I am beginning my seventeenth year on the faculty of the seminary and every year change is a constant. In the spring we say goodbye to seminarians ordained to the priesthood and lay students who graduate. Then in the fall we greet new seminarians and laity who are earnestly starting their studies and new life at the seminary.

President John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) once said: “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.” At the seminary we have no interest in missing the future; but we do seek to learn from the lessons of our past. We are not afraid of change, we embrace it. As Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) said: “When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.”

The most amazing change I witnessed is in our seminarians. This year ten young men were ordained to the priesthood. I remember their first day and all the days between leading up to their ordination. They arrived enthusiastic and energetic; they were also a little intimidated, lost, and green. With an open heart they embraced the Lord’s call; but to each other and even to themselves, they were strangers. Over time, through hard work, prayer, studies, and the life they shared, their spirit matured and flourished.

Among themselves, through God’s grace, they formed a tight bond. Their change was deep and powerful. Just seven years earlier they entered the seminary as strangers, and over time, they changed, leaving as brothers. Certainly our newly ordained priests were formed, educated, and groomed; nevertheless something much deeper and more profound took place, they changed. They are no longer strangers. They are now brothers. They join a greater family of brothers who entered the priesthood before them and many more who will follow them. We are linked together in the same mission, a common vision, one heart, one goal, and one purpose.

They will be available to support, encourage, help, and uplift each other. If necessary, they would lay down their lives for each other – but even more – they would do the same for you – because for them, that is what being a priest is genuinely about. They are committed, heart and soul, to Christ and that means they no longer live for themselves, **they are now men for others – they are men for you.** There will never be a day when they don’t pray for you, remember you in the Mass, go any distance to support you, and show you the love of Jesus and our Father. This is what happens in the seminary.

We are very proud of them and we hope you are too. They are where they are, because of you, your sacrifices, generosity, commitment, and love for the Church. Thank you for making their dream of becoming a priest possible – thank you for all you do to support us.

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THAT’S THE QUESTION I’VE BEEN ASKED MOST FREQUENTLY SINCE ORDINATION. There’s no good answer. Usually I respond with, “How did it feel on your wedding day?” Referring to the other sacrament at the service of communion—as the catechism calls Holy Orders and Matrimony—is the only thing I can think of to try to describe what it’s like to be ordained a priest.

In both cases, you’re entrusting your heart to another person. In marriage, it’s your spouse. In ordination to the priesthood, it’s Jesus Christ, the High Priest. I’ve had the privilege of attending many weddings in my life, including three times serving as the best man for good friends. When a couple pledges their love to one another and vows lifelong fidelity, it is the beginning of a bond that calls for authentic love every day thereafter. One day at a time, one diaper at a time, one dilemma at a time. Only a heart open to sacrificial love that continually desires the good of the other endures and grows and flourishes, as the ringing of the wedding bells becomes an ever more distant memory.

As the chorus of the cathedral bells begins to dwindle in my own memory of ordination day, it feels like the end of the beginning. Now comes the day-to-day life of placing my heart in the hands of Jesus Christ, the High Priest; to allow him to minister to his people in and through me. But none of the sacraments are magic. And it’s not about feeling. It’s about being and acting as a priest. Day in and day out. One Mass at a time, one confession at a time, one anointing at a time, one heart with Jesus Christ.
Having worked as a forensic psychologist for over 30 years, my quest for a master's degree in theology actually began in the back of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome when I heard a distinct call to evangelize and help others find their way into the Church. So in my mid 50s, I returned to graduate school. It has been an amazing experience and journey. A major surprise was that studying theology added depth to my psychological understanding of people. At the same time, psychology gave me a unique perspective theologically!

I am especially grateful to Fr. Rob Jack for mentoring me and inspiring my love of systematic theology; Dr. Terry Callan for guiding me as my academic advisor and inspiring me to continue studying Scripture; Fr. Paul Keller for introducing me to Dominican spirituality which I have enthusiastically embraced; my former pastor Fr. Chris Armstrong for his support and spiritual mentoring; and my husband, John O’Connor for his endless support and love. I feel especially blessed by having taken two years of classes with the seminarians who were just ordained to the priesthood. They are a wonderful group of men and I am very thankful for their vocations.

Being part of the Athenaeum has been an amazing experience. It was a source of wonder to me to meet other students who were on the same faith journey, helping each other and growing in Christ together. I plan to continue studying theology, deepening my knowledge as I continue my spiritual journey. The more I learn about our awesome God the more I realize I need and want to know! My ministry is RCIA and faith formation within my parish. I am a psychology professor at Northern Kentucky University and use my theology degree to evangelize my students. This December I am teaching a course in Rome on Psychology and Christianity, and a large contingent of students is accompanying me to take the course!
DO YOU EVER WONDER IF THE MAGI LOOKED AT THE STARS AND ASKED: WHO AM I AND WHY AM I HERE? It is a question we all must answer at some time in our lives. The answer for me comes down to this: to love and be loved, to serve others as Christ did, and above all, to worship and give thanks to God for having created me for this time and place.

I found my way to a deeper relationship with Christ in great part by a spirit-filled journey at the Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary: first in the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program (LPMP) and then in formation to be ordained a deacon. The LPMP opened my heart to a fuller appreciation of the love God has for all of us – a story about God’s choice to live among us and then die for us so we could appreciate the depth of God’s love for us, and be fully united with God the Father and the Holy Spirit through Jesus, and share in a divine life of eternal love and peace.

Formation allowed me to understand more fully the sacrificial aspect of the call to the diaconate. Like Christ, deacons are to serve and not be served. Jesus established His Church to carry on the mission given to Him by the Father: the union of all souls with the Trinity in and for eternity. As part of that mission, deacons are called – under the direction of our Archbishop and the priests – to preach God’s Word, teach Sacred Doctrine, minister at the Sacrifice of the Mass, baptize infants, befriend the poor and be the voice of the forgotten. In formation Jesus showed me that it is only through sacrificial love that we can be truly content and happy.

I am most grateful for the seminary’s preparing me to become Christ’s servant. I pray daily for the grace, strength and wisdom to serve in love whoever crosses my path. I hope he or she will see in that encounter the unfathomable love God has for them and come to worship God in gratitude, just like the Magi did by looking at and following a star that led them to their Creator.
Over 3 years ago during prayer, I was given a calling to go into ministry. I had been a stay-at-home mom, and with our children beginning school in the near future, God showed me what was next for me in life. I scheduled an appointment with our pastor Father John Tonkin and asked, “What do I need to do to go further within my Catholic faith for a career serving the Lord?” Father John led me to the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program (LPMP), which at the time was about to begin at our parish Sacred Heart of Jesus in McCartyville.

Within the program, the surprises and challenges seemed to be connected to “time.” The time that needed to be put into the assignments was not a “sit down and be done with it” time span. It required true discipline to be still in the moment and allow God to lead the response.

