dean of the Southwest Deanery, has been appointed Pastor of St. Lawrence in Carroll, IA and Holy Family in Liddlerdale, IA.

Fr. Timothy Klunk, SMS’79, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of Our Lady of Victory, Arbutus, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, West River.

We are sad to report the death of Alice M. Jarboe, mother of Msgr. J. Bruce Jarboe, SMS’85, (Baltimore), on November 9, 2016, at the age of 84. Mrs. Jarboe leaves behind three sons, and three grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Gabriel’s Catholic Church in Woodlawn, MD.


Fr. David F. Murphy, SMS’86, (Wilmington), has let us know that he is now Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 801 N. DuPont Highway, Wilmington Manor, New Castle, DE 19720, as well as St. Paul in Delaware City.

Fr. Samuel V. Young, SMS’89, (Baltimore), has returned from sabbatical and is now Associate Pastor of St. Mary’s, Govans and St. Pius X, Rodgers Forge.

Fr. Michael Murphy, SMS’90, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph’s Monastery Parish, Irvington.

Fr. Stephen M. Sledesky, SMS’92, (Hartford), is now Pastor of St. George Parish in Guilford, CT, after serving the past twelve years in Manchester, CT.

Members of the St. Mary’s Seminary Class of 2006, Fr. Rob Cole, Fr. Jim Sorra and Fr. Marc Solomon.
Fr. Stuart H. Pinette, SMS’94, (Hartford), has been appointed Pastor of St. Therese & St. Frances Cabrini Parishes in North Haven, CT, and is a member of the Archdiocese of Hartford Diocesan Formation Faculty since 1998.

Fr. Dennis B. Willey, SMS’94, (Charleston), has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Chapin, SC.

2000s

Fr. Timothy Nolan, SMS’02, (Wilmington), has been appointed Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish and St. Peter the Apostle Parish, both in New Castle.

Fr. Brian J. Romanowski, SMS’03, (Norwich), has been appointed Bishop’s Delegate for Safe Environments and Judge for Diocesan Tribunal Office.

Fr. Peter J. Clarke, SMS’04, (Paterson), previously Principal at St. Brendan School in Clifton, has been appointed Principal of De Paul Catholic High School in Wayne. His residence will be at Good Counsel Rectory, 155 W. Pkwy, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444.

Fr. Nils de Jesús Hernández, SMS’04, (Dubuque), graduated in May, 2016, from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary with a Master of Arts in Liturgy (MAL). He continues with his current assignment as Pastor of the Trinity Cluster in Manona, IA.

Fr. Martin Nocchi, SMS’04, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor of St. Pius X, while continuing as Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, Govans.

Fr. Mark Bialek, SMS’06, (Baltimore), previously Pastor of Resurrection of Our Lord, Laurel, is now Pastor of St. John, Westminster.

2010s

Fr. Michael Hall, SMS’10, (Trenton), is now Administrator of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in West Trenton, in addition to Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship.

Fr. Warren V. Tanghe, SMS’11, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor of St. Paul in Ellicott City.

Fr. Francis D. Kim, SMS’12, (Camden), previously Parochial Vicar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Abescon, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Padre Pio in Vineland.

Fr. Jhon E. Madrid, SMS’12, (Paterson), previously Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle in Oak Ridge and St. John Vianney Parishes in Stockholm, has been appointed Principal of St. Brendan School in Clifton.

Fr. Stephen Roth, SMS’12, (Baltimore), has been appointed Pastor of St. Isaac Jogues in Carney.

Fr. Andres Serna, SMS’12, (Trenton), previously Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Lake Parish in Lakewood, has been
appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Barnabas Parish in Bayville.

- Fr. Brian Lewis, SMS'13, (Wilmington), has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Wilmington.

- Fr. Kevin J. Mohan, SMS'13, (Camden), is the Director of Catholic Identity, Gloucester Catholic High School, while in-residence at St. Mary Parish in Gloucester City.

- Fr. Andrew K. Nelson, SMS'13, (Manchester), has been appointed Pastor at St. Mary Parish and St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish in Somersworth.

- Fr. K. Peter Wierzbicki, SMS’13, (Paterson), previously Parochial Vicar at St. Pius X Parish in Montville, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Pompton Plains, NJ.

- Fr. Stefan Migac, SMS’14, (Richmond), has been appointed Pastor of St. Theresa in Farmville, Sacred Heart in Meherrin and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Blackstone.

