‘LET US GO’
“…That they may share my joy completely…” — John 17:13

Dear Friends,

When I was a young boy, I had the privilege of serving at the altar. In those days Mass was celebrated in Latin in a rite that began with prayers at the foot of the altar. After the sign of the cross, the celebrant prayed, “I will go to the altar of God,” and the server responded, “To God who gives joy to my youth.” It all begins there at the altar — the summit and source of all that we are and all that we do as people of faith.

The cover of this edition of the Oracle, entitled “Blessings Without Number,” captures so well the tremendous gift that is ours in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. We rejoice once again as new men are consecrated and sent to preach and teach and sanctify as priests of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council’s Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World begins with three Latin words: Gaudium Et Spes (joy and hope). These words best describe what our new priests bring to the Church and to all people of good will: the joy and hope of Jesus Christ. In the words of that venerable man of God, Pope St. Pius X: “By the seal of Holy Orders God ratified his irrevocable covenant of love — that pledge whereby He sent His priests before all others in His love. And they on their part are required to repay God’s especial love for them by a holiness of life.”

How much the priesthood gives to priests, how many blessed moments! Peace, love, warmth, friendship, joy, these are their daily experiences. And how much priests mean to their people! They show them the face of their Savior. More than 20 centuries ago, the Holy Spirit of God overshadowed a virgin named Mary, and this Blessed Lady gave the world its Savior. As the Father sent His Son, so now Christ sends His priests, men whom He so blest that in Him they live and move and have their being.

What a joy! Their presence is to make us see an unseen world and eternal values. They are to bring God to His people. Into a world that lives by signs, symbols and example, priests are the living voice of the Church. They must be prepared to make Christ seen and felt. Priests are as much a part of the Incarnation today as Christ’s mother was in Palestine.

My dear friends, we now look to these new priests of ours in order to see the Word of God lived and the renewal in grace made clear. They now have need of our encouragement, our love and support and our prayers to joyfully embrace the life that is theirs forever. At the altar we know what the priesthood is, who He is, what love is: “This is My Body…This is My Blood…poured out for you.” What a mystery, what a life!

Pope Paul VI in a letter on Christian joy notes: “In essence, Christian joy is the spiritual sharing in the unfathomable joy, both divine and human, which is the heart of Jesus Christ glorified.” And St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, once said that “the priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.” And so to thank Almighty God for His “blessings without number,” His precious gift of priesthood, the love of His Sacred Heart, let us go to the altar of God, the God who gives joy to our youth.

God bless you,

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan
Rector and Vice President
The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity community gathered on the afternoon of June 8 to mark the 90th birthday of a man well known for his service and generosity: Msgr. William Baumgaertner.

Msgr. Baumgaertner, a 1946 graduate of The Saint Paul Seminary, has since served the community as professor, board member and benefactor. Within his 66 years of priesthood, he also served as the 10th rector of the seminary from 1968 to 1980.

Monsignor’s work has reached far beyond campus grounds. Sr. Katarina Schuth, OSF, recognized Msgr. Baumgaertner for numerous contributions to the Church and theological education on a national level.

She stated: “As executive director, Msgr. Baumgaertner contributed significantly to the development of the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Educational Association. He engaged member schools in discussions that led to innovative and beneficial changes to seminary formation programs throughout the country. On an even broader scale, as the director of accreditation for the Association of Theological Schools he was able to familiarize seminaries of many denominations with valuable insights about aspects of formation programs in Catholic seminaries. In turn, he was able to bring to Catholic institutions the viewpoints and useful practices of other denominations.”

Gathering for the momentous celebration, current and former faculty, staff and seminarians, as well as Msgr. Baumgaertner’s personal friends, were able to sit down for a delicious luncheon, cake and conversation at the Binz Refectory. Former seminary rectors Fr. Charles Froehle (1980-1993) and Fr. Phillip J. Rask (1993-2002) were also present to honor their predecessor and friend.

