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“Teaching from the Heart and Soul”

Expert in Bioethics is New Visiting Professor

You may have seen her appearances on television, read her articles or books, heard her outstanding audiotapes (over 300,000 copies have been distrib-

uted), or witnessed her at a Catholic conference (she averages thirty speaking engagements per year).

Now, Sacred Heart Major Seminary is privileged to have Dr. Janet E. Smith, an international expert on life issues and untiring spokesperson for the Gospel of Life, as Visiting Professor of Life Ethics for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 academic years.

“I’m certainly honored that Bishop Vigneron has invited me

here,” says Doctor Smith, who is on leave from her position as professor of philosophy at the University of Dallas. “I very much respect what he has accomplished at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, making it a top-notch academic institution with a trajectory toward public and pastoral service.

“Plus, it’s good for my spiritual life

to be around so many wonderful seminarians who are discerning their vocation.”

It is no secret that promoting the Gospel of Life throughout the culture is dear to Bishop Allen Vigneron, Rector and President of SHMS. “Defending the right-to-life is the most important issue of our time,” he believes. “But the issue needs to be studied and presented in a critical fashion.

“A school of theology is the right place for this reflection to occur.” In response, Bishop Vigneron and new Dean of Studies Fr. Steven Boguslawski, OP, are working hard to establish a permanently endowed chair in life ethics, so as to have a scholarly spokesperson for the Gospel of Life on the faculty. “Doctor Smith is the ideal person to occupy this chair for the next two years,” the Bishop says.

Her students would agree. “My experience in Doctor Smith’s class has been nothing but positive,” says John Nichols, who is taking her course in Ethics at SHMS’s College of Liberal Arts. “I

know each time I enter her class, I will be engaged with essential issues that we as Catholics should know how to defend.” Joseph Rangitsch is also enrolled in the Ethics course. “Doctor Smith is fired up about what she teaches,” he says. “And she teaches from her heart and soul, not

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Dr. Janet E. Smith

Hear Her in Person

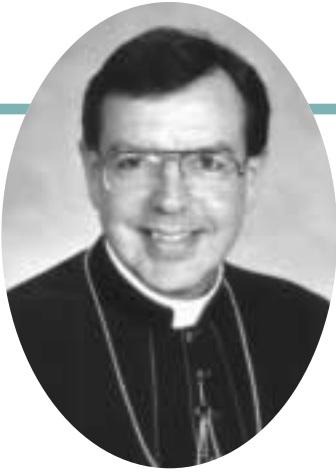
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for Youth
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734-414-1233

December 8
Lansing
Guild/Catholic
Medical Assoc.
Ann Arbor, MI
734-930-7380

January 15
St. Agatha Parish,
Redford, MI
313-531-0371

February 1
Ave Maria
Foundation,
Ann Arbor, MI
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Challenging Our Age



Fall 2001

Dear Friends of Sacred Heart Major Seminary,

Some common place remarks repeated not only by pundits but in private conversations after the attack of 9/11 run like this: "Everything is different," or "The definition of 'normal' has changed." This perspective comes very

much to mind as we prepare our first "post-September 11" issue of the *Mosaic*. What I mean is, we'll be telling you about elements of our life and work that would have been going forward anyway, but now, in the light of our national struggle these look different—appear in a sharper focus.

I am referring specifically to Sacred Heart's intense efforts these days to ensure that in forming our students to be "Heralds of the New Evangelization," they are heralds of the Gospel of Life. In the aftermath of 9/11, we are all-too vividly aware that the hallmark of evil is disregard for the dignity of the human person, disrespect for life. There are lots of ways to combat this wrong, but the most effective are those addressed to the human heart, the fountain source of good and evil

in men's actions. It is to the hearts of our contemporaries that our alumni—priests, deacons and their lay collaborators—must address the message of hope we have from Christ, which is the Gospel of Life.

It is the support, both spiritual and material, that we receive from you, our friends, that make it possible for the Seminary to form our students so that they can challenge our age to confront the root causes that threaten life today. Now, more than ever, we know how precious every innocent life is in our community. Now, more than ever, we need heralds of the Gospel of Life. Now, more than ever, we appreciate how you make it possible for us to answer the call of the Holy Father to be about the New Evangelization.

With the promise that at Sacred Heart we are praying for you and your family and friends, commending all to the protection of the Holy Mother of God, I remain

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
(Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit)
Rector/President*



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European Desert Formation Experience

Seeking the Wisdom of the Saints

“It was a life changing experience,” says seminarian Chris Talbot. Most of his fifteen companions would say the same about Desert Formation Experience, the six-week pilgrimage of formation and spiritual exploration taken each summer by first year theology students. The program is unique to Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Intensive Preparation

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land, tracing the steps of Jesus and the Apostles, is the usual itinerary for the Desert Formation wayfarers. But because the fighting has escalated there, the program’s directors, Frs. Patrick Halfpenny, Daniel Trapp and John Quinn, decided to adjust the program. Instead, they would journey throughout Western Europe with the focus being on the lives of the saints.

Think not that this is religious tourism. The Experience is often compared to the novitiate period of the religious orders. Seminarians prepare interiorly for the pilgrimage a year in advance, through prayer, meditation and spiritual lectures by directors. They also meet regularly in small groups to reflect on how the priesthood is essentially a “pilgrimage of faith,” and how they will one day be called to shepherd the People of God on their journey home to Christ.