- Fr. Michael Zgonc, SMS’14, (Manchester), has been appointed Pastor of St. Mark Parish in Londonderry.

- Fr. Daniel Cogut, SMS’15, (Richmond), has been appointed Pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church in Colonial Heights, VA.

- Fr. Jack Demnyan, SMS’15, (Pittsburgh), has been assigned Parochial Vicar to St. Bernard’s Parish in Mount Lebanon, PA, as well as part-time Chaplain to Seton-LaSalle High School.

- Fr. Matthew F. Jones, SMS’15, (Rochester), has been appointed Co-Director of Priesthood Vocation Awareness while continuing as Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface and St. Mary, Rochester.
+ Walter J. Parenteau, PS’40 and SMS’44, died on October 29, 2015, at the age of 97. Walter owned and operated WJP Plumbing & Heating from 1947 to 1984 and also served as President of the New Hampshire Master Plumbing and Heating Association. In his semi-retirement years he had worked for First Security of New Hampshire from 1987 to 1994 and was also employed by the Town of Rye Sewer Commission as Clerk of the Works. His favorite pastimes included fishing, hunting and golfing; but his true passion was skiing. He was a member of the New Hampshire 70, 80, 90 Plus Ski Club and had skied all across New Hampshire, mostly at Gunstock. He also enjoyed skiing in Colorado with his grandsons. Walter was very proud of his French heritage. He was a founding member of the Club Richelieu in Manchester and served as its president, governor and administrator. He was awarded the Horace Viau medal in 1998 and was recognized as the Franco-American of the Year in 2008. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Manchester.

+ Fr. David G. Delzell, SCC’44, (Trenton), died on August 7, 2016, at the age of 92. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1950, by Bishop George W. Ahr in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton. Over his 66 years serving in the Diocese of Trenton, Fr. Delzell served in six parishes until his retirement in 1994. Following his retirement, he relocated to the Forest City area in Pennsylvania where he visited nursing homes, area hospitals, homes of the sick and elderly and celebrated Mass at the Forest City Nursing Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Forest City, PA.

+ Brian J. Mulherin, SCC’44, PS’45 and SMS’49, died on February 16, 2016, at the age of 92. Upon completion of college in 1945, he enlisted in the Army as a private at the end of WWII and completed his service as a sergeant at the end of his 18-month enlistment. Returning to Augusta, he joined the Army Reserve where he served in the Medical Service Corps and retired in 1983 from a 34 year career with the rank of Colonel. Brian owned and managed Rock-A-Dry Baby Diaper service for 19 years before beginning a career with Georgia Regional Hospital in 1968. He was the Human Resource Director (Personnel Director) for over 30 years before retiring in 1999. After retirement, Brian continued to volunteer for the hospital, doing various hospital activities and public relations work. He was known by many in the Augusta area for his involvement and leadership within the local community. He was a member of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church for over 80 years, where he served as lector, Chairman of the Parish Council and Fund Raising and Building and Grounds Committees. Over the years, he received many awards for his service to the community. He also served on the boards of many organizations, always finding ways to volunteer or serve the greater community. Both Brian and his wife, Neita, have spent much of their lives as advocates and volunteers for mental health. Besides the many contributions Brian made, one of the things he enjoyed was his service as Santa. He was a lover of animals, the outdoors, motorcyles, and boating. In addition to his wife, Neita, Brian is survived by three sons, five daughters, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church.

+ Fr. Donald G. Leary, SMS’51, (Winona), died on August 15, 2016, at the age of 89. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1951. Over his 65 years serving in the Diocese of Winona, Fr. Leary served in twelve parishes. Fr. Leary was especially honored to serve as Principal at Lourdes High School in Rochester. He retired in Rochester where he greatly enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of his brother priests. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in
of St. John the Evangelist Church in LaFargeville. He was appointed Pastor of St. Peter's Church in Hammond in 1978. A decade later, he served as Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Colton and St. Paul's Church in South Colton and St. Michael's Church in Parishville. Fr. Cotter retired in 1997, continuing to serve at St. John the Baptist Church in Madrid until 2010. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, with Bishop Terry R. LaValley presiding.