Following the meal, community members gave personal testimonies to Msgr. Baumgaertner’s loving heart, helpful attitude, German heritage and abiding faith. “So many of our alumni priests and lay treasure their own stories of the powerful impact Msgr. Baumgaertner has had on their lives,” said Rector Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan. “Today we speak of the four pillars of formation – human, spiritual, intellectual, pastoral. Msgr. Baumgaertner for us is ‘The Pillar’ that in so many ways personifies all four of these. May he continue to be our patriarch for many more years!” Msgr. Baumgaertner then received a beautiful gift of appreciation: a miniature replica of Our Lady of Confidence inspired by the statue residing in the seminary’s St. Mary’s Chapel. Radiating a quiet confidence of his own, Msgr. Baumgaertner proceeded to share his gratitude for God’s goodness shown through the love of community and throughout his long life: “Thank you. This has all been so much more than I ever expected.”

Portrait of Msgr. William Baumgaertner commissioned by The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and painted by his niece Margaret Carter Baumgaertner.
Monica Rutten’s heart swelled to witness her son John’s ordination to priesthood. “It’s a special kind of pride and joy,” said the 69-year-old retired nurse who welcomed nearly 100 friends and relatives from five states to the June 29 ordination at Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls, S.D. “Your heart is so full.”

Now all nine of her children are either married or ordained. John’s older brother Paul was ordained a priest 10 years ago, so there are two priests in the family. “They have all found their calling,” she said. It is an answer to the prayer the Ruttens recited together every day after supper: “Father, give our family lively faith and the courage to share it with those around us. Direct us to the state in life You planned for each of us and help us to use our gifts to serve You.”

Thanks to a flurry of photocopies, Rutten’s 24 grandchildren are learning these words, and so the tradition continues in her domestic church filled with Legos and crayons. Much as she delighted in her children’s weddings, the priestly ordination of a son has no spiritual parallel, Rutten said. Consecration was a highlight of the special Mass. “It seemed so holy.”

For Julie VanDenBroeke, 51, a mother of four, the Offertory hymn “O, God beyond all praising” struck a high note during the May 26 ordination of her son, Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The lyrics rang true: “We can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end.”

The entire Mass left her in awe. “They go all out,” she said. “They don’t hold anything back.”

Dozens of fellow parishioners of Guardian Angels in Chaska boarded a yellow school bus sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus chapter to support Fr. VanDenBroeke, who became an altar server as a fourth grader and grew up before their eyes. Hugging her second born after Mass was a cherished moment for the mother who homeschooled for 12 years. “He can be kind of serious,” VanDenBroeke said, “and he was just beaming.”

Another proud mother gathered in the Cathedral that rainy Saturday was Donna Little, 55, a member of Saint John in Little Canada. “It was pure joy,” she said. “You feel God so present with you.”
Little had decided not to photograph her son’s ordination. (See article on next page). She had snapped pictures at his diaconate ordination the year before and felt it had diminished the intimacy. “You miss the moment when you have a camera in front of your face,” she said. “I wanted to savor this.”

During the sign of peace, Little had a good vantage point to watch the other priests greet their newly ordained brethren and was struck by the joy on the faces of the more veteran clergy. An additional highlight came when the pastor of Fr. Little’s teaching parish, Fr. Glen Jenson, vested the 28-year-old – a fitting gesture from a valued mentor of four years.

For these devoted mothers, ordination opened the floodgate to waves of nostalgia. It cued a sepia-toned memory reel of their sons’ lives, looping back to the very beginning.

Monica Rutten found herself recalling the decision to conceive Fr. John, which came at a time when her house was full and many of her peers were turning to birth control. “My husband and I prayed and we knew that the Lord wanted us to have another child,” she said. His service in the priesthood, she added, has become her legacy.

Meanwhile, Donna Little thought back to the baptism preparation class she attended when she was pregnant with Fr. Little, her firstborn. Fr. John Bauer, who is rector of the Basilica and was associate pastor of St. Patrick’s in Edina at the time, asked the couples in attendance why they were there. “I thought, ‘Well, because we have to get our kids baptized. We do this, we’re Catholic,’” she recalled. “He said, ‘What I really want to hear you say is, “My faith means so much to me that I want this for my child.”’ It really helped me focus. And that’s what we tried to do: be involved, raise our kids in that atmosphere and let God take over from there. You just hope…”