A Journey Not Alone

“The idea of pilgrimage is instilled in the group,” says Chris Talbot. “At the

same time, this trip is not just about us. We were spiritually representing those in our dioceses, too.”

What Chris is referring to is the support provided by faithful people from their home dioceses through the Desert Meals Program. A volunteer hosts a Desert Meal and invites others in the Christian community to break bread together and commit financial and prayer support for the pilgrim-seminarian. In turn, the seminarian pledges to pray for these benefactors each step of the way during morning and evening prayer, and during daily celebration of the Mass.

Embraced by the Sacred Heart

The highlights were many as the seminarians sought out the inspiration of the saints of Spain, Portugal, southern France and Italy. Chris was particularly moved by a stay at the Oblate Seminary in Madrid, where thirty-seven priests and religious were gunned down for professing their faith during the Spanish Civil War. Gratitude and awe, almost to tears, continue to well up inside when he recalls the group’s visit to Paray-le-Monial, the convent where Jesus revealed the mysteries of his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary.

“It was First Friday, which is the devotion the Lord entrusted St. Margaret Mary to establish. It was June, the month of the Sacred Heart.

“And even more,” relates Chris, “that same day we were privileged to celebrate the Eucharist where the first apparition of the Sacred Heart took



Quiet time in the hills of Monserrat, France.

place. Because we came from Sacred Heart Major Seminary, this day took on a special significance for all of us.”

The Journey Home

The final days of the pilgrimage led the group to a private audience with the Holy Father. Prior to the audience they visited the crypt of St. Peter the Apostle, the first Bishop of Rome, deep beneath the altar of St. Peter Basilica. This experience deeply impressed upon the students how God has protected the continuity of the office of Peter and the unity of the Church as a pilgrim people.

“I will continue to process this experience the rest of my life,” says Chris. “Personally, the pilgrimage elevated my love for the transforming power of the Eucharist.

“When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are really connecting to the entire Church, those who have gone before us, the Church today, and those triumphant in heaven, our destination.”



Theologate student Tuyen Kim Tran from the diocese of Kalamazoo joins Fr. John Quinn and Fr. Patrick Halfpenny for evening prayer in Lourdes, France.



The Desert Formation group before the shrine of St. John Vianny in Ars, France. “Our week in Ars was very powerful because of the nature of the group,” says seminarian Chris Talbot. St. John is the patron saint of parish priests.

Holy Hour for Vocations

3 pm – 4 pm

January 13, 2002

February 10, 2002

March 10, 2002

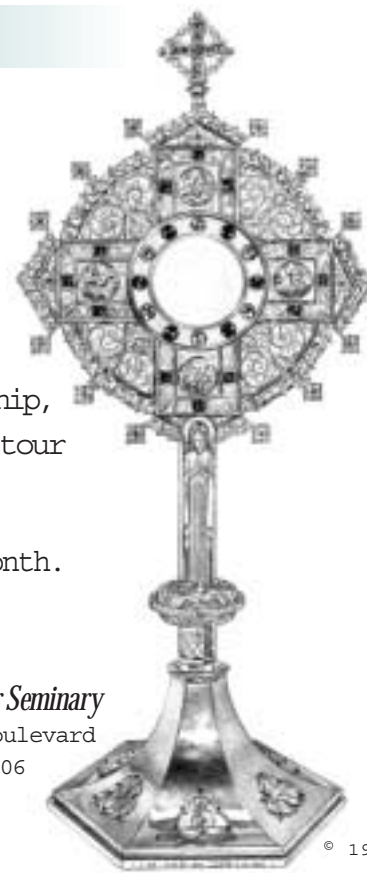
April 14, 2002

Followed by fellowship, refreshments and a tour of the Seminary.

2nd Sunday of the month.



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Twenty-one Receive Ministry of Lector

On Friday, October 5, twenty-one men were instituted in the ministry of lector by Bishop Allen H. Vigneron. The thirteen seminarians were (Detroit) Paul Czarnota, Aaron De Peyster, Richard Lewnau, James Lopez, Robert Schmidt, James Smalarz, Christopher Talbot; (Gary) Daniel Barriball, Daniel Doctor; (Kalamazoo) Tuyen Tran; (Lansing) Joseph Lussier; (Marquette) Robb Jurkovich and Corey Litzner. The eight Detroit candidates for the permanent diaconate were Kevin

M. Breen, Frederick F. Burrell, Stephen L. Bussa, Henry J. Kibit, Jr., Paul T. Lippard, Lawrence L. Ruehlen, Vincent R. Small and Kenneth R. Weiss.

The lector is appointed for the reading of the Word of God and presenting the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. Though this ministry is common among lay people in parish life, those who are preparing for ordination are formally instituted in this ministry as a step in their preparation. One who is instituted as lector has a special responsibility to meditate on the Scriptures.



Bishop Allen Vigneron institutes Detroit seminarian Paul Czernota as lector. The Bishop is flanked by permanent deacon Ron McIntyre (l), director of the Office of the Diaconate, and transitional deacon Brian Stashek, from the Diocese of LaCrosse.

Three Men Ordained Permanent Deacons



Adam Cardinal Maida congratulates new deacons (l to r) Brian White, Joseph Lang and Lynn Henning after their ordination on October 6.