+ Fr. Paul F. Halloran, SMS'53, (Winona), passed away on March 19, 2016, at the age of 89. Having served in the Navy after high school, he was ordained a priest by Bishop Edward Fitzgerald on May 30, 1953, and served in Winona at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and as instructor for Cotter High School, before becoming Chaplain of the Newman Center at Mankato State University in 1957. Fr. Halloran went on to be pastor for several parishes in the Diocese of Winona before retiring in 1991, at which time he continued to assist at parishes near Walker and Sun Lakes, AZ. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Parish in Chandler, AZ. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Rochester, MN, with Bishop John M. Quinn presiding.

+ Bishop Kenneth A. Angell, SMS'56, (Providence), died on October 4, 2016, at the age of 86. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1956, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence, RI. After serving in several parishes, he was Assistant Chancellor and Secretary to Bishop Russell J. McVinney, late Bishop of Providence from 1968-1972. He served as Chancellor to Bishop Louis E. Gelineau from 1972-1974, was invested as a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness Pope Paul VI in 1972, and was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence in 1974. He was ordained a bishop on October 7, 1974, by Bishop Louis E. Gelineau at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Providence and named Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Providence. On November 9, 1992, Bishop Angell was installed as the Eighth Bishop of Burlington. He resigned on Nov. 9, 2005 at the age of 75, after serving 13 years. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington with Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyle as principal celebrant in the presence of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston.

+ Fr. Alphonse G. Rose, PS'52 and SMS'56, (Baltimore), died on July 22, 2016, 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 by Archbishop Francis P. Keough. Fr. Rose's ministry included a sabbatical year of study in Rome, as well as serving at Church of the Ascension in Halethorpe; St. Margaret in Bel Air; The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Homeland; Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Mount Washington, and St. Mark in Catonsville. He also served as a chaplain at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse and at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Retired from active ministry in 1998, Fr. Rose took residence at Mercy Ridge in 2011. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

+ Bernard D. Duber, SCC’51, died on June 2, 2016, at the age of 86. A U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Duber began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1971 in the Cleveland Regional Office as a Counseling Psychologist in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. After several career promotions both in Cleveland and in the VA Central Office, Washington, D.C., he retired in Cleveland in the position of Deputy Director in 1994. Mr. Duber was recognized for his achievements by the Department of Veterans Affairs on many occasions, and in 1978 was selected and honored by the then VA Administrator, Mr. Max Cleland, for his Leadership in the VA. He was also recognized by the Veterans National Service Organizations for his efforts on behalf of veterans and their dependents. Since retirement he was active in volunteering especially with The Cleveland Federal Executive Board, The VA Regional Office, The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), St.
Thomas F. McNerney, SCC’51, PS’53 and SMS’57, died on September 28, 2016. Tom was a U.S. Army Veteran and an Attorney for the Federal Government. In 1978 he was appointed a judge for the Social Security Administration and was assigned to the Jenkintown, PA office. In 1992, he retired to the good life in Jacksonville, FL. Tom will be remembered as a kind, loving and generous man who was true to his Catholic faith. His love for his family was unconditional. Helping others in need was always a priority. He is survived by his wife Ruth, five children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Fr. Emidio O. Gregori, SMS’58, (Bridgeport), died on April 11, 2016, at the age of 92. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1958, at St. Augustine Cathedral by Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan, first Bishop of Bridgeport. Fr. Gregori was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Roch in Greenwich, St. Mary in Stamford, St. Raphael in Bridgeport and St. James in Stratford. He also served as temporary Administrator at St. James Parish, on the Diocesan Presbyteral Council and was active as a director of District CYO in Greenwich. He retired from active ministry in 1997. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Peace Church in Stratford, with Bishop Frank J. Caggiano as the main celebrant.

Fr. Wilfred G. Demers, SMS’59, (Manchester), died on July 23, 2015, at the age of 82. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1959. After serving in a number of assignments, Fr. Demers served as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pittsfield. He later served as Pastor of Infant Jesus Parish in Nashua, Mary, Mother of the Church in Newton, and St. Matthew Parish in Windham, until his retirement in 1999. During his retirement, Fr. Demers remained actively engaged in parish ministry. He was in residence at St. Marie Parish in Manchester for a number of years before moving to Bishop Peterson Residence, and more recently to Mount Carmel Nursing Home in Manchester. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated with Bishop Peter A. Libasci presiding.