Julie VanDenBroeke’s happy memories of her son, who turned 26 the day after ordination, include daily Mass and group study of the saints. Homeschooling may have provided more solitude to reflect on his purpose, she mused. “We’ve always tried to make good decisions and be a faithful family, but we are certainly no different or better than any other family. I don’t know why we have a priest in the family. I guess that will always be a mystery. It certainly is wonderful knowing he was feeling this call and he was willing to consider it and he persevered, that he’s willing to lay down his life as a priest. I give him so much credit for that.”
Dave Hrbacek knew he had a winner the moment he snapped it. The Catholic Spirit photographer had already taken hundreds of pictures at ordination when he came upon Donna Little kneeling in the Cathedral’s Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel awaiting a blessing from her newly ordained son, Father Ben Little.

“I sensed a photo op,” Hrbacek said.

Meanwhile, Donna Little couldn’t wait to greet her son, who had briefed her on the tradition that after the bishops are blessed by the new priests, they then bless their mothers. When Fr. Ben approached, her heart leapt with joy. “That was the first time I had even touched his hands after he was ordained,” she said. “I just wanted to grab him. It was the first moment of holding on to him and looking into his eyes and knowing he was a priest. It was amazing.”

Hrbacek photographed the exchange and immediately looked at the screen on the back of his Canon 7D to examine the image. Back at the office, he printed it and shared it with Editor Joe Towalski, who promptly decided to run it on the front page of their June 7 newspaper.

Donna Little’s coworkers at St. John’s Church in Little Canada excitedly alerted her to the above-the-fold image. “I came back and they said, ‘Did you get your Catholic Spirit in the mail?’ I said, ‘Oh my gosh, I had no clue!’ Dave captured such a great moment. I was not aware of him being there.”

Fr. Evan Koop and Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke distribute communion during ordination Mass.


The story behind the picture

Fr. Evan Koop and Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke distribute communion during ordination Mass.
Little called Hrbacek to thank him. “I just need you to know how grateful we are,” she told the father of four, a member of Nativity in St. Paul. He mailed her two 5x7 prints of the picture and a disc with the high-resolution electronic version. It is an image she will cherish forever.

Bishop John F. Kinney of St. Cloud places his hands on Fr. Joe Backowski during the June 2 Rite of Ordination at St. Mary's Cathedral as Fr. Ben Kociemba awaits. Frs. Backowski and Kociemba are recent graduates of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. Photo by Dianne Towalski.

Ghanaian Leaders

Ghana seminarians (from left) Kevin Abakisi, Robert Abotzabire, Peter Akudugu and Albert Wugaa from the Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga will be ordained on Dec. 1 in the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in Bawku, Ghana.
TRANSITIONAL DEACONS, NEW BROTHERS

Fourteen men from five dioceses took a step closer to priesthood in April, May and June as they were ordained to the diaconate, a sure sign of a new springtime at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. “Those who doubt whether young men can still hear the Gospel in today’s world need only to look to them,” said Vice Rector Fr. Robert Pish. “Hope is renewed, because even after 2,000 years, men still find Jesus Christ so compelling that they are willing to join their very lives to the work of His ministry.”

Their ordination to transitional diaconate brings them to the final year of seminary and strengthens their kinship to priests like Fr. Pish. “The most significant thing I reflect on now is how proud I am to call each of them brothers in ministry,” he said. “This brotherhood brings a unique and stronger connection to work, argue, pray and have fun together. I very much look forward to it, as a young boy looks forward to having a new brother. It is a delight.”

Crookston
Adam Hamness

Davenport
Jacob Greiner

Des Moines
Fabian Moncada
Andrew Westphal

Rockford
Manuel Gerardo Reza Gomez

Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Leonard Andrie
Andrew Brinkman
John Drees

Joah Ellis
Andrew Jaspers
Luke Marquard

Brian Park
James Peterson
Andrew Stueve

Auxiliary Bishop Lee A. Piché and Archbishop John Nienstedt of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as well as The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity Rector Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan pose for a photo with the Theology III Diaconate Class of 2012: (back row, left to right) Deacons Andrew Stueve, Manuel Gerardo Reza Gomez, Andrew Jaspers, Andrew Brinkman, Brian Park; (front row, left to right) Deacons Joah Ellis, Luke Marquard, John Drees, James Peterson and Leonard Andrie.
Deacon Stephen Najarian was already a highly educated man when he enrolled in The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity’s Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry Program (MAPM): four years of undergrad, med school, eight postdoctoral years, plus diaconal training.