Three laymen were ordained as permanent deacons on October 6 by Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit. The new deacons received their academic formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Deacons assist pastors with the pastoral care of the parish. Deacons baptize, witness marriages, proclaim the Gospel and preach, serve as an ordinary minister of Holy Communion, assist with Christian Service and other pastoral needs.

The new deacons have been assigned to serve parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Deacon Brian White has been assigned to the three clustered parishes in Pontiac: St. Michael, St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul. Joseph Lang will minister at St. Michael in Southfield, while Lynn Henning will be at the National Shrine of the Little Flower. We congratulate these fine Seminary alumni for becoming deacons.



Mission Work Teaches Seminarians Power of Faith

by Charlie Fox

EACH SPRING, seminarians from the undergraduate Philosophy program participate in a unique pilgrimage of cultural sensitivity and missionary activity. They journey to Mexico to learn the language and customs, while becoming more attuned to social justice issues by working among the less-advantaged native citizens.

This summer, six seminarians worked in a mission in the village of Cuana in southern Mexico, including the author of this article, Charlie Fox. He is a 24-year-old member of St. Valentine Parish in Redford Township, Michigan, entering his second year of philosophy studies at Sacred Heart.

By the time a person has spent six weeks in Mexico, it is safe to say that he or she has learned more than one lesson about the power of faith.

That was certainly true for myself and the five other seminarians. This past June we loaded ourselves and our luggage into two taxis and began the ride from the archdiocesan seminary in Acapulco to the remote village of Cuana, four hours to the southeast. There we would have our first experience working in a mission.

Little did we know how much we would be changed by the experience.

Paradox of Mission Work

What we saw was surprising: women washing their family's clothes in rivers and carrying drinking water from those same rivers in large jugs held on their heads; men riding mules in an area that seemed unaffected by the invention of the automobile. And we saw all this before the one-hour ride up the rugged mountain road in what could best be described as a fruit truck that took us to the first of the three villages served by the PIME mission.

Upon arriving in Cuana, I thought, "This isn't so bad," while taking in the sturdy double-storied buildings and reconstructed church of St. Augustine that made up the mission. Cuana is a village of 5,000 residents, almost all of whom are indigenous Mexicans of Mizteco origin.

I would later come to realize both

the utter truth and the falsehood of that first impression, and see in a new way the hidden challenge of missionary work

Power of Beatitudes

Fr. Graziano Rota, pastor of the village's parish of St. Augustine, and Fr. Massimo Segú, ran what seemed to be an efficient, even at times quiet, mission. The villagers seemed content with a life that included practicing the Catholic Faith while retaining much of their Mizteco heritage.

This contentment was qualified a bit by Father Massimo when he gave us our orientation talk. Rather than being a people who are glad to live without the complications of the modern world, the people of Cuana and the other two mission villages struggle to make the best of very difficult lives.

Even in basic areas of need such as food, water and shelter, the people suffered from material poverty, but also from ignorance due to a lack of communication with the rest of the world. Many people suffer from malnourishment and unhealthy living conditions, in which pigs, chickens and dogs wander in and out of homes and drink in the same rivers as the people.

Helping citizens to live healthier lives is a critical part of proclaiming the Gospel, according to Father Massimo. That is why the mission has a medical clinic and a newly-formed

purified water distribution program.

“The job of the missionary is to make the people understand that they must get rid of misery and accept the chosen poverty of the Gospel,” he said. “The power of the Beatitudes has to be your choice.”

Father Massimo’s words gave us some food for thought as we began our work at the mission, which mainly consisted of manual labor projects. But material poverty, nor the inability to understand Spanish, did not deter the people from attending Corpus Christi Mass, or participating in the Eucharistic procession that followed.

“May I Have Such Faith”

There was one other incident that showed to me the incredible power of faith in difficult circumstances. It happened while we accompanied Father Graziano as he visited sick parishioners. Rather than describing the experience with polished words, I’ll quote a short passage from my June 16 journal entry:

“Just today we went on Communion calls to some of the sick people in this village. One woman affected me deeply.

“I don’t even remember her name, but she was very ill with a tumor in her neck. The woman lay on her bed, dying of cancer, with no medication to ease the pain that must have gone well beyond my imagination. Her tumor was the size of a large mango. She had been sick for two years.

“She struggled to breathe, yet she desperately wanted to receive

Communion. With what seemed like her last bit of energy, she sat upright and received the Body of Christ gratefully.

“What her face expressed was simply gratitude and peace. It helped me to put things into perspective, and to appreciate the depth of faith the human being is capable of.

“I only pray that I may have faith like that when I am dying.”

Such was the power of what we witnessed on our first mission experience.



(L to R): Seminarians Anthony Camilleri, Charlie Fox, Terry Bennis, Bishop of Acapulco, faculty moderator Fr. Charles Kosanke, seminarians Alan Sierkowski, Rolando Silva and Tim Welles, gather at the seminary in Acapulco.

Could You Help with the Mission?

THE THIRD CHRISTIAN millennium will need vibrant, faith-filled leaders—ordained and lay—to bring about the “new springtime” in the Church that is called for by Pope John Paul II. Sacred Heart Major Seminary is dedicated to forming such leaders.

Could you help us with this holy mission? Here are some ways:

- ❖ Include our intentions in your prayer time.
- ❖ Promote SHMS by word-of-mouth to friends, family, social contacts.
- ❖ Make a tax-deductible gift using the enclosed envelope.
- ❖ Contact our development office about mutually beneficial planned giving ideas.