As a scholarship recipient, I express my gratitude to all of the donors who support the Athenaeum and allow it to bring the LPMP to the northern region. I stayed home with our son who had many medical issues and I was blessed to be able to use your gift of the scholarship to pursue my calling to ministry. Thank you for believing in the cause and the program.

For anyone who has a calling on your heart to strengthen your relationship with God and our Catholic Faith, please look into the Athenaeum’s Lay Pastoral Ministry Program. The staff, instructors and advisors are so personal and welcoming. God says that where there are two or more gathered He is present; so the time is here for you to become God’s disciple and evangelize. May the peace of the Lord be with you in all that you do and become!
The Athenaeum announces a 50%-Off Tuition Scholarship for all lay students for the 2016-2017 academic year made possible by the Athenaeum and the One Faith, One Hope, One Love capital campaign.

Whether you are interested in earning a master's degree or taking classes for spiritual enrichment, the Athenaeum is here to help you. We offer degree and non-degree programs, and day, evening, and weekend classes.

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Masters-Level evening and weekend course offerings open to any students already possessing a bachelor’s degree include:

**Old Testament Scriptures** (Professor: Fr. Tim Schehr) Saturdays, 9:30-12:10, August 27-November 5
Explore the foundations of Hebrew Scriptures including the Pentateuch, Prophets, and Wisdom Literature. Understanding our roots will help equip us as Christian believers.

**Christian Anthropology** (Professor: Fr. Rob Jack) Tuesdays, 7:00-9:40, August 30-December 13
What does it mean to be made in the image and likeness of God? Study the Christian understanding of the human person as wounded by sin but raised up by the grace of Jesus to become God’s children by adoption.

**Philosophy for Theological Studies** (Professor: Dr. David Foster) Mondays, 7:00-9:40, Aug. 29-Nov. 14
Witness the drama of faith and reason from Plato’s Apology to the encyclicals of St. John Paul II. Ponder the definition of Wisdom, learn the tools of theology, and discover the genius of St. Thomas to become a better theologian and teacher of the faith.

**American Catholic Experience** (Professor: Fr. David Endres) Mondays, 7:00-9:40, Aug. 29-Nov. 14
Discover the history of American Catholicism, from the missionary and colonial eras to the present, learning how American Catholics assimilated and yet maintained their identity in the face of persecution, changing demographics, and war and economic depression.

**Sacraments in Film** (Professor: Fr. Paul Keller, O.P.) Thursdays, 7:00-9:40, September 1-November 17
Explore the portrayal of the Church’s sacraments in cinematography by viewing and reflecting upon sacramental themes and theological interpretations of films including Alfred Hitchcock’s I Confess, Gabriel Axel’s Babette’s Feast, and John Stahl’s The Keys of the Kingdom.

Non-Degree certificate-level courses open to any students already possessing at least a high school diploma include:

**Church History** (Professor: Dr. Susan McGurgan) Saturdays, 9:30-12:10, August 27-November 5
Note: this class is offered at St. Ignatius Church, Monfort Heights
Discover 2,000 years of Catholic history by reflecting on what the Church has been, what it is, and what our future challenges might be, in light of our past.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church** (Professor: Deacon Amado Lim) Tuesdays, 7:00-9:40, Aug. 30-Sept. 27
Explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a resource for ministry and personal growth.

**Basic Doctrine** (Professor: Mary Bellman) Tuesdays, 7:00-9:40, October 4-December 13
An opportunity to better understand the doctrines of the Church and the development of theology.
St. Oliver Plunkett

St. Oliver Plunkett was the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland from 1669 until his death by being hanged, drawn and quartered outside London on July 1, 1681. In the first years of his episcopacy the Church in Ireland was tolerated such that Plunkett was able to work to revitalize the spiritual life of the people under his care. He traveled the eleven dioceses under his care by horseback and in the three and a half years in which he enjoyed relative freedom of movement, he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to over forty thousand persons. In 1673, toleration of the Church was withdrawn and the schools Plunkett had established were demolished. By order of Parliament, Catholic bishops were to leave the country. Plunkett replied, “We shall not abandon our flocks unless compelled to do so...” Plunkett lived as a hunted man from 1673 until his capture in 1679.

In the window, Plunkett is depicted on the scaffolding about to be hanged. The symbols of office, the miter and crozier are laid down, but he wears the chasuble, the garment of charity. The chasuble is marked by the cross, at the center of which are the first letters of the Holy Name, Jesus. The dog, the symbol of faithfulness, holds in his mouth the symbol of earthly crowns and powers over which the love of God triumphs.

St. Oliver Plunkett was canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI. In his homily the Holy Father observed, “As the world enters the last quarter of the twentieth century and the concluding decades of this millennium, at a moment decisive for all Christian civilization, the testimony of St. Oliver Plunkett proclaims to the world that the summit of wisdom and the ‘power of God’ (1 Cor 1:18) is in the mystery of the Cross.”
Charles Lwanga

Charles Lwanga and his companions are known as the Holy Martyrs of Uganda. In 1879 Catholicism began spreading in Uganda, even among the king's court. When King Mutesa died, his son, Mwanga, became king. He was not a moral man and sought to use the young pages in his court for his sexual purposes. After Joseph Mukasa had been put to death by Mwanga for denouncing his practices and protecting the pages, Lwanga became the chief page and instructed the others in the Faith. In the spring of 1886, King Mwanga singled out the Christians in his court, demanding they repudiate their faith. When they did not, he had them bound, walked two days to Namugongo, wrapped in reeds and burned alive. The young martyrs were noted for their expressions of faith and the joy and serenity with which they underwent their torture.

The window depicts Charles and his companions, arms raised in both praise and blessing. The word “Kotanda” at the bottom right of the window means “My God,” these are the last words St. Charles spoke. In the upper right is seated the king, accompanied by the snake, a symbol of deception.

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions were chosen for the Immaculate Conception chapel for two reasons. First, because of their witness to the Church’s teaching on human sexuality, a teaching greatly misunderstood and attacked in the present age. And secondly because of the Church’s recent, painful experience of the sexual abuse of minors by members of Her clergy. Lwanga and his companions stand as a forceful challenge and reminder that it is better to go to the flames than commit these sins and be the cause of such pain and scandal among the faithful and bring such disrepute upon the name of Christianity in the world.

This is the third article in our series showcasing the new stained glass windows in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, and the saints who inspired them.
St. Peter in Chains Cathedral was standing room only as seven men from the ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr May 21, 2016. All seven newly ordained priests graduated from the Athenaeum/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree as well as a Master of Arts degree.