But The Saint Paul Seminary faculty member who has taught pastoral theology for two years and devoted the past nine years to full-time Church ministry was hungering for more. The persistent question: How can I be better? Deacon Najarian googled pastoral ministry master’s programs and found himself in the office of Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson, coming to recognize that his closest option was also his best.

Deacon Najarian completed the four-year graduate program in May. During that period, the grandfather of 10 could feel himself stretching. “The riches of the mystery of Christ are so incredibly vast, I just became more aware that I was deepening in that well as my studies progressed,” he said. “This very nicely complemented and broadened and deepened what I’ve been doing in pastoral work and teaching all these years.”

The Saint Paul Seminary’s pastoral ministry program has made considerable inroads since its founding. When the program began in the summer of 2008, three students enrolled. As of fall 2012, the program now claims 18. Bishops are beginning to send not only their seminarians to The Saint Paul Seminary but also their lay leaders.

A number of deacons have begun to enroll, thanks in part to a relationship forged with the archdiocesan diaconate program, as initiated by Dr. Thompson and facilitated by Program Director Dr. Deborah Savage. Though these men complete their own formation program, some, like Deacon Najarian, still desire a master’s degree as preparation for their service.

Meanwhile, members of the New Ulm-based religious community Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus are required to earn a master’s degree; a number of Handmaids have taken pastoral ministry courses and religious education courses at The Saint Paul Seminary, experiencing the synergy between the two programs.
Other orders are considering sending their sisters to St. Paul, Dr. Savage noted. She attributes the program’s wide appeal to the breadth of its nature. “The formation of the MAPM students includes rigorous intellectual formation but also invites them to grow in terms of the whole person, body and soul. The assumption is that, since one cannot give what one does not have, the pastoral minister must have additional capacities. There’s a vision at work, and it’s a very exciting one. As that unfolds, it’s catching fire.”

For Dr. Savage, the program’s flourishing leads her to think in terms of purpose and big picture. “We have to keep in mind that we are in a particular moment in history and to respond to this moment we need an informed laity.”

One shining example is new graduate Katie Schaitberger, Dr. Savage said. “She worked very hard throughout the program and gleaned every ounce of learning she could from every single class, both the theological content and its more practical meaning in parish life.”

A few days after graduating, 29-year-old Schaitberger began a job as director of youth ministry and evangelization at St. Frances Cabrini in West Bend, Wis. Her master’s has enabled her to critically analyze the youth curriculum at the parish.

Various components of the graduate coursework are coming back to guide her. “Using the book Difficult Conversations helped me learn to step back, not get upset and realize that many people were taught in a different generation than I was. We need to be talking, communicating, because the Church depends on us working together and forming the body of Christ.”

She recommends the pastoral ministry program to anyone working in parishes. She now feels empowered to guide others in their spiritual search. “I asked the question ‘why’ [as a teen] but no one could answer me, so I wanted to give people hope and joy in Church by helping them wrestle with the big questions of life and the Church.”

That goal is well served by the graduate program, Dr. Savage added. “Who is the human person, what are we made for, what makes us happy, what does it mean that we have freedom and what use do we make of that freedom? Those are the deep philosophical questions that are difficult to respond to if you don’t know how to think with the Church.”

Deacon Najarian credits the first-rate faculty. “Seeing them use their intellects at the service of the Church was uplifting,” he said. “I had been trying to do that myself and by their example, it inspired me to make an even greater effort.”
SIENA SYMPOSIUM LECTURE ILLUMINATES GENDER COMPLEMENTS

Sr. Prudence Allen enlightened a fascinated audience during her April 23 lecture at the Siena Symposium for Women, Family and Culture. Her presentation, “Integral Complementarity of Woman and Man: the Catholic Inspiration,” reflected the mission of the St. Thomas-founded Siena Symposium: to foster a deeper understanding of the role of women in the Church and society. Having further reflected the mission of the symposium through extensive achievements, writings and her co-founding and spiritual direction of ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women), Allen was awarded the Siena Symposium Award for Humanitarian Leadership following the lecture.