Alumni Day 2002

THE TWENTY-FIFTH annual Alumni Day will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2002, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This is a wonderful event to honor alumni and to socialize with former classmates.

The keynote speaker is Most Rev. Carl Mengeling, Bishop of Lansing. Bishop Mengeling is highly regarded as an enthusiastic speaker. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Bishop Mengeling was a pastor in the Diocese of Gary prior to being named as the fourth Bishop of Lansing in 1996.

Award Winners

Bishop Henry Donnelly Award
(Outstanding Clergy Alumnus)

Msgr. Robert Humitz
(College '56)

Walter Romig Award
(Outstanding Lay Alumnus)

Mr. Raymond Hillen

Msgr. Daniel Ryan Award
(Outstanding Former Faculty)

Most Rev. Kevin Britt
(College '66)

Msgr. Albert Matyn Award
(Senior Priest Award)

Fr. Ralph Kowalski
(College '38)



Look for your formal invitation in the mail.

Mark Your Calendar!

**Sunday
February 3, 2002
5:30 PM**

Hurray for the Class of '51!

For some it seemed like yesterday. But fifty years has gone by since the forty-nine graduates of the Sacred Heart High School Class of 1951 tossed their caps in the air and embarked upon their lives as adults. Members of that fine class came together on June 13 to renew acquaintances and celebrate the years at their fiftieth anniversary liturgy and lunch, held at SHMS. Msgr. Edward Baldwin organized the event, while Bishop Vigneron celebrated the liturgy and warmly welcomed the jubilarians. A luncheon followed on the Cardinal Dearden Porch.

The commemoration actually began months earlier, at the Alumni Day Celebration on February 4. Members of the Class of 1951 continue to serve the Church as priests, in parish ministry and as enthusiastic parishioners.

SHMS anticipates a similar celebration this coming year for the Class of 1952. Class member Msgr. Daniel Murphy has accepted the chair for this event.

Spend a Discernment Weekend at SHMS

Discernment weekends for men, at least sixteen years of age, are offered several times per year at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. They provide those who have been thinking about the priesthood the opportunity to take a close-up look at seminary life.

The weekends begin on Thursday evening and end early Sunday afternoon (May is for two days only). There is time for talking with students and faculty, recreation, prayer and reflection. There are no fees or obligations for attending. And the food isn't bad, either.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in a discernment weekend retreat, contact Fr. Jim Bilot, AOD Vocations Director, 313-237-5875.

Here are the dates:

January 17-20

March 21-24

May 10-11

Tip: *If you know of someone who might be interested in the weekend, please pass along these dates. Sometimes it simply takes a word of encouragement for him to take that first step.*

“I Can Do It!”

MAPS program welcomes first Hispanic student

Ana Maria Diaz has always been an active Catholic. She was raised in the Faith at St. Anne parish in Detroit, where she is a lector, a Eucharistic Minister and has been involved in other ministries (Cursillo movement, parish council, catechist, choir member). In addition, she is a member and former president of the Jornadas young adult group

begin in October 1998 in Southwest Detroit, under the leadership of the Director of the Latino Cultural Pastoral Center, Deacon Raul Feliciano.

Education has always been important to her, too. After she emigrated as a nine-year-old with her family from Mexico in 1980, her mother, Ana, and father, Carmelo, encouraged her to excel in school. She has

earned a BA in Communications and Spanish, and a Master Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is currently a social worker for the Detroit Public School System.

This September, Ana Diaz has com-



“It is important that Hispanics contribute to the Church on all levels,” says new MAPS student Ana Maria Diaz.

bined her love of the Church and for learning in an inspired way. She has just entered MAPS—the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program—at the seminary’s Institute for Ministry. Ana is the first Hispanic student enrolled in the program.

Caring Support

This is not Ana’s first experience with studying theology. In 1997, she entered the Spanish two-year Basic Diploma program for Hispanic ministry offered by the Institute. “I really enjoyed the program,” says Ana, “and it helped me to grow as a person. But it only gave me a taste of the richness of the Catholic Faith. I wanted to learn more.”

Deacon Feliciano and her parish pastor, Fr. Bob Duggan, recognized her leadership skills and solid spirituality and encouraged her to take undergraduate theology courses at

the seminary.

“My first thought was, ‘Coming into Sacred Heart Seminary will be scary because my religious formation was basic and in Spanish. It meant taking classes in theology in English. I can’t do that!’” laughs Ana. “But then I said, ‘No, you can do it!’”

Ana began studying theology in spring 2001. One day, former IFM

director of recruitment Suzanne Schreiber asked her, “Would you be interested in applying for the MAPS degree?” The suggestion was encouraged with enthusiasm by the dean of the IFM, Patricia Rennie. Supported by these “welcoming, caring women,” Ana enrolled in the graduate-level program and was awarded a grant from the Lilly Foundation that will pay tuition costs.

Classes began in September and “So far,” says Ana, “I just love it.”

An Active Faith

Certainly, Ana has a deep desire to increase her knowledge of the Catholic Faith for the purposes of spiritual enrichment. “Once I started taking courses, it awakened something in me, an even more personal commitment to Jesus,” she says. “My faith became something not simply passed on to me from my parents, but it

“In Spanish or English the truth feels the same inside.”

became my own. I realized that in Spanish or English the truth feels the same inside.”