Dear Friends, Family and Benefactors,

We stand before God in profound gratitude for the gift of the priesthood bestowed upon us, and we know that we do so only through the grace of God and the prayers, encouragement, and support of many, many people – all of you – who have made this journey possible. Responding to Christ’s call is an incredible honor, and it is a privilege to be able to serve Christ and His Church as priests. Your prayers and guidance over these years of formation have molded us into the men we are today, and by God’s grace we are now priests, entrusted with the mission of continuing Christ’s work of teaching, sanctifying, and shepherding his flock. Please continue to pray for us as we begin our priestly ministry, asking God to give us the graces of fidelity and perseverance. Know that we keep all of you in our prayers; together we will be witnesses to many good things in the Church for years to come. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the other young men continuing their formation at Mount St. Mary’s of the West, and we look forward to serving alongside them in the future. May God’s abundant blessings be upon you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mount St. Mary’s of the West Ordination Class of 2016

About the New Priests

Ten men formed at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West were ordained this spring: seven for the ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI, one for the DIOCESE OF COVINGTON, one for the DIOCESE OF TOLEDO, and one for the FATHERS OF MERCY. Let’s meet them...

FR. JASON BERTKE. A native of Covington, Fr. Bertke has two siblings and his home parish is Covington’s cathedral. He has a bachelor’s degree from Thomas More College. “I’ve learned to trust more and more in God. When we do not cooperate with him, we are not acting for our own good,” he said. “Only by following Christ will we find true fulfillment. I’m excited to go wherever God is calling me and I hope to serve His people well. I look forward to leading people back to God and showing His unfailing mercy to all who have been wounded by sin.”

Fr. Bertke’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar at St. Paul in Florence, KY.

FR. TIMOTHY FAHEY. A twin with two other siblings, Fr. Fahey grew up in Miamisburg, OH attending Our Lady of Good Hope Church. He studied at the U.S. Air Force Academy for two years before transferring to the Pontifical College Josephinum. He discerned his vocation, he said, at the Air Force Academy through involvement with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). “The FOCUS missionaries at the Academy, the pastors of my home parish as I grew up, and members of my family have had perhaps the largest influence and given the most encouragement,” he said. “Give your whole self to God; He will not be outdone in generosity.”

Fr. Fahey’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar of St. Margaret of York, Loveland, OH.

FR. MATT FEIST. The oldest of four, Fr. Feist grew up attending St. Thomas More Church in Withamsville, OH. His home parish is now Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). He graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in computer information science, then taught at a Catholic school in Arkansas before moving home to become a youth minister at IHM. “I always felt God calling me to do something for His Church,” he said. “Fr. Michael Davis encouraged me to specifically pray about my vocation in life and to go to daily Mass and Adoration. I felt an overwhelming call to become a priest.”

Fr. Feist’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar of the Fort Recovery Parish Cluster (Mary Help of Christians, St. Paul in Sharpsburg, St. Joseph in St. Joseph and St. Peter in St. Peter.)
FR. CHRIS GEIGER. The oldest of seven, Fr. Geiger earned a bachelor's degree from UC in secondary education and mathematics. His home parish is St. Susannah in Mason, OH. He discerned his calling to priesthood in daily prayer at college, particularly prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. “Make saying ‘yes’ to the Lord a way of life,” he said. “Find ways to say ‘yes’ to Him in little ways every day. If you say ‘yes’ in little ways, then you will be prepared to say ‘yes’ to Him when you discern His calling for your life… make saying ‘yes’ to God a way of life.”

Fr. Geiger’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar of St. Andrew Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Milford, OH.

FR. ALEX MCCULLOUGH. Born and raised in Northern Kentucky, Fr. McCullough has an older and younger sibling and grew up attending Sacred Heart Church in Camp Washington. He has a degree from Christendom College. He taught at St. Edmund Campion Academy and worked as a pharmacy delivery driver for two years before entering the seminary. “Many people along the way taught me what it means to be a priest, but if I had to choose one it would be my pastor growing up, Father Mario Rauzi,” he said. “He has been a priest now for almost 71 years, and he still loves every minute of it.”

Fr. McCullough’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Monfort Heights.

FR. THOMAS REAGAN, C.P.M. The oldest of three children, Fr. Reagan grew up in Chicago and Cincinnati and is a graduate of Purdue. After working as an engineer for IBM, he left to study for a master’s degree in theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He first felt his call to the priesthood at Eucharistic Adoration. “I asked the Lord: ‘Wait, do You want me to become a priest?’” he said. “This question surprised me internally—it was so unexpected! But what surprised me even more was that I found myself attracted to the idea. Since then, the idea continues to excite me more and more. Please pray for me that I will serve God and His people well!”

Fr. Reagan is a parish missionary with the Fathers of Mercy.

FR. ERIC ROUSH. The third of four children, Fr. Roush was an adult convert at St. Monica-St. George Church. He holds a bachelor’s degree in history from Miami University and two master’s degrees from XU (theology and secondary education/social studies); and earned two master’s degrees while studying at the Athenaeum (divinity and biblical studies). Fr. Roush said he first felt his vocation when he felt called to serve at Mass. “This began my journey toward becoming a servant of the Word and the altar, essential to the identity of a Catholic priest,” he said. “Ultimately, I want to live every day as a priest out of profound gratitude for this holy vocation.”

Fr. Roush’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar at St. Susanna Church, Mason, OH.

FR. JEFFREY SMITH. One of two children from Tiffin, OH, Fr. Smith received a degree in philosophy from the Pontifical College Josephinum. His home parish is St. Mary’s in Tiffin. The Liturgy of the Hours, he said, was instrumental in discerning his vocation. “I believe whole-heartedly that theology and the liturgy are extremely important in the Catholic faith,” he said. “During my internship year I noticed that you can only be effective in sharing these wonderful truths of God if you first give the love of God. If I don’t first love the people I serve, the things I teach will never bear fruit.”

Fr. Smith’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Maumee, OH.

FR. JASON WILLIAMS. The second of five children, Fr. Williams grew up in Massillon, OH, attending St. Mary Church. His home parish in Cincinnati is St. William in Price Hill. He graduated from the Navy’s Nuclear Power School and served as a submarine reactor operator for six years. “My fellow sailors knew I was Catholic, and began to ask me all kinds of questions about the Church,” he said. “I was inspired to begin reading and asking questions of some of the priest chaplains on base. Little by little, I began to fall in love with the faith, with the Church. And that was the beginning of my vocation.”

Fr. Williams’ first assignment is as Parochial Vicar of the Pastoral Region of St. Margaret-St. John Parish, St. Anthony Parish and St. Cecilia Parish, Cincinnati.

FR. SEAN WILSON. The middle of three sons, Fr. Wilson grew up at Emmanuel parish in Dayton, OH. He studied mechanical engineering at UD for a year before transferring to Bishop Simon Brute minor seminary in Indiana. “I am excited to be a priest in the Lord’s vineyard,” he said. “I have spent seven years learning, praying, and attempting to form my heart after the Lord’s, and it is finally time to go out and share the gospel. It is with joy and humility that I get to begin as a priest.”