Sr. Prudence Allen is a former chair and current professor in the philosophy department at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, Colo., where she has taught since 1998.

FR. MULLADY EXPLORES PHILOSOPHY OF NATURE

Fr. Brian Mullady delivered the seminary-sponsored Archbishop Ireland Memorial Lecture on April 30. His talk, entitled “In Defense of Natural Philosophy,” presented a Thomistic approach to the question of the demonstration of God’s existence.

Fr. Mullady is a nationally known Dominican priest, author, retreat master and spiritual director, as well as the theological consultant to the Institute on Religious Life. He has been a teacher by means of public lectures as well as in college, university and seminary classrooms across the United States. The University of St. Thomas is proud of its relationship with Fr. Mullady, who taught Fr. John Malone, vice president for mission.
One hundred and thirty one students of the Class of Elizabeth Ann Seton celebrated their completion of the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute on May 8. Archbishop John Nienstedt celebrated Mass, which was concelebrated by Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan and attended by Deacon Dan Gannon, a University of St. Thomas graduate who now serves the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis.

Among the graduates were 11 seminarians, two religious sisters and five men who are enrolled in the archdiocese’s diaconate formation program. Ann Osendorf and Stephen Clark shared compelling testimonies about their experience at the ceremony.

During his remarks to the graduates, Archbishop John Nienstedt said: “I want to assure you that this local Church awaits your witness and hopes that you will be zealous in sharing what you have learned these past two years. Like your patroness, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, I hope you will find your ministerial niche in which to invest the faith-filled knowledge you have appropriated. Go forth! Share what you have learned. Do good works in bringing others to Jesus Christ! Do not be afraid!” These graduates join the 95 people who completed the program in 2011. In total, institute alumni are now 351 strong! A new class will begin in September. For more information, please visit www.saintpaulseminary.org or call Patty McQuillan at 651-962-6891.

For the second year, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity hosted not one but two Friends Mass and Breakfast events to meet surging interest in this annual gathering. Nearly 650 people spent a Sunday morning on April 15 or May 6 with faculty, staff and seminarians in prayer and celebration. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan offered Mass in gratitude for those present and their ongoing support of the seminary. A delicious brunch was provided in the Binz Refectory following the Mass.

Seminarian Christopher Deaver from the Diocese of Rapid City, S.D., enjoys visiting with guests at the annual Friends Mass and Breakfast.
GREEN RAISED ON THE GREEN

The 29th annual Saint Paul Seminary Golf Tournament, held on June 11, attracted 102 golfers to Town & Country Club in St. Paul. Following a beautiful day on the course, the group enjoyed dinner together. The event raised more than $180,000 for the seminary.

HONORING LAURA KING AT RECTOR’S COUNCIL

Archbishop John Nienstedt and Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan paid tribute to members of the Rector’s Council on April 26. Following evening prayer in St. Mary’s Chapel, council members, as well as Bishop John LeVoir of the Diocese of New Ulm, gathered at the Binz Refectory for dinner and a program. Laura King was honored for her service as a member of the Board of Trustees. Fr. Robert Pish, vice rector, made further remarks recognizing Msgr. Callaghan for his 40 years of service in the priesthood.

Outgoing board member Laura King receives a gift of gratitude: a print of The Conversion of St. Paul.
SEVENTY YEARS LATER

On Friday, May 25 I attended a funeral celebrated by Bishop LeVoir at St. Andrew's Church in Fairfax, Minn., for Fr. Roman Schaefer. To the eye, everything about the scene—the town, the parish, the liturgy—was simple and understated. Yet the Mass of Christian Burial demonstrated the life of a remarkable man.

I first came to know Fr. Schaefer two years earlier when I received a call from his nephew, Dan, about a gift his uncle wanted to make to The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. The timing of the call was nothing short of a miracle, but that’s another story. When I visited Fr. Schaefer in Donaldson, Ind., I was reminded of a phrase I often heard growing up: “They don’t make them like they used to.”