But hers is not an “ivory tower” faith; she feels just as strongly about sharing her knowledge with others, especially with her Hispanic community members.

“All of the course work I am taking at SHMS has given me a clearer understanding of how I am to be an active member of the Church. I want to help others—particularly my Hispanic brothers and sisters—to understand what it means to be Catholic. Not just on an emotional level, but intellectually, too.”

Opening Doors

Ana is aware of the pioneer nature of her enrollment in MAPS as the first student of Hispanic descent.

“Sometimes when I’m tired I say to myself, ‘I have to give 110%,’ because this is not just for me but for my community, too,” she says.

“It is important that Hispanics contribute to the Church on all levels,” explains Ana, “lay, ordained and even bishops. It is projected we will be the majority in the Catholic Church in the next fifty years. We must work diligently to prepare ourselves to minister in the Church.

“If my entrance into the MAPS program might motivate other Hispanics to become more educated about the Faith and open up more doors of opportunity—especially for women—then that is important, too. I am thankful for all those involved that have made this experience possible.”

If you would like more information about the Master Degree program in Pastoral Studies, contact the seminary’s Institute for Ministry,

313-883-8541

Did You Know?

- SHMS has had its largest enrollment of lay students this Fall Term 2001—346 students.

- Our lay enrollment has more than doubled in the past 6 years!

1996	–	162
1998	–	224
1999	–	270
2001	–	346

- Graduate alumni of SHMS or St. John’s Provincial Seminary may audit one course per term for \$100.00. This includes library privileges.

- Tuition assistance is available through the Archdiocesan Department of Education and Department of Parish Life.

New Cross Cultural Studies Course

As part of the revision of the MAPS curriculum, the committee members consistently confronted the question, “What are the needs in the church today that we did not identify as needs when the curriculum was first constructed thirteen years ago?”

One answer, among many others, was that serving the people of God requires greater knowledge, sensitivity and understanding. Hence the class was born: Pastoral Care Across Cultures.

Pastoral Care Across Cultures will be offered in fall 2002. Part of the class will include a three hour introductory workshop conducted by Fr. Robert Schreiter, CPPS, and a second workshop, “Recovery from Racism.” Father Schreiter is a faculty member at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a well known international resource on cross cultural ministry. He spent two days meeting with the IFM in October, providing expert direction on course development.

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY’S Annual Christmas Concert



“For Unto Us A Child is Born”

Featuring the
Sacred Heart Major Seminary Choir
and the
Chant Schola

Mr. Calvert Shenk—Director

**Friday, December 7, 2001
7:30 PM**

Admission and reception are free
and open to all.

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One of Our Best Kept Secrets

Here are just a few reasons why adults enroll at classes at SHMS

- People who have been ministering in a parish want to know more about the teachings of a Catholic Faith they have taken for granted over the years.
- After being initiated into the Church through the RCIA process, many adults feel inspired to further their education about their new-found faith.
- Adults who work with adolescents and young adults find they must answer some tough questions and deal with some even tougher issues.

- Married men with families and careers are discerning their own call to the Permanent Diaconate.

Over three hundred adults are enrolled in the Fall Term taking college and graduate courses towards a variety of degrees and non-degree diplomas. The Basic Diploma in Pastoral Ministry is, by far, the most popular draw for our students as they earn twenty-seven undergraduate credit hours towards this certificate. The Basic Diploma gives them the opportunity to continue in a concentration of their choice in the areas of catechesis, youth ministry, liturgy, Christian service or pastoral ministry.

The Intermediate Diploma in Diaconal Studies, along with their Archdiocesan formation program, prepares men academically towards ordination.

The lay students of the “Heart” are very special people. We would love to get “the best kept secret”—continuing education at the Seminary—out in the open!

Think about taking a course here at SHMS. Let others know about the opportunity, too.

For more information on the admissions process, contact the IFM at 313-883-8520

Super “Topics” Saturday

The quiet halls of the seminary come to life on a sleepy Saturday morning as hundreds of adults from across the Archdiocese

arrive. Many are grateful there was no rush hour traffic—or sometimes they grumble about the construction of yet another weekend freeway closing!

Either way, they are motivated not to sleep-in by the opportunity to gather with other faith-filled Catholics who have answered their baptismal call to serve in parishes through a variety of ministries.

Saturdays at SHMS mean “Topics.” The IFM collaborates with the various Archdiocesan Offices to provide continuing education/formation sessions that partially fulfill requirements towards a specific certification level.

Adults gather over the months to attend:

- 20 Basic Topics in Catechist Formation (also taught in Spanish)
- 5 daylong formation sessions for youth ministry
- 10 sessions on Catholic social teaching and social ministry

Other sessions throughout the year include:

- Topics around Liturgy and Worship issues
- A new formation program for RCIA Teams
- Understanding Vatican II



The Topics format cycles to meet the needs of our adult learners. Besides the monthly Super Saturday format, Topics are also held during the day, evenings and during a three-week session in June.

For more information on Topics, contact your local parish or the specific Archdiocesan Office.

Fr. Mark Gawronski, pastor at St. Stephen/Mary, Mother of God parish, is a presenter for catechist topics offered in Spanish.