Fr. Carl F. Dianda, SCC’53 and SMS’59, (Washington, DC), died on September 1, 2016, at the age of 83. He was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in 1959 by then-Archbishop Patrick O’Boyle. After his ordination, Fr. Dianda served as Parochial Vicar at several parishes, including St. Peter Parish in Olney, St. Paul and St. Augustine Parish in Washington, St. Stephen Martyr Parish in Washington, St. Mary Parish in Barnesville, St. Joseph Parish in Pomfret, and St. Martin of Tours Parish in Washington. In 1971, Fr. Dianda was assigned to serve as Parochial Administrator of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Washington, and a year later was named Pastor there. In 1976, he returned to St. Martin of Tours Parish as Pastor. In 1988, he took a six-month sabbatical and then returned to his home parish of St. Francis de Sales, first as a Parochial Vicar and then as Pastor. He served as Pastor there from 1990 until his 2013 retirement. Outside of his pastoral duties, Fr. Dianda was the spiritual advisor to the Association of Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington. He was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Shrine Council of the Knights of Columbus. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Parish, with Cardinal Donald Wuerl presiding.

Fr. Stephen M. Chervenak, SMS’60, (Pittsburgh), died on August 22, 2016, at the age of 82. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 25, 1960, by Bishop John Wright at St. Paul Cathedral. He served as a parochial vicar at St. Pius in Pittsburgh’s Brookline neighborhood and St. Agatha in Bridgeville before being named Headmaster of St. Thomas High School in Braddock in 1969. He served there until he was named Administrator of St. Januarius in Plum in 1972. He was named Pastor of St. Angela Merici in 1975 and served in that role until he was named Administrator of the parish in 2009. He retired in 2013. In his retirement, he served as a chaplain to the Knights of Columbus. Bishop David Zubik celebrat-
Fr. George P. Burnett, SMS’61, (Hartford), died on March 22, 2016, at the age of 81. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Henry J. O’Brien at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, on May 22, 1961. He served as Associate Pastor at St. Anthony Church in Litchfield and then St. Gertrude Church in Windsor. He became Co-Pastor of St. Thomas Church in Waterbury in 1977. In 1985, he became Co-Pastor of the Church of Assumption in Ansonia. Fr. Burnett retired on February 21, 2009 and remained in residence until August of 2012. In addition to his Parish duties for the archdiocese of Hartford, Fr. Burnett was a member of the Priests Senate, the Presbyteral Personnel Council, The Priest Personnel Board, and the Committee of Priestly Morale. He also served as Priest Director of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, Archdiocese of Hartford. He served as a dean of the Ansonia-Derby Deanery Chaplain of Litchfield County Jail. He was also co-founder of Crownbrook Neighborhood Association in Waterbury, and founder of Waterbury Housing for people. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of Assumption in Ansonia with Bishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford, as principal celebrant.

Fr. John H. Fahey, SMS’61, (Wheeling-Charleston), died on May 6, 2016, at the age of 83. He was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, WV, on May 27, 1961. He was an associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg, WV, St. Ann Parish in Bristol, VA, and St. Joseph Parish in Huntington, WV. He served as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mannington, WV, St. Mary Parish in Wytheville, VA, and St. Ann’s until he was transferred to the Diocese of Richmond in 1974. He was incardinated in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in 1975, where he served as Pastor of St. Joseph Settlement Parish in Proctor, WV, Sacred Heart Parish in Williamson, WV, St. Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish in Danville, WV, St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Whitesville, WV, St. Monica Parish in Lubeck, WV, and St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood, WV. Fr. Fahey retired from active ministry in 2007. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Monica Parish in Lubeck.

Fr. Robert J. Usenza, SMS’61, (Bridgeport), died on April 18, 2016, at the age of 81. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Lawrence J. Shehan at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport, on May 20, 1961. Fr. Usenza was assigned as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace, Stratford, St. Mary New London, CT and St. Andrew Parish in Bridgeport. He also was in residence at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Stratford and St. Joseph Parish, Shelton and temporary Administrator at St. Andrew Parish. Fr. Usenza served as the Spiritual Director at St. Joseph High School and Cathedral Girls’ High School, Bridgeport. In addition, he was appointed Priest Chaplain at Norwalk Community College. Father Usenza attended Naval Chaplains’ School in Newport, RI. He served as a U.S. Navy Chaplain until 1969, when he became a chaplain in the Naval Reserve Training Center, Bridgeport. He was released to do military service again in 1976, this time in the U.S. Marines and Army, which continued until 1984. He retired from active priestly ministry in 1988 and was generous with his time, helping at parishes near his West Haven home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven.