After attending The Saint Paul Seminary, Fr. Schaefer was ordained in 1942. Following two years of parish ministry, he entered the Army Air Corp and attended the Chaplain School at Harvard University. During his 25 years in the Air Force, he served in WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam, eventually retiring from the Air Force in 1969 as a Colonel.

After his military service, he continued in priestly ministry, leading pilgrimages, serving as National Chaplain of the VFW and ministering 19 years in an inner city parish in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Meeting Fr. Schaefer, one understood the reason for his fruitful, dedicated ministry. He was a leader who possessed an ardent faith, a generous heart and a lively intellect.

The day after Father’s funeral, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis celebrated the ordination of three men to the priesthood. As I reflected on those being ordained, I imagined an ordination taking place 70 years ago and I thought to myself, maybe they do make them like they used to.

Though times have changed and each seminary is unique and different, those studying at The Saint Paul Seminary share the same qualities as those of Fr. Schaefer—an ardent faith, a generous heart, a lively intellect—essential ingredients for effective ministry. This is why the work of priestly formation is so important and why we give thanks each day for the friends of The Saint Paul Seminary who make it possible.

Thomas R. Ryan
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
FACULTY NOTES

Sr. Paul Therese Saiko, SSND, offered a day of recollection entitled “The Liturgy of the Hours—Source of Nourishment for Personal Prayer” for the School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province in Mankato, Minn., on July 20.

Fr. Tom Margevicius spoke as a panel member at a Marten Program conference entitled “We Preach Christ Crucified: A Conference on Catholic Preaching.” The event was held at the University of Notre Dame on June 25-27.

Fr. John Floeder has finished his coursework and begun the research and writing of his thesis entitled “Ubi Caritas Fructus Ibi Est: Spiritual Fruitfulness and the Inseparability of the Meanings of the Marital Act.” He is studying for his Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) degree at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America.

ALUMNI NOTES

Fr. Tony O’Neill, who was ordained May 28, 2011, is serving as associate pastor of St. John Neumann in Eagan, working under Fr. Charles Lachowitzer, pastor. Fr. O’Neill became chaplain at the Convent of Visitation School in Mendota Heights. He participates in student life on Fridays by celebrating Mass, beginning First Friday devotions with Eucharistic adoration and visiting religion classrooms.

Fr. Doug Pierce, who was ordained May 29, 2010, continues to serve as associate pastor at St. Odilia Church in Shoreview, where he steers the Latino ministry. He started a Hispanic youth group that plays soccer on Sunday afternoons and began Spanish-speaking religious formation classes designed to supplement standard sacramental preparation. He assists St. Odilia’s pastor, Fr. Phil Rask. Fr. Pierce ministers to the teens at Totino-Grace High School in Fridley as their chaplain and cheerleader at athletic events.

Scott Hippert, who earned a Master of Divinity from The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in 1995, was named president and CEO of Parents as Teachers, an educational non-profit in St. Louis.

Fr. Stephen Adrian, who was ordained on June 3, 1939, celebrated his 100th birthday on April 14. He served as a World War II chaplain and still celebrates Mass at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Gilbert, Ariz., having retired in 1984. “He’s absolutely remarkable,” said St. Anne’s Deacon Keith Boswell. “Fr. Adrian told me, ‘Inside I have all the passion, desires and everything else of a 35-year-old man.’”

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Roman J. Schaefer ’42
Msgr. Gregory T. Schaffer ’60
Fr. David J. Lewis ’66

LIVING WITH GRACE

Fr. Jerome M. Dittberner died on May 7. He was 74. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 11 at St. Mary’s Chapel of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, where he taught for more than 40 years. Concelebrating priests and attending deacons were vested in violet, according to Fr. Dittberner’s wishes.

One of his students at the seminary, Fr. Charles Lachowitzer, delivered a profound homily during the funeral. “Jerome believed the truths he taught; he believed in grace; he believed in the pursuit of virtue and he continued throughout his life to follow the admirable path of theological studies,” Fr. Lachowitzer said. “Over time he faulted more and more his own human nature and less and less did he critically point out the faults of his students. He once spoke to this very community about scars and trophies. He knew personally that by grace, God turns our scars into trophies. Yes, Fr. Dittberner did age with grace.”
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