Stem Cell Research

What Catholics Should Know

Dr. Mark S. Latkovic

President George W. Bush's August 9, 2001, decision to allow federal funding of embryonic stem cell research on existing stem lines received a mixed reception. Before evaluating his decision, we need to ask: What are stem cells? And how do we get them?

Intentional Destruction of Life

A stem cell is a cell with two characteristics: It has the ability to divide indefinitely in culture and the capacity to give rise to specialized cells. Thus, stem cells have been called the body's "master cells," having the ability to grow into any one of the body's 210 cell types. They are coveted because scientists hope to use them to create replacement tissues or organs, e.g., new insulin-producing cells that could treat diabetes, or new brain cells to treat Parkinson's disease.

Stem cell research is controversial because the three principal methods for retrieving embryonic stem cells involve the intentional destruction of unborn human life. The first is to induce the abortion of early embryos and retrieve their stem cells. The second is to produce embryos by means of *in vitro* ("test tube") fertilization solely for the purpose of research, including stem cell research. The third is to use the so-called "excess" embryos produced *in vitro* for infertility treatment and frozen.

Also proposed, as a way of avoiding immunological incompatibility, is cloning. Many scientists make a distinction between so-called "reproductive cloning" (i.e., cloning for birth) and "therapeutic cloning," that is, cloning in order to obtain embryonic stem cells and, from these, the desired differentiated cells.

Apart from the immorality of the cloning process itself, therapeutic cloning for embryonic stem cell retrieval is morally wrong. Like the first three methods, this procedure involves removing stem cells of the inner cell mass of the blastocyst, thus destroying it

in the process. There is no other way around the fact that a human embryo must be killed if one wants to derive his stem cells.

Language of the Body

However, one good effect of the debate over stem cells has been the examination of *in vitro* fertilization. Most Americans were unaware that thousands of frozen embryos are stored in infertility clinics. Thus, if anything, the discussion of frozen embryos as a possible source for stem cells has focused attention on these tiny lives that are left in a kind of limbo. The debate should also cause us to focus on the morality of *in vitro* itself.

Like cloning, *in vitro* fertilization separates the "unitive meaning" from the "procreative meaning" of sexual intercourse. The Catholic Church, contrary to the cultural consensus, teaches that intentionally to separate these meanings is immoral. The Vatican document *Donum Vitae* explains that *in vitro* fertilization and related methods are morally bad because, in addition to severing the natural bond that should exist between love, procreation, and the marital act, they do not respect the "language of the body," meaning the marital act, like the human being, is inseparably a unity corporal and spiritual. Nor do they respect the dignity of the child conceived, reducing the latter to a product that is manufactured by human technique and subject to quality control.

No Record of Success

As for the President's decision, I believe he would have been on stronger moral ground had he not given approval to federal funding for research on existing embryonic stem cell lines. Instead, President Bush should have said that he was going to fund research only on adult stem cells. For one thing, embryonic stem cells do not have a proven record of success. Not only is their record in helping patients poor, there are dangers in using them; and any benefits that

might be derived from them are years away. Research—largely ignored by the media—on adult stem cells has already borne fruit, indicating their great potential for treatment and cures. Moreover, recent studies have revealed the potential of adult cells to become several different types of tissues. Adult stem cells are not, as it had been thought, so "differentiated and committed" to becoming one cell type.

An Imperfect Decision

In his speech, the President eloquently said: "Human life is a sacred gift from our creator. I worry about a culture that devalues life, and believe as your president I have an important obligation to foster and encourage respect for life in America and throughout the world." As Catholics we should welcome these sentiments. But I also believe that as Catholics, our witness in behalf of the "culture of life" will be more effective if we reject embryonic stem cell research in favor of adult stem cell research.

In moral terms, President Bush's decision could have been worse. And politically it is probably defensible. But Bush has already made his imperfect decision.

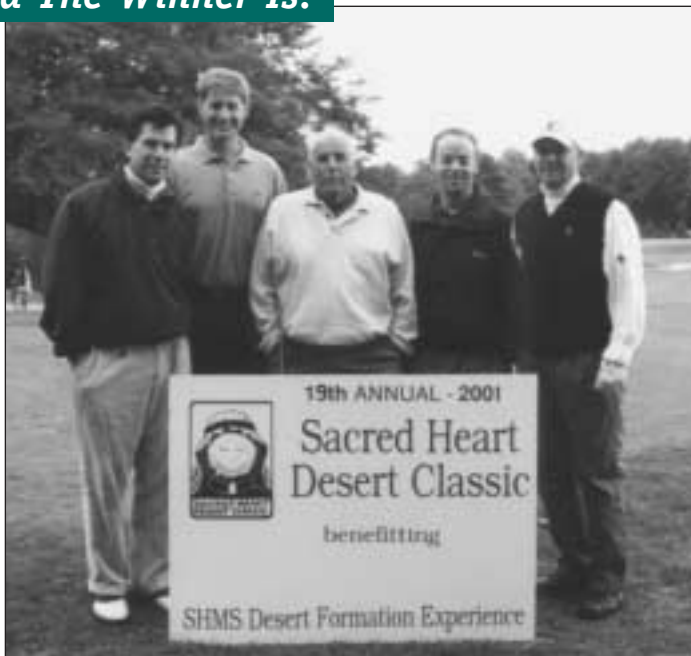
So now the more pressing matter is to do all we can to support him in keeping at bay the forces that would seek to undermine his policy's clear refusal to allow for research beyond the parameters he has specified, which confines federal financing to existing cell colonies derived from embryos that have already, sadly, been destroyed.