Raymond Nick Chapman, Jr., SMS’63, died on November 10, 2015, at the age of 78. Nick retired as a LCDR in the U.S. Navy after proudly serving for 23 years. He became Director of the Clay County Health Department and was former President of the Florida Public Health Association. Nick worked for SME Team Watson at General Dynamics Information Technology. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bonnie Chapman, four children, twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A memorial Mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fleming Island, FL.

Fr. Robert E. French, SCC’57 and SMS’63, (Richmond), died on August 22, 2016, at the age of 79. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 1, 1963, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond by Bishop John J. Russell. Over his 52 years as a priest in the Diocese of Richmond, Fr. French served in five parishes. He also served as Assistant Director and Director of the Office of Religious Education at the Chancery from 1969-1972. During his years as a priest for the Diocese of Richmond, Fr. French’s efforts led to many firsts. He was the first Director of the Diocesan Office of Christian Formation, first to build a worship center that incorporated a commons
off the worship space, first priest to go on a study sabbatical, first to construct a columbarium in a diocesan parish, first to introduce the RCAIA to a parish and a member of the first graduating class to earn a doctoral degree in ministry. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Hampton.

Jerome F. Balda, SCC’59, died on June 1, 2016, at the age of 77. Mr. Balda was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and served 23 years achieving the rank of Major. His service included three tours at Fort Knox, KY, one tour in Germany, where he met and married his wife, Mary Lou Clinton, in 1964, two tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal, then four years at the Pentagon. Jerry later returned to Loyola College and earned a Master’s Degree in Education, after which he joined the faculty there as an Assistant Professor of Military Science in the Reserve Officer Training Program. His last assignment in the Army was with AMSAA at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. After his retirement from the Army in 1984, he worked for several defense contractors settling in a position as Director of Education at the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, retiring in 2006. Mr. Balda was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Winchester. He was an avid golfer, former swim coach and former active member of the Boy Scouts of America. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

Fr. Philip M. Breen, SCC’59 and SMS’65, (Nashville), died on February 29, 2016, at the age of 77. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1965 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville by Bishop Joseph A. Durick. He was a professor at Father Ryan High School; Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in Memphis; Professor at Catholic High School for Boys; Professor at Bishop Byrne High School in Memphis; Memphis Area Director for C.C.D.; Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Memphis; Diocesan Director of the C.C.D.; Associate Pastor at St. Ann Church in Nashville; Pastor at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Tullahoma; State Chaplain to the Tennessee State Council Knights of Columbus; Pastor at St. Jude Parish in Chattanooga; Episcopal Vicar for the Chattanooga Deanery; he also served on the Presbyteral Council, the College of Consultants; Vicar for Catholic Charities, Chaplain for Ladies Charity, Nashville; Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council #11925, St. Ann Parish, and retired from St. Ann Catholic Church as Pastor for 25 years in 2015. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church in Nashville.

Richard L. Farinholt, SCC’59, died on March 3, 2016, at the age of 77. Dick was a 1962 graduate of the McIntire School of Commerce at University of Virginia. He began his long career in the computer industry at State Farm Insurance Company in Charlottesville in 1957 and moved to IBM Corporation as a Systems Engineer and Salesman from 1962 to 1980. Dick retired from IBM and started Computer Services, Inc., a private consulting firm to Virginia Power and Virginia Natural Gas, until 1989. During his career, Dick was the CIO of Blue Cross, Owens & Minor and Best Products. He retired from the computer industry in 1990. Throughout his career, Dick was a conscientious mentor to many young professionals. Dick also enjoyed spending time at his son’s boat yards and marina. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nancy Lee Woodson Farinholt, six children, and eight grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond, VA.

Fr. James J. Patton, SCC’59 and SMS’65, (Cleveland), died on April 7, 2016, at the age of 77. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1965, in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist by Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann. Over his 50 years serving in the Diocese of Cleveland, Fr. Patton served in six parishes, as well as holding several positions with the Diocesan Tribunal Office. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Cyprian Church in Perry, with Bishop Richard Lennon as the main celebrant, and Fr. Thomas Mahoney as the homilist.

