Savoring the Flavor of Success

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Message
FROM THE PRESIDENT

A GLORIOUS CELEBRATION

Two hundred years. What an honor to be leading Mount St. Mary’s University at this momentous point in its history.

The Mount community kicked off a yearlong bicentennial celebration Aug. 22-24. We paid respects to our founder as well as our many supporters through dedication of the Founder’s Plaza, a Bicentennial Mass, dedication of the Waldron Family Stadium and Lawrence E. Horning Field, the premiere of a historical documentary and more. It was truly a joy to see more than a thousand people gathering together to share their love, pride and hopes for this special mountain home. We’ve included photos from the events in our Bicentennial Update section.

Past, present and future converge to inspire us as we reflect on and grow in our mission. The strong underpinnings of a Catholic, liberal arts education have shaped alumni who lead with integrity in the business world, such as Michael Rice, C’65, who is featured in our cover story. Internationally known alumnus Peter Rono, C’91, who uses his success to foster world peace, while several recent graduates have devoted significant time to service efforts both at home and abroad. Dedicated faculty continue to prepare new generations of students to lead and serve ethically and faithfully. In this issue, you will meet several of these individuals who exemplify where the Mount has been and where we are going.

The story of the Mount would not be complete without a look at our seminary, one of the largest and most successful Roman Catholic seminaries in the country. Out of its deep tradition of fidelity to the church spring new ways of teaching and ministering that will continue to prepare shepherds for the dynamic community that is the Catholic church in America.

Also in this issue we will update you on several new efforts made possible through the generous spirit that infuses the Mount community. An anonymous donor has planted the seeds of our new Third Century Scholars Program, which will make the dream of a college education real for several students from the Washington, D.C., area each year. George and Bettie Delaplaine have been joined by Joseph Horning to enable us to bring our arts program to its proper stature in a liberal arts university; more than half of the needed funds have been raised for the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center. Both the fine arts center and Bicentennial Hall, our newest residence hall, reflect our commitment to responsible stewardship of the environment. The center will feature an ecologically friendly roof and the hall will use geothermal heating and cooling.

Finally, several respected Mount voices share their perspectives on truth, liberal arts and the Mount’s history as a proponent of both faith and reason. As you read thoughts by Father Paul Redmond, Bishop Kevin Rhoades and philosophy professor Joshua Hochschild, I know you will realize, as I do, how much we are celebrating when we mark two hundred years of Mount St. Mary’s.

Thomas H. Powell
President

Look for Mount facts throughout the magazine. ✓

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MORE THAN 70 NEW FACULTY AND STAFF WELcomed

During Opening Day ceremonies at the beginning of the semester, President Thomas H. Powell welcomed one of the largest groups of new faculty and staff in recent years. Some of the new administrators include:

JOHN SHERWOOD
Dean for Continuing & Adult Education
John obtained his Master of Public Administration from Cornell University and his BS degree in accounting from Loyola College. He joined the Mount after an extensive career in healthcare administration, most recently serving as CEO of Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Ranson, W.Va.

"John has brought tremendous enthusiasm and energy to the dean’s position in Frederick," says Vice President Rehm. "He is actively engaged in getting the word out to local businesses and organizations about the Mount’s Frederick programs and ways in which we can better serve the community. I’m genuinely delighted that John has joined us."

As dean, John will be based at the university’s Frederick Campus. He will administer the Mount’s adult bachelor’s degree completion programs in business, criminal justice and education as well as the master’s degree programs in business and education.

LINDA M. SHERMAN
Director of Communications
Prior to joining the Mount, Linda was the communications director for the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations. She has also been a news anchor and radio personality. She received her BA from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich., and has continued her education at various institutes concentrating on media, marketing and communications.

To see all the great press the Mount has received in the last few months, visit www.msmary.edu/inthenews

DR. LEONA SEVICK
Dean for Academic Affairs
Leona received her Ph.D. and MA from the University of Maryland, College Park. She earned her BA at McDaniel College. Prior to joining the Mount, she was the assistant academic dean at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

Notes Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. David Rehm, "I am thrilled that Dr. Sevick has come to Mount St. Mary’s. She cares deeply about students, and her background and experience are strongly rooted in Catholic education. She has excellent background in a number of areas germane to the dean’s office, including retention, work with at-risk students, new student orientation and first-year programming. And she brings commitment to and knowledge of other areas important to our growth on campus, including minority faculty hiring and international programming. She is handling a whole range of activities here with grace and professionalism."

R. BARRY TITLER
Director of Public Safety
Barry has been chief administrative officer for the College of the Marshall Island and served 25 years with the Pennsylvania State Police. He earned his Master of Public Administration from Shippensburg University and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Elizabethtown College.

TYRONE PERRY
Third Century Scholars Program Director
A 1999 graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in criminal justice, Ty spent eight years as an assistant collegiate basketball coach. After five seasons with both the men’s and women’s basketball programs at Delaware, he worked with Milan Brown at the Mount for three years as the basketball recruiting coordinator.

MAKING COLLEGE A REALITY FOR MOTIVATED STUDENTS
Left to right: Third Century Scholars Program Director Tyrone Perry with Scholars Jose Joya, Josemar Garcia and Joel Sanchez

The first three students in the Mount’s new Third Century Scholars Program joined the freshman class this fall. The program assists low-income, underrepresented students from the Washington, D.C., metro area to obtain a college degree and return to the area to serve and lead in their communities. It provides full financial support, as well as mentoring and social support, to help students succeed in earning a bachelor’s degree in business or education at the Mount. The program is endowed to support five new Third Century Scholars each year.