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Desert Classic 2001

And The Winner Is!



Fr. Bob Schuster and his winning team of duffers.

Though the skies threatened rain, the enthusiasm of 162 golfers was not drenched for the Desert Classic Golf Outing, now in its nineteenth year. Each captain led his team to an enjoyable day of camaraderie to raise funds for the annual Desert Formation Experience. (See related article, page 3.)

The St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth provided the terrain to compete for awards and prizes. Here are the experienced golfers who emerged as the winners.

First Place

Fr. Robert Schuster, Captain
Chuck Schuster
John Schuster
Patrick McCourt
Gary Vigneron

Third Place - tie

Fr. Joseph Ryder, Captain
Joseph Palazzolo
Edward Petersmarck
Peter Shagena
Roger Zatkoff

Second Place

Cardinal Maida, Captain
Michael T. Monahan
Dennis Roehrig
Gregory J. Schwartz
Richard T. Walsh

Third Place - tie

Fr. Thomas Sutherland, Captain
Edward H. Bovich
David Doherty
Raymond C. Lope
William J. Wildern

What is a Desert Meal?

MEALS IN BIBLICAL TIMES were not just occasions to satisfy hunger but an opportunity for fellowship. In our time desert meals add a third aim: to raise funds for the annual Desert Formation Experience. Here is how it works.

An individual or group hosts a meal in their home or at a parish hall. Guests are invited for dinner. (The number of guests depends upon the host.) During the dinner a seminarian is present who describes the significance of the Desert Formation Experience to

his spiritual growth as he prepares for ordination. At the end of the meal the guests are

asked to make a tax-deductible donation towards the program.

While the seminarians are in the Holy Land they pray daily for everyone who participated in a meal—and send them postcards, too!

To host a meal, please call the Development Office at 313-883-8748.

New Dean of Studies...

“Charting the Future of the Church”

Sacred Heart Major Seminary recently welcomed a new Dean of Studies, the Dominican Fr. Steven Boguslawski, OP. Father Boguslawski brings extensive experience to his position at Sacred Heart. He has served as a faculty member at Providence College, and as dean of the Dominican Studium in Washington, D.C. As dean, he played a critical role in refounding the school’s house of studies as an independent, free-standing school of theology.

Father Boguslawski has an STL (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) from the Dominican House of Studies and a Ph.D from Yale University.

His skills have already been evidenced at Sacred Heart, where Father is in the process of developing and implementing several initiatives, such as faculty development and cooperative models of education that incorporate technology. He has also initiated discussions to establish an STL course of studies to be offered through Sacred Heart.

Theology Serving Evangelization

Father Boguslawski shares Bishop Vigneron’s commitment to advancing Pope John Paul II’s new evangelization.

“I see theological education as the crucial work for the new evangelization. I am very committed to theological education, not just for seminarians, but for a broader audience,” he says. “The seminary’s Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry programs provide a valuable service for the Church.”

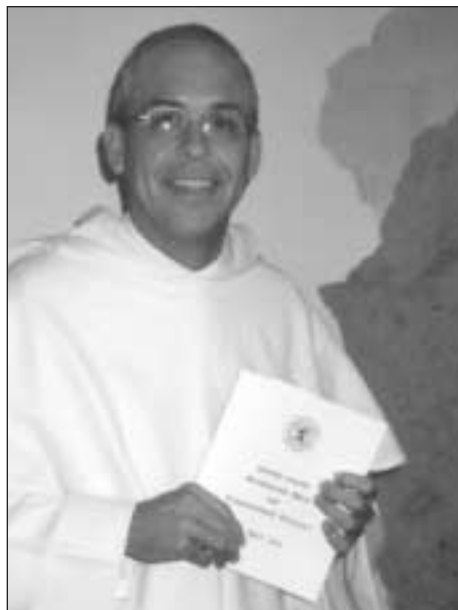
Indeed, Father Boguslawski believes that, for a faculty member at a theological institution such as Sacred Heart, the call to educate is far more than just a job; rather, it is a vocation.

“As teachers of theological educa-

tion, we are helping to chart the future of the church for the next fifty years,” Father Boguslawski says.

Ministering at Ground Zero

Father recently had a chance to exercise his priestly ministry during the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. He was visiting



“Theological study is crucial to the new evangelization,” says Fr. Steven Boguslawski, OP, Sacred Heart’s new Dean of Studies.

Dominican chaplains at New York University, which is close to “ground zero,” when the attack occurred. He happened across some of the National Guard troops who were assembling at a staging area, preparing to go into the area of destruction for the first time. The troops called Father Boguslawski over, asking for prayers, asking him to hear confessions. Father moved from vehicle to vehicle, ministering to the troops.

“It was very moving, knowing that many of these were young people whose lives were about to be changed

forever by what they would see,” he said.

Father also ministered to the fire-fighters and police, and felt an immediate connection with them.

Reflecting on his ministry in New York, he says, “I felt very privileged to be a priest.”

Sacred Heart Major Seminary also feels very privileged in welcoming Fr. Steven Boguslawski as our new Dean of Studies.

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just from her brain. I’m glad of that.”

“I jumped at the opportunity to take her Theology of the Body class,” second-year theologate student Richard Lewnau says. “She is instilling in her students just how important this work of the Holy Father is to married and celibate people alike. I give Theology of the Body and Doctor Smith two thumbs up!”