Fr. Leroy O. Beyer, SMS’66, (Wheeling-Charleston), died on June 29, 2015, at the age of 87. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War with 445 Ordinance Ammunition Supply Co. On May 14, 1966, he was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges. Over his 49 years as a priest for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Fr. Beyer served in eight parishes. He retired in 1995, during which time he served as fill-in priest and celebrated daily Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in New Germany and also Most Holy Trinity Parish in South Fork, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Conception by Fr. Leon Hont, OSB, and his cousin, Msgr. Arnold Gaus.

Thomas S. Ostrowski, SMS’68, died on July 8, 2016, at the age of 74. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Houston. Thomas taught and worked with inmates in the jail in Houston, TX and the prison in Huntsville, TX and served the Mayor of Erie as speech writer and close consultant for many of the Mayor’s years in office. He also served the community of Gannon University for 40 years as a Professor of Political Science, Dean of Humanities, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Interim President. He served at Gannon until his passing, treating people at all levels of the hierarchy with respect and dignity and fighting to correct injustices even when it jeopardized his own advancement. Thomas is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara, two children, four grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Bruce G. Veneklase, SM’S71, died on August 22, 2016, at the age of 71. Bruce began his teaching career at Trinity High School in Louisville. He later taught at Parkland, Moore, Atherton, and Conway. While he loved teaching, it was those years on the soccer field at Atherton that gave him his greatest joy. Bruce was one of
the founding members of the local Kentucky Chapter of the Huntington’s Disease Society of America. After being diagnosed with HD, Bruce’s work with the local chapter and his attitude toward this disease earned him the National HDSA Person of the Year award in 2005. A Celebration of Life was held at St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church.

+ Richard E. Larson, SMS’72, died on March 17, 2016, at the age of 69, following complications from heart surgery. After 40 years of service as a Maryland state social worker, Rich retired from his post as the Deputy Executive Director for Social Services at the Maryland Department of Human Resources in 2010. He was a longtime member of the National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics. He was honored with the 2013 Emeritus Award from the University of Maryland School of Social Work Alumni Association. Richard is survived by his wife, Jan, two children and four grandchildren. A memorial service was celebrated at Grace Episcopal Church in New Market, MD.

+ Thomas O. Parker, SCC’66, PS’68 and SMS’72, died on July 26, 2016, at the age of 69. Tom was an accomplished organist, songwriter, guitarist, vocalist, composer, arranger, and choir director. He was a celebrated writer of liturgical music and a pioneer of the folk Mass. Tom completed his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in 1968 at St. Mary’s Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland. He enlisted in the Army in 1969 during the Vietnam War and was stationed at Camp Ross in South Korea with the Army Band. He received his Master of Music in Organ Performance degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1974. His music was performed on several occasions for Pope John Paul II during his visits to the United States. An avid lover of music of all genres, he sought throughout his career “to make religious experience alive in the world through music.” Tom is survived by his wife Judy, a son, daughter and grandson.

+ Fr. Donald P. Tufts, SMS’80, (Grand Rapids), died on July 19, 2016, at the age of 70. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 2, 1980. Over his 36 years in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, he served in eight parishes. He is survived by ten siblings, an aunt, many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and his godson. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin sister Doreen Tufts and brother, James. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. James Catholic Church in Montague, with Bishop David J. Walkowiak as principal celebrant.

+ Matthew Smith-Farrell, SMS’95, died on April 3, 2016, at the age of 53. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1995 for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. After he left priestly ministry, he married and worked as a professional counselor in various settings. He was also a public speaker and writer. He joined the Transplant Resource Center of Maryland, now the Living Legacy Foundation, in Odenton, counseling families as they dealt with the death of a loved one who had donated an organ. Most recently, he was a counselor at Trinity Counseling Service of Princeton, NJ, where he was known for his compassion, presence and engagement with clients and colleagues. He was an enthusiastic athlete who played soccer, swam and ran marathons. He wrote poetry and prose, and was a patron of the arts, music and theater. He visited 51 countries, enjoyed camping, hiking and Eastern Shore boating. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville, MD.

+ Fr. Daniel J. Sinibaldi, SMS’96, (Manchester), died on August 27, 2016, at the age of 47. He was ordained a priest on June 1, 1996, by Bishop Leo E. O’Neil, at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Fr. Sinibaldi served as Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack; Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Hampton, and Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Woodsville/St. Catherine Parish, Lisbon. He was then named Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Rochester and St. Peter Parish, Farmington, where he served until his death. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral, with Bishop Peter A. Libasci presiding.
“God desires to confer benefits on those who persevere in his service.” This quote from St. Irenaeus is a fitting caption for the life of Vincent dePaul McMurry, who enjoyed the benefits of God’s grace for sixty-nine years as a priest and ninety-one years of life.