Fr. Wilson’s first assignment is as Parochial Vicar of the Petersburg Parish Cluster (St. John the Evangelist in Fryburg, St. Lawrence in Rhine, Immaculate Conception in Botkins and St. Joseph in Wapokoneta.)
Father Jason Bertke of the DIOCESE OF COVINGTON is the eighth member of the Mount St. Mary’s Class of 2016 to be ordained to the priesthood. Covington Bishop Roger Foys ordained Fr. Bertke along with four other men from his diocese on May 21 at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington.


PHOTO COURTESY OF D. COOLEY, DIOCESE OF COVINGTON, KY

Father Thomas Reagan of the FATHERS OF MERCY is the ninth member of the Mount St. Mary’s Class of 2016 to be ordained to the priesthood. Most Reverend David Choby, Bishop of Nashville, TN, ordained Fr. Reagan on June 4 at the Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn, KY.


PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK HART

Father Jeffery Smith of the DIOCESE OF TOLEDO is the tenth member of the Mount St. Mary’s Class of 2016 to be ordained to the priesthood. Toledo Bishop Daniel Thomas ordained Fr. Smith along with two other men from his diocese on June 24 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo.


PHOTO BY FR. BENEDICT
Taking Final Step Before Becoming Priests

Nine Mount St. Mary’s seminarians were ordained to the transitional diaconate. Transitional deacons are men preparing for the Roman Catholic priesthood and the new deacons are expected to be ordained priests May 2017.

Seminarians DAVID DOSECK, PETER LANGENKAMP, and ALEXANDER WITT were ordained transitional deacons for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr during Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton April 30.

Seminarian ANTHONY COCI was ordained a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Toledo by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas during Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Toledo May 14.

Seminarians ZACHARY COULTER and SCOTT KOPP were ordained transitional deacons for the Diocese of Youngstown by Bishop George V. Murry during Mass at the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown June 4.

Seminarians JUAN ANGEL GRAJEDA, DAVID MICHAEL WEBB and DUY VU NGUYEN were ordained transitional deacons for the Diocese of Tulsa by Bishop David Konderla during Mass at Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa July 16.

The newly ordained deacons are from the following parishes:

REV. MR. DAVID DOSECK
Immaculate Conception (Botkins)

REV. MR. PETER LANGENKAMP
Holy Trinity (Coldwater)

REV. MR. ALEXANDER WITT
St. John the Baptist (Harrison)

REV. MR. ANTHONY COCI
Christ the King (Toledo)

REV. MR. ZACHARY COULTER
Immaculate Conception (Ravenna)

REV. MR. SCOTT KOPP
St. Patrick (Kent)

REV. MR. JUAN ANGEL GRAJEDA
St. Bernard (Tulsa)

REV. MR. DUY VU NGUYEN
St. Joseph Vietnamese Church (Tulsa)

REV. MR. DAVID MICHAEL WEBB
St. Benedict (Broken Arrow)

ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
Pictured top (l to r):
Rev. Daniel Schmitmeyer
Rev. Mr. Peter Langenkamp
Most Rev. Joseph Binzer
Rev. Mr. David Doseck
Most Rev. Dennis Schnurr
Rev. Mr. Alexander Witt
Very Rev. Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh
Rev. Anthony Brausch

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO
Pictured upper middle (l to r):
Most Rev. Daniel Thomas
Rev. Mr. Anthony Coci

DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
Pictured middle bottom (l to r):
Rev. Mr. Scott Kopp
Most Rev. George Murry
Rev. Mr. Zachary Coulter

DIOCESE OF TULSA
Pictured bottom (l to r):
Juan Angel Grajeda
David Michael Webb
Duy Vu Nguyen
Deacons are best described by who they are rather than by what they do. Men who are ordained to the diaconate promise to live out the charism of service to God’s people through the Word, Sacrament and Charity for the rest of their lives. The role of the deacon is to be a helper of the bishops and priests and to proclaim by his life the Church’s call to serve the needs of others. The deacon is the animator and promoter of what the community of faith must be: a community of service.

Permanent Deacons
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Eighteen men were ordained as permanent deacons by ARCHBISHOP DENNIS SCHNURR during Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton April 30.

Permanent Deacons
Diocese of Covington

Four men were ordained as permanent deacons by BISHOP ROGER FOYS during Mass at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington April 23.
MOST REV. JOSEPH R. BINZER installed eight Mount St. Mary’s seminarians in the Ministry of Reader during Mass held in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great February 20.

Candidates, at the end of the second year of formation, petition for and if selected, receive the Ministry of Reader. This calls them to be servants of the Living Word of God. In proclaiming the readings at liturgy, the reader does more than simply read. Those who exercise the Ministry of Reader must be truly suited and carefully prepared, so that the faithful may develop a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the sacred readings.

Pictured (l to r): Father Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh, Christopher Komoroski, Timothy Fernandez, Jeremy Stubbs, Robert Healey, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Benson Lotiang’a, Ryan Furlong, Andrew Reckers, David Carvajal Casal.

PHOTO BY E.L. HUBBARD

The fascinating 187-year history of the Athenaeum of Ohio and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary has been brought to life in a one-hour video produced by Bishop Fenwick Society member ANNE HERBERT.

“I wanted this to showcase the history of Cincinnati’s seminary and highlight the impact of the people and place,” said Mrs. Herbert, who spent three years working on the project as part of a master’s program at Northern Kentucky University.

Maps depict the early years when the Cincinnati diocese stretched as far as Michigan and Wisconsin. Excerpts from letters written by Bishop Edward Fenwick explain why the diocese’s first bishop insisted on building a seminary in Cincinnati to educate “local clergy acquainted with the customs, and hardships of the people.” The documentary weaves through the decades highlighting notable happenings such as the Good Friday fire of 1956 which destroyed an entire wing of the Athenaeum building.

“I tried to make it interesting by using a lot of visuals. I must have sifted through thousands of pictures and countless issues of the Catholic Telegraph,” Mrs. Herbert explained. “I interviewed dozens of priests, alums and faculty. I found their personal stories very interesting. Some are quite funny.” The documentary also tracks the various seminary locations including Price Hill, Brown County, Norwood, and Mount Washington and includes interesting facts about why seminary buildings closed, moved, and at what cost.

“Anne did a stupendous job!” said Father David Endres, academic dean and church historian. “From the research to the time spent interviewing and producing. I think it’s stellar.”

The Athenaeum of Ohio: Impact of People and Place is available to view in the Athenaeum’s Maly Library.
2015-2016 Athenaeum Graduation Ceremony

Degrees and certificates were conferred upon the 2015-2016 Athenaeum graduates by Cincinnati ARCHBISHOP DENNIS M. SCHNURR, Chancellor of the Athenaeum, during a beautiful ceremony which included music by The Athenaeum Chorale.