During the spring semester, Doctor Smith will be teaching Application of Moral Principles at the Graduate School of Theology. Beyond her work at SHMS, she will be lecturing throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and conducting workshops on life issues with Catholic health care professionals, administrators and medical students. These efforts are especially important as rapid advances in medical research—for instance concerning reproductive cloning, stem cell research and end-of-life decisions—are dramatically challenging the boundaries of ethical practice.

“Our culture has lost the sense of the sanctity of human life,” says Doctor Smith, who also has addressed the U.S. bishops on medical-moral issues. “What we need to rediscover is an authentic Christian anthropology, which is so beautifully presented to us by the Holy Father in his writings.”

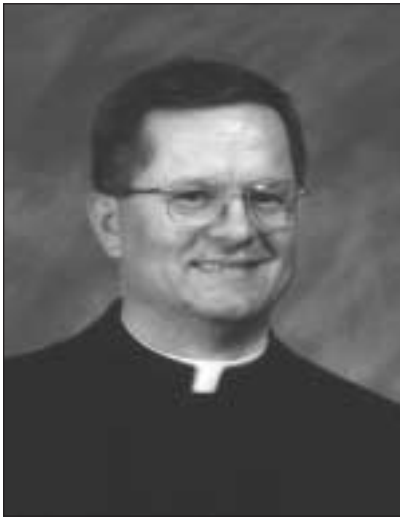
All for One

SHMS joins learning center consortium

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Southgate, Michigan, closed its doors in the spring. But this fall, students again are filling its classrooms. In an innovative new venture, a consortium of five Detroit-area Catholic colleges, which includes SHMS, began offering college-level classes at the former parochial school, which is now called the Catholic University Center. About two hundred students are attending classes and can choose to take theology courses from Sacred Heart faculty.



Adam Cardinal Maida of Detroit leads the ribbon cutting ceremony of college presidents at the new Catholic University Center in Southgate, MI. (L to R): Sr. Rose Marie, Madonna University; Sr. Maureen Fay, University of Detroit Mercy; Cardinal Maida; Dr. Glenda Price, Marygrove College; Bishop Allen Vigneron, Sacred Heart Major Seminary.



Fr. Louis Madey

New Professor “Deeply Moved” by Seminary Work

Fr. Louis Madey is another new member of the seminary’s philosophy and theology departments. Father Louis is a native of Poland, where he earned his academic degrees at the Catholic University of Lublin. He has been a priest of the Diocese of Lansing since 1977 and comes to SHMS from Ypsilanti, Michigan. There he was pastor of the academic community at the Holy Trinity Student Chapel, a chaplain at Eastern Michigan University and a professor of theology at Ave Maria College.

“I am very happy to be a part of this great team at Sacred Heart Major Seminary,” says Father Louis. “To be so close to the delicate promptings of the Holy Spirit as he calls very special young men to enter the way of Christ’s priesthood—this fills me with deep, humble emotions.”

With the recent terrorist activities, Father was called to reactivate his status as a military chaplain with the U.S. Navy. He is also a chaplain with the U.S. Marines, for whom he has served in Japan, Thailand and Australia.



Father Louis is a military chaplain for the Navy and Marines.

Tuition Help?

You may qualify for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Detroit if you are actively involved in catechetical ministry.

To inquire, call the Office of Catechetics/Religious Education,

313-237-4664.

To inquire about Sacred Heart Major Seminary funds, call Denise Daniel,

313-883-8527.

Upcoming Events

December 2001

- 6** Penance service, 9:30 AM
- 7** Christmas Concert, 7:30 PM
- 8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 15** Transitional Diaconate ordination, 11:00 AM
- 21** Offices close until January 2

January 2002

- 2** Offices reopen
- 7** Classes begin
- 13** Holy Hour for Vocations, 3-4:00 PM/Seminary tour
- 17-20** Discernment weekend
- 21** Martin Luther King, no classes

February

- 3** Alumni Day, 5:30 PM
- 8-10** Parish Intensive Weekend
- 10** Holy Hour for Vocations, 3-4:00 PM /Seminary tour

- 13** Ash Wednesday
- 15** Colloquium with Cardinal Maida, 2:00 PM

March

- 1-10** Spring Break
- 10** Holy Hour for Vocations, 3-4:00 PM /Seminary tour
- 22** Ministry of Acolyte, 7:30 PM
- 23-24** Discernment Weekend
- 23** Pro-life Morning of Reflection, Bp. Vigneron, 9:00 AM
- 24** Palm Sunday
- 31** Easter Sunday

Institute for Ministry

December 2001

- 6** Ministry in RCIA Topics, 7:00 PM
- 15** Admission deadline

January 2002

- 3** New student orientation, 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
- 12** Foundation Topics Basic Catechist Certification in English, 8:15 AM
- Youth Ministry Leadership Formation, 9:00 AM
- IFM Undergraduate Formation: Theological Reflection, 9:00 AM
- MAPS 2000 Formation Day, 9:00 AM
- 26** MAPS 2001 Formation Day, 9:00 AM

February

- 6, 7, 11, 12** Mardi Gras Social
- 16** Foundation Topics Basic Catechist Certification in English, 8:15 AM

Youth Ministry Leadership Formation, 9:00 AM

March

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