Vincent dePaul McMurry was born on October 1, 1924 in Nashville, TN to Vincent and Augusta (Delaigre) McMurry. He is survived by his brother, Fr. John McMurry, P.S.S., his sister, Mary (Hoenigman), two nephews, John and Vincent (Hoenigman), and one niece, Ammon Marie (Hoenigman). Fr. McMurry was ordained for the Diocese of Nashville, TN in 1949. He earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy from St. Mary’s Seminary on Paca Street in Baltimore in 1945. He went on to do his theological studies at St. Mary’s Seminary, Roland Park, where he earned his S.T.B. in 1947 and the S.T.L. in 1949. He then completed the M.A. degree in history at The Catholic University of America in 1951, after writing a thesis entitled, “The Catholic Church During Reconstruction, 1865-1877.”

As a Sulpician candidate, he served for one year (1950-1951) on the high school faculty of St. Charles College in Catonsville, MD where he taught Greek, Latin, English, French, and Religion. After completing Solitude (1951-1952), he was admitted to the Society of St. Sulpice in 1952. For the next eighteen years (1952-1970) at St. Thomas Seminary in Louisville, KY, Fr. McMurry taught English, History, Public Speaking, Religion, Science, and French. He also served as librarian and Master of Ceremonies. He holds the distinction of being the only Sulpician to remain on the faculty of St. Thomas continuously during the entire eighteen years that the school was in existence. Those years at St. Thomas were the golden years of his life. He was even awarded the honorary title “Kentucky Colonel” by the Governor of Kentucky for his faithful service. So he was sad to see the school close in 1970.

After a sabbatical year (1970-1971), he was assigned to St. Mary’s Seminary College, Catonsville, MD (1971 – 1977) to teach History and English and also serve as secretary to the faculty. During that period, the College developed a pre-theology program. So, when the college closed, he was assigned to St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore (1977-1993) where he moderated the pre-theology program and taught History. He was best known as a spiritual director and advisor of many seminarians. He retired in 1993 and lived in retirement for the next twenty-three years, first in residence at St. Mary’s Seminary and University for six years (1993-1999) and then at St. Charles Villa in Catonsville, where he lived for seventeen years until his death in 2016.

When he was asked by his brother, John, on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary of priesthood, what was the high point of his life, Fr. McMurry unhesitatingly declared, “To be a priest and a Sulpician.” His love for being a Sulpician priest was already foreshadowed as a seminarian when he was given the nickname, “Mr. Sulpician.”

During his Sulpician ministry, Fr. McMurry embodied the old Sulpician adage, “Gardez la residence,” for he is remembered as the one “who stayed home and did his work.” Fr. McMurry was a gracious priest, a host of other people’s souls. His presence was a hospitable home with his door always open. His room in the seminary and at the Villa displayed a gallery of photographs of his family and many of the seminarians and priests who not only crossed his path but also sat down and stayed a while to talk heart to heart. Fr. McMurry is well remembered for his closeness to his immediate and extended family, and for creating hospitable space for the seminarians for whom he served as an advisor or spiritual director, as well as for many lay and religious who sought his counsel. During his later years, he stayed in touch with many via e-mail.

As a community man, Fr. McMurry loved to play cards. He could often be found around the card table playing euchre. He also had a great love for baseball, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. He would frequently be seen sporting the Cardinals’ ball cap and he displayed the Louisville Slugger baseball bat in his room.

Fr. McMurry died on July 24, 2016 at St. Charles Villa, Catonsville, MD. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on August 3, 2016 in the Villa chapel with the Provincial, John C. Kemper, P.S.S. as celebrant and Fr. McMurry’s brother, Fr. John McMurry, P.S.S., as homilist. Burial followed in the Sulpician Cemetery, Catonsville, MD.

During his sixty-nine years as a priest, Fr. McMurry fulfilled the vision of St. Irenaeus: “The glory of humankind is to persevere and remain in the service of God.” He did indeed persevere, and in doing so has given glory to God through his service in the Sulpician community. Such perseverance and service will remain his lasting witness to all those who not only crossed his path but also sat down to entrust their souls to him.

Richard M. Gula, P.S.S.
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