REV. DAVID J. ENDRES, PhD, Athenaeum Dean, Assistant Professor of Church History and Historical Theology (pictured below right), received The Celebration of Teaching Award recognizing his contributions to the Athenaeum and the larger community.

2015-2016 Athenaeum Graduates:

MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL STUDIES)
Reverend Mr. Christopher Geigers
Sandra Lipari
Reverend Alexander Nkansah
Reverend Mr. Eric Roush

MASTER OF ARTS (CATHOLIC STUDIES)
Shane Hewson
Christopher Komoroski
Kevin Moehnus
Andrew Reckers

MASTER OF ARTS (PASTORAL MINISTRY)
Robert Bell
Sabrina Barton-Simonson
Brian Caperton
Michael Desmier
David Ellerbrock
Sharon Faust
Michael Huffman
Donald Ippe
Denise Patton

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)
Reverend Eric Awuah-Gyamfi
Reverend Jon-Paul Bevak
Robert Brock
William Egan
Reverend Mr. Timothy Fahey
Reverend Daniel Finnerty
Reverend Adrian Hilton
Derek Hubbs
Reverend Mr. Alexander McCullough
Reverend Ethan Moore
Dr. Kathleen O’Connor
Reverend Mr. Jason Williams
Reverend Mr. Sean Wilson
Reverend Eric Wood

MASTER OF DIVINITY
Reverend Mr. Jason Bertke
Reverend Mr. Timothy Fahey
Reverend Mr. Matthew Feist
Reverend Mr. Christopher Geiger
Reverend Adrian Hilton
Reverend Mr. Alexander McCullough
Reverend Ethan Moore
Reverend Br. Thomas Reagan, CPM
Reverend Mr. Eric Roush
Reverend Paul Schreiner
Reverend Mr. Jeffrey Smith
Reverend Mr. Jason Williams
Reverend Mr. Sean Wilson
Reverend Eric Wood

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (LAY MINISTRY)
Peter Caccavari
Joseph Leep
Gloria Turnbow

CERTIFICATE (LAY MINISTRY)
Thomas Ashbury
Jodie Blindauer
Timothy Dietz
Charles Eddingfield
Gregg Elking
Michael Gardner
Dale Gerber
Ashley Holthus
Lisa Monnin
James Niswonger
Michael Seibert
Learning & Teaching have Blessed My Life

Terry Callan retired June 30, 2016

by Terry Callan
PHOTO BY SUSAN DECLERCQ

I began teaching the New Testament at the Athenaeum in autumn of 1983. From the beginning I taught students in all three divisions of the Athenaeum. Since they all seemed to want to learn about the New Testament, teaching them was very satisfying. I have been blessed to spend much of my life learning and teaching about something as interesting and important as the New Testament.

In 1989 I became Dean of the Athenaeum, a position I held for the next fifteen years, and later for another three-year period. I continued to teach, but after 1989 much of my time was devoted to administration. As Dean of the Athenaeum I was the chief academic officer. Perhaps my single most important task was leading self-studies and arranging site visits for re-accreditation of the Athenaeum in 1992, 2002 and 2012.

While I have been a member of the Athenaeum faculty, 204 Athenaeum students have been ordained priests, 113 for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 27 for the Diocese of Toledo, 25 for Youngstown, and the remainder for fourteen other dioceses or religious orders, including Covington, Louisville and the Fathers of Mercy. 279 students have earned master’s degrees through the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program and 512 have earned a certificate in lay ministry. 186 have earned master’s degrees through the Special Studies Division. 152 have been ordained permanent deacons for Cincinnati, along with others for Covington. Many other people have taken individual courses here. I am happy to have participated in this contribution the Athenaeum has made to the life of the Church in this region.

Thank You!

JAN HAGEDORN retired June 30, 2016, after serving as Executive Assistant to the President/Rector and Facilities Coordinator at the Athenaeum for almost 15 years. In retirement, Jan plans to travel, garden, sew and enjoy time with family and friends.

MIKE SWEENEY retired March 31, 2016, after serving as the Registrar at the Athenaeum for 29 years. His involvement with the Athenaeum began in 1960 as he entered St. Gregory High School followed by four years each of college and graduate studies. After a brief time away, a portion spent teaching at McNicholas High School, he returned to manage the registrar’s office.

KATHY ELLISON began her work in the cafeteria at the Athenaeum in the fall of 2001. Over the years she has delighted the seminarians, staff and guests of at the Athenaeum with her culinary creations. Retiring on May 31 she left the following day, with fellow retiree Judy Tensing, for a vacation to Disney World!
Retiring Music Director’s Blessed Career

For thirty-two years, MUSIC DIRECTOR ANTHONY (TONY) DICELLO led the Athenaeum Chorale and Seminary Schola in hundreds of services and liturgies. Two months before retiring from his position at the Athenaeum, Mr. DiCello conducted music for Eastertide Vespers which was his final Sunday Vespers in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great.

“Since I was responsible for introducing sung Sunday Vespers to the Athenaeum community, I was particularly pleased that the music-making of the Athenaeum Chorale, the Seminary Schola and brass ensemble was so good that night,” said Mr. DiCello. “I leave with such good memories of these services and the wonderful musicians who helped to make them such beautiful sung prayer.”

“Tony has had the biggest impact on liturgical music in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati over the last 30 years,” said Deacon David Klingshirn. “People don’t know that Tony is known nationally and internationally. He was Church Musician of the Year in the United States a few years ago.”

Mr. DiCello retired from his full-time position at the Athenaeum in June but will continue as director of music for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

“I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to collaborate with, teach and lead so many fine people over the years in sung liturgical prayer. In particular, I am grateful for having had the opportunity to help form and train so many priests and seminarians and for my work with the members of the Athenaeum Chorale,” added Mr. DiCello. “What a real blessing in my life it has been!”

Welcome!

Taste & See

SAVE THE DATE

“Taste & See” 2016 will take place TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016.

Current Bishop Fenwick Society members are encouraged to invite potential members to the event where guests “Taste” specialty beer and wines and “See” the beautiful Athenaeum facility and grounds. In addition, guests are able to meet seminarians, faculty, and staff, as well as Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Joseph Binzer.

Contact Advancement Director, Kyle Isaack (513) 233-6161 for more details.
In recognition and appreciation for 34 years of service, Vice President for Finance and Administration DENNIS EAGAN was made a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great during the 2016 Archbishop’s Thank-you Dinner May 6.

Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Athenaeum President Father Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh were joined by Cardinal Donald Wuerl to present this special honor bestowed through a Papal Order of Knighthood by Pope Francis.