A Third Century Scholar from Bell Multicultural High School, Joel Sanchez, who is majoring in business, notes "The Third Century Scholars Program will help me succeed academically and become a better person because it has opened doors and paths that otherwise would not be accessible.”
NEW APPOINTMENTS

In September, Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry the Rev. Rick Hilgartner began a new national appointment in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is now the associate director of the Secretariat for Divine Worship. While the Mount community will miss Father Rick, all wish him well in this exciting new endeavor.

Said Father Rick, “The Mount community has been an encouragement to me as a priest, and I am grateful for the blessings I have found here. Know of my thoughts and prayers for you, especially during this milestone year. I hope to return often to participate in the celebrations!” He can be reached at RHilgartner@USCCB.org.

Monsignor Stuart Swetland is serving as interim chaplain during the formal search to fill the chaplaincy position. Just last summer, President Powell appointed Monsignor Swetland as special counsel to the president on Catholic identity and mission. He continues to coordinate the Pre-Theology Program at the seminary as well.

Monsignor Swetland has made several TV and radio appearances, including hosting the “Catholics on Campus” series on Catholic cable TV station EWTN. The latest installment was taped at the Mount last April and will air in 2008.

CALLINGS CONFERENCE GRANT RECEIVED

The Mount received word in May that the Callings Program was awarded a grant of $28,000 to support next year’s Callings Conference, “Bringing Faith to Life through Church Ministry” (March 6-8, 2008). This is a significant development for the Callings Program as it seeks to establish continued funding for the efforts that have emerged out of the original grant from the Lilly Endowment.

The foundation awarding the grant asked to remain anonymous. It is a private foundation that supports projects sponsored by Catholic organizations in the United States. Through its grant making, it seeks to promote church renewal, improve Catholic education and serve the disadvantaged.
THE MOUNT Goes Green

“As a Catholic liberal arts institution, we have a unique moral obligation to be responsible stewards of our fragile natural environment.”
—Dr. Brian Henning, chair of the Mount’s Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee

President Thomas H. Powell joined more than 300 college and university presidents in signing the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The agreement pledges that Mount St. Mary’s will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions over time with the ultimate aim of becoming “carbon neutral.”

INTO ACTION
At the behest of President Powell, geothermal heating and cooling will be used in the new Bicentennial Residence Hall scheduled for completion in early 2008. Designs for the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center also include planting rooftop grass to capture moisture and reduce heat absorption.

RECYCLING PROJECTS
The reduction of waste campuswide is part of a larger, ecofriendly recycling effort including collecting discarded cell phones, inkjet printer cartridges and unwanted paper, glass and plastic. RATS—Recycle All That Stuff—is already a successful program on campus that gathers more than 464 TONS of “trash” as students leave each summer—about 775 pounds per student!

STEWARDSHIP BEGINS
Mount St. Mary’s has been awarded a $12,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to restore Tom’s Creek on campus. The project will include establishment of a rain garden and streamside shrub and tree plantings where the creek runs between Route 15 and the front entrance to the tunnel on the east side of campus. The buffer zone will protect water quality, prevent erosion and filter runoff. Ultimately, the improvements will restore rivers such as the Monocacy and Potomac that flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

GREEN WITH ... SINCERE THANKS!
Martin Brooks, father of Lowell Brooks, C’78 and owner of Martin Brooks Rare Plant Nursery in Doylestown, gave the Mount a large selection of rare trees. The nursery specializes in growing and selling mature specimens of rare and unusual trees—both deciduous and evergreen—but with emphasis on conifers. In the past year, including the Brooks donation, over 200 new trees have been planted on the university’s grounds.

MOUNT STUDENTS ATTEND HOLY SEE RETREAT
Four Mount undergraduates attended the 2007 symposium for college students sponsored by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Jonathan Gibbons, C’10, Lauren Mackey, C’08, Eddie McCullough, C’09, and Courtney Hoffman, C’09, (left to right) spent a week at the Cardinal Spellman Retreat House in Riverdale, N.Y., for “Catholic College Students and the Common Good: Building a Better World.” Participants explored topics such as poverty, human rights, trafficking and women’s issues, peacekeeping, and the impact of the Catholic Social Doctrine of U.N. Activities. The Mount students are pictured with Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Celestino Migliore.
MOUNTAINEER BRINGS HOME
Olympic Gold

Charles Syd Lea, cyclist and member of Mount St. Mary’s University grounds crew, won two gold medals and one silver while competing in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai, China, from Oct. 2 through 11.

“We are proud of Syd and congratulate his victories in making the U.S. team and, of course, bringing home medals from China,” said Mount President Thomas Powell. “The Mount is blessed to have Syd as part of our team and community.”

Approximately 7,500 athletes representing more than 160 countries competed in this year’s World Summer Games. Syd was one of 400 athletes representing the United States.

Syd comes from a big racing family and has been cycling since he was young. You can catch him around campus talking about his trip to China or cycling to the Mount from his home in Taneytown, Md.

STAY ON TOP OF MOUNT WEATHER
The Science Department is pleased to announce a new partnership with WeatherBug.com and WMAR-Channel 2 in Baltimore. The Mount is now the host of a WeatherBug weather station and camera! Wherever you are, you can find out the current conditions at the Mount. The weather station is located on the roof of Coad Science Building.

Simply log on to www.weatherbug.com and type in the Mount’s ZIP code (21727). You will see the real-time temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation, etc.

To bring up the Mount weather data with one click, you can download a free desktop application. VISTA users can place a WeatherBug viewer on their sidebar.
Bicentennial Kick-off A SUCCESS!

The Mount’s Bicentennial Kick-off was a huge success and we are looking forward to the 14-month celebration! The Mount awarded 23 Bicentennial Medals and hosted more than 1,000 people over the three-day opening celebrations, which began a flurry of TV, radio and newspaper coverage.

Bicentennial Convocation, Aug. 22
Opening Convocation included incoming students making an academic pledge to the university