“I am humbled, honored and truly grateful to Pope Francis, Archbishop Schnurr and Fr. Benedict for this great honor,” said Mr. Eagan after receiving the eight-pointed cross insignia of the Order.

The Order of St. Gregory the Great is one of the five Orders of Knighthood of the Holy See. This special honor is bestowed upon Roman Catholic men and women (and sometimes in rare cases non-Catholics) in recognition of their personal service to the Holy See and to the Roman Catholic Church, through their unusual labors, their support of the Holy See, and their excellent examples set forth in their communities and their countries.

Congratulations, Dennis!

Fr. Endres Named Dean

“I am happy to announce that I am appointing FATHER DAVID ENDRES as dean of the Athenaeum of Ohio and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary,” said Father Benedict O’Cinnsealaigh, president and rector.

“He has served for the last five years at the Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary’s as professor of history, director of field education, and a member of the seminary formation team. We wish Fr. Endres well as he begins his new appointment. I want to thank Fr. Fernandes for his dedication and work as dean and wish him well in his new assignment at the Apostolic Nunciature."

Among his accomplishments, Fr. Endres was honored with the 2015 Celebration of Teaching Award on behalf of the Athenaeum at the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities Celebration of Teaching. He has published numerous articles in magazines and journals, and is awaiting the publication of his second book, Many Tongues, One Faith: Franciscan Parish Life in America. In addition he has served as editor of the scholarly quarterly U.S. Catholic Historian for the past three years.

As dean, the 36-year-old priest will be the chief academic officer of the Athenaeum responsible for maintaining and improving the quality of academic programs and coordinating the recommendations for course schedules and faculty assignments.

Congratulations, Fr. Endres!
It was an evening to remember as 500 Athenaeum benefactors, members of the Bishop Fenwick Society (BFS), gathered at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel for the 2016 Archbishop’s Thank-You Dinner May 6.

His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, was the keynote speaker and received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award. The cardinal grew up in Pittsburgh and attended college seminary at the Athenaeum of Ohio from 1958 to 1960.

“Cardinal Wuerl energized the evening with his meaningful and eloquent presentation,” said BFS member and Athenaeum alum, Jane Anderson. “The dinner was a wonderful gathering of people who care significantly about the Catholic Faith. It provided an opportunity for attendees to connect with seminarians while supporting the incredible institution of the Athenaeum.”

As emcee, Fr. O’Cinsealaigh, also gave special recognition to the dedicated members of the Bishop Fenwick Society whose generosity helps make it possible for the Athenaeum to do the critical work of educating future priests, deacons and lay ministers. In addition he noted with gratitude the sponsor of the event, Fort Washington Investment Advisors Inc., a member of the Western & Southern Financial Group, for making the evening such a success.

SAVE THE DATE
The 2017 Archbishop’s Thank-You Dinner will take place FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017. Contact Advancement Director Kyle Isaack (513) 233-6161 for more details.
West Side Luncheon is Sellout Success at Western Hills Country Club!

Western Hills Country Club was dressed up and ready for the sellout crowd of 260 women eager to enjoy the first LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheon on the West Side of Cincinnati April 13.

“This is the event everybody on the West Side has been talking about,” said Peggy James who co-chaired the event along with Mary Sue Guetle, Mary Schatzman and Sue Schwarz. “When our committee was first asked to host a luncheon on behalf of the Athenaeum, we thought it would sellout. This is great!”

“The luncheon is lovely and the camaraderie is wonderful!” said attendee Phyllis Roland, “And I am encouraged by the talks.”

The goal of the ladies luncheons is to feed the soul and uplift women in their Catholic Faith, while raising awareness of the educational opportunities, resources, and mission of the Athenaeum.

Kenwood Luncheon Piques Interest in Athenaeum!

Athenaeum tours are taking place as a result of the LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheons. “The Athenaeum building is magnificent and the artwork here is just beautiful!” said Holly Schapker, who recently toured the campus after attending the LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheon at the Kenwood Country Club April 27. “Father Benedict O’Cinnealaigh gave a wonderful tour. Hearing the history and meaning of the artwork in the chapels made everything even more beautiful.”

More than 145 attended this year’s luncheon at the Kenwood Country Club which filled the room to capacity. It was the second year the event was held at the Kenwood location; both were chaired by Janie Klare, who is a member of the Athenaeum Board of Trustees.

“I’m so glad I attended the luncheon and took Fr. Benedict up on his offer to tour the Athenaeum. I learned so much and now I want to become even more involved,” said Mrs. Schapker.

2016 Event Schedule

Planning is underway for the next round of LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheons in Dayton and Sidney this fall.

Contact the Advancement Office for more information: advancement@athenaeum.edu (513) 233-6113.

OCTOBER TBA
Moraine Country Club (Dayton)

NOVEMBER 9
Shelby Oaks Golf Course (Sidney)
West Side

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A Path to New Beginnings

by Dr. Susan McGurgan
Director, Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

GRADUATION IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR THE ATHENAEUM COMMUNITY. IT IS A TIME TO PAUSE AND REFLECT ON THE PAST, SAY GOOD-BYE TO FAMILIAR FACES AND CELEBRATE NEW BEGINNINGS. In May, nine Lay Pastoral Ministry Program (LPMP) students received the MA Pastoral Theology, three earned the Graduate Certificate and eleven completed the Non-Degree Certificate in Ministry.

Their path to graduation was not a solitary one. It was filled with a variety of people who walked beside them, helping educate, form and support them along the way. Mentors helped integrate academic knowledge into lived experience and provided a sounding board for goals and ideas. Field Education Supervisors fostered pastoral skills in diverse and challenging settings. Faculty members introduced the history, theology and doctrine of the Church and guided academic formation. Program Advisors helped participants see the big picture, develop long-term goals and stay on track. Pastors and parish staff members often collaborated with and approved Projects in Ministry. Family and friends offered the logistical and emotional support needed to fit pastoral studies into a busy adult life. When one LPMP student graduates, dozens of others celebrate with them.

Participants come to the Athenaeum because they sense that God is calling them to something new: a deeper experience of discipleship, a more complete understanding of Catholic doctrine, or perhaps a new career or vocation. Being part of their growth is a privilege. Mary Bellman, Lecturer in Pastoral Theology, notes, “There’s something uniquely rewarding about teaching theology to adults. My favorite moments in the classroom are when students make connections between the truths of our faith and their life experience. When they can articulate how God is at work in their lives because we’ve given them the vocabulary to do so.” Rev. Robert Hater, Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and one of the founders of the LPMP, commented, “It’s wonderful to see the personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth of the students in the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program, as they grow through class participation, mentoring, faith-centered activities, and their project in ministry.” Denise Warnecke, Regional Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and Lecturer in Pastoral Theology said, “I love hearing the stories of how participants “click” in the course of their LPMP experience, how they help each other out, pray for each other, and care for one another. This is an experience of true community.”

In the upcoming academic year, a 50%-off tuition scholarship will be offered to all lay students made possible by the Athenaeum and the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign. We hope this initiative will bring the blessings of an Athenaeum education to more Catholics in our region. Classes will meet at the main campus, St. Ignatius in Montfort Heights and the Pilarczyk Center in Dayton.

For information on program options call the LPMP office, (513) 231-1200.
Jim Quatman will tell you that a miracle through the intercession of the Virgin Mary led to the Quatman family’s connection with Ephesus and the Athenaeum.

“Our family’s devotion to Mary really started with a tragedy back in 1891,” Jim began. “When my grandfather, George Weitzel, was just 17 months old, his mother died. On her deathbed she asked Father Francis Quatman of Holy Angels Parish in Sidney to ‘look after the children, especially the baby, George’.”

The children’s father tried taking care of them, but eventually all were placed in Cincinnati orphanages. Fr. Quatman did not forget the deathbed promise. When George was four years old, the priest adopted George and raised him at Holy Angels with the help of the Sisters of Charity. At the age of 19, George changed his last name to Quatman to honor the beloved priest. Throughout his life, George B. Quatman was devoted to the Catholic Faith, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1954, while on pilgrimage in Fatima, Portugal, George and his wife, Lucille, learned that sacred sites in Ephesus were in ruins, including the stone house believed to have been the home of the Virgin Mary and St. John the Apostle. Their hearts were moved when the couple traveled to the ancient city in Turkey the following year and saw the state of disrepair.

“Soon after that trip, one of their grandsons contracted polio which was a horrible disease back then that crippled thousands of children and caused many deaths,” Jim explained. “My grandfather prayed for the intercession of the Virgin Mary and his grandson, my cousin Dave, was cured! From then on my grandfather was determined to help restore the holy sites to show the Virgin Mary his profound gratitude.”

In 1955, George founded the American Society of Ephesus, a society dedicated to preserving the holy sites of Ephesus. In addition to “Mary’s house,” the Society has helped restore the Basilica of St. John (said to be built on the tomb of the beloved apostle) and the Church of Mary (the first church dedicated to Our Lady and the site of the third Ecumenical Council in 431 AD).

Quatman family members continue the Society’s work in Ephesus and more. Since 2003, the Society has been a benefactor of the Athenaeum. Jim represents the family through the Bishop Fenwick Society and is a member of the Athenaeum Advisory Board.

For the Quatman family, supporting the restoration of the sacred sites of Ephesus is a way to honor the Virgin Mary and supporting the Athenaeum is a way to honor the priest whose name lives on through their family, Fr. Francis Quatman.

For more information about how you can support the Athenaeum, please contact Kyle Isaack, Director of Advancement at (513) 233-6161.
Dear Friend in Christ,

During these summer months I pray each of you is doing well and enjoying some vacation time with family and friends. Summertime is a good time to relax and a good time to prepare for the future. I want to thank you for your support of the future Church by your prayers, time and financial support of the Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. The future certainly looks bright with the recent graduation of 27 lay ministry students, 10 newly ordained priests and the ordination of 9 transitional and 22 permanent deacons. Your support makes all of this possible! I would like to encourage your continued support, through the Bishop Fenwick Society, by utilizing the envelope enclosed in this magazine. As always, if there is anything I can do to serve you please let me know because you have certainly helped make my first year, as director of advancement, a successful one. Thank you!

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Seminary Foursome’s Mountain-Top Experience

Mountain climbers have dreams and nightmares about reaching the summit of legendary Mount Washington in New Hampshire. The highest mountain east of the Rockies at 6,228 feet is notorious for erratic weather: hurricane-force-winds, bitter cold temperatures and snowfall year-round.

“I’ve been trying to climb that mountain for over 20 years,” said Father Tom McQuillen, Dean of Men at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. “Of course I’ve only tried during the winter months, preferring the challenge which the weather adds.”

Fr. McQuillen and two seminarians, Henry Hoffman and Andy Smith, attempted to climb Mount Washington during Christmas break 2015.

“We were halfway up when the weather turned,” Henry recalled. “The wind chill dropped below zero with 80 mile-per-hour winds. Snow was blowing so hard and fast – it was a whiteout – I couldn’t see the person right in front of me.”

Fr. Tom’s ski mask froze covering his mouth. “I couldn’t breathe. We had to turn back. The mountain wouldn’t let us climb it.”

But the challenge continued to beckon. Henry wanted a second chance and two other seminarians, Ambrose Dobrozsi and Michael Willig, were eager for their first. Fr. Tom was hesitant. After a dozen attempts to reach the top of Mount Washington, the 47-year-old priest recalled thinking, “If I don’t make it this time, I need to give up.”

The foursome traveled to New Hampshire during semester break in March. After celebrating Mass at 3:30 am, they began to climb. To reach the snow-capped summit, weather conditions must be just right – cold enough for thick snow and ice to allow the picks and crampons to stick, and yet warm enough to avoid hypothermia. After more than six grueling hours of climbing, they reached the peak.

“The whole world changes when you reach the summit. The horizons open up. On a clear day you can see five or six states. I felt such joy. It was better than any view I could have dreamed of,” Ambrose said of the glorious moment.

“Climbing to the peak was incredible. What an adventure! I’d do it again in a heartbeat,” Michael added.

Fr. Tom reflected on the mountain-top moment. “If I was an emotional person, I would have cried,” he said with a grin. “The thought came to mind – an aspect of pilgrimage – that it’s not so much the destination but the journey. The mountain let us climb it that day.”

After a few moments looking around the summit, the foursome turned around and continued the journey – a five-hour climb down the mighty mountain.
Whether fresh out of school or years past graduation, Athenaeum of Ohio students are welcomed and supported by the Maly Library. Two professional librarians, Connie Song and Claire Ballinger, are on staff to assist students in navigating the universe of information. Like our namesake, Rev. Eugene H. Maly, we are committed to scholarship and service to the people of God.

All students, especially those who are returning to academia after some time away or those who are experiencing American higher education for the first time, may avail themselves of the library’s services. Our services to students include:

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The Mary statue on the front lawn was created by world renowned sculptor Clement John Barnhorn (1857-1935). Barnhorn was born in Cincinnati and is best known for his religious sculptures. He attended St. Xavier College in Cincinnati and then worked for a woodcarving shop while studying sculpture with Louis T. Rebisso. Barnhorn is one of the most important sculptors in Cincinnati’s 228-year history and shared a studio with the famous portrait painter Frank Duveneck.
REVEREND ARTHUR BADGER, who completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, died March 4, 2016 at the age of 89. Father Badger was ordained to the priesthood in Rosary Cathedral on May 30, 1953, and primarily served the Diocese of Toledo. His first assignment was at Norwalk St. Paul, where he was associate pastor and high school principal. He also ministered in Sylvania, St. Joseph Parish and Lourdes College where he taught theology and Holy Spirit Prep Seminary in Lucas County where he was vice rector, co-founder, and dean of students and English instructor. He studied at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Notre Dame University, University of Windsor, and the University of Toledo before retiring in 1994 to Toledo to minister throughout that area.

REVEREND WALTER (SANDY) J. MACPHERSON, who received a B.A. from The University of Dayton and completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, died June 12, 2016 at the age of 83. He was ordained on May 31, 1986 at St. Rita Church in Dayton by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk. He served parishes in Cincinnati, Dayton and Huber Heights, Ohio. Father Macpherson was appointed temporary administrator of Corpus Christi Parish, Dayton and St. Agnes, Dayton, while Father James Schulte was on sabbatical from August 22, 1996 through November 16, 1996. He was then appointed to two consecutive six-year term as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish. Father Macpherson retired July 1, 2002.

REVEREND ROBERT J. MAUNTEL, who began preparatory studies at St. Gregory Seminary and completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, died May 25, 2016 at the age of 93. He was ordained on March 12, 1949 by Archbishop John T. McNicholas at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Norwood, Ohio. Father Mauntel received his first assignment as vicar for St. Cecilia Parish, Dayton, and St. Agnes, Dayton, while Father James Schulte was on sabbatical from August 22, 1996 through November 16, 1996. He was then appointed to two consecutive six-year term as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish. Father Mauntel retired June 8, 1992.

REVEREND ROBERT JOSEPH MONNIN, who began his preparatory studies at St. Gregory Seminary, completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and also received a Master’s degree in Education from Xavier University, died May 12, 2016 at the age of 86. He was ordained on May 28, 1955 at St. Monica Cathedral, Cincinnati by Archbishop Karl J. Alter. Father Monnin received his first assignment as assistant rector at St. Peter Oratory, Middletown, Ohio, and a full-time teacher at Fenwick High School, Middletown. He went on to administrative roles at Piqua Catholic High School and Lehman High School while serving local parishes. He was appointed the superintendent of Catholic education for the Sidney Area and later as the director of a cable television program for Dayton and the Northern area of the Archdiocese. He served as the dean of the Dayton Deanery and later appointed a member of the College of Consultants of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, retiring June 30, 2000.

REVEREND JOSEPH R. RAUDAUBAUGH, who received a Master’s degree in Art and Religious Education from Fordham University and completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary died on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the age of 78. Father Raudaubaugh was ordained on December 22, 1962 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral by Archbishop Karl J. Alter. He served St. Lawrence Parish, Cincinnati, and his first canonical appointment was as vicar assistant at St. Margaret of Corona Parish. He served as a chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital and also a teacher at McAuley High School while assisting nearby parishes. In June 1971 he became assistant pastor at Guardian Angels Parish.

REVEREND JAMES SHAPPELLE, who completed his formation for the priesthood at St. Gregory Seminary and Mount St. Mary’s Seminary died June 28, 2016 at the age of 91. He was ordained on August 24, 1948 by Bishop George J. Rehring at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Norwood, Ohio. He studied in Rome at the Angelicum, receiving a Doctorate in Sacred Theology in 1950. After his first assignment as assistant at Sacred Heart, he was appointed to study Education at Catholic University, Washington DC where he received his M.A., and then he was appointed instructor at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Norwood. He spent time working in the Archdiocesan School Office, and was appointed chaplain of the Cincinnati Chapter of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae. Next he was appointed dean of the Cathedral Deanery and became a member of the College of Consultants of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Father Shappelle was last at St. Bernard and St. Leo Parishes retiring from active ministry on October 1, 2012.

REVEREND PATRICK L. SHERIDAN, who completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, died April 28, 2016 at the age of 70. He was ordained on May 16, 1998 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk. Father Sheridan received his first assignment as parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cincinnati. He spent his pastoral tenure throughout central and northern Ohio in the parishes of St. Susanna, St. Patrick and St. Mary in the Woods; resigning from St. Patrick Parish, Bellefontaine, effective December 31, 2015.

REVEREND NICHOLAS ROSS SHORI, who completed his formation for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and died April 20, 2016 at the age of 68. He was ordained into the priesthood on June 8, 1974, by the Most Reverend James Maloney, Bishop of Youngstown, in the chapel of Walsh University in North Canton. Father Shori was the pastor at St. Luke Parish, Boardman, and served on the faculty of Cardinal Mooney High School. He became a chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital while serving as associate pastor of St. Charles Parish. In 2010 he was appointed as the director of implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. In addition, he assumed the role of director of Continuing Education of Priests. In 2013 he was appointed director of the Office of Evangelization with the responsibility of continuing the diocesan parish reconfiguration plan throughout the Youngstown Dioceses, resigning in March 2016. He also dedicated many years of ministry to Ohio’s death row prison inmates.

Please remember these deceased alumni in your prayers. Ordained alumni who are constitutive members of the Athenaeum Alumni Association, are reminded to celebrate a Mass, or have a Mass celebrated, for deceased constitutive members (identified with †).

DONALD ARSZMAN, husband of Alice Arszman, died April 20.
TERESA BROWN, wife of David Brown, died June 10.
CHARLOTTE KETTLER, wife of the late Robert Kettler, died May 19.

ALFRED REMILLARD, husband of the late June Remillard, died May 1.
MARY ELIZABETH SANDFOSS, wife of Lawrence Sandfoss, died May 2.
MARY WEITZEL, wife of the late James Weitzel, died March 29.

MARY LOU BURGER, wife of the late Deacon Ray Burger and mother of Father Mark Burger, died June 2.
ROBERT FROLICHER, father of Linda Heidi, died on Wednesday, April 20.
THOMAS HATER, brother of Father Robert Hater, died May 9.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Please remember our dear departed benefactors in your prayers. Ordained alumni who are constitutive members of the Athenaeum Alumni Association, are reminded to celebrate a Mass, or have a Mass celebrated, for deceased constitutive members (identified with †).
September
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
6:00 p.m. Bishop Fenwick Society “Taste & See”
Marian Courtyard at the Athenaeum

October
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER TBA
12:00 p.m. LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheon
Moraine Country Club (Dayton)

November
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:30 p.m. LeBlond Lecture
Archbishop William E. Lori
Bartlett Pastoral Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12:00 p.m. LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheon
Shelby Oaks Golf Club (Sidney)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
5:15 p.m. Ministry of Acolyte
St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
Celebrant Most Rev. Edward Slattery?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20
10:00 a.m. Candidacy for Permanent Deacons
St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
Celebrant Most Rev. Joseph Binzer

December
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
7:30 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols
St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary

Holy Hour for Vocations
Join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood held in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary.

Please Mark Your Calendars Sunday at 5 p.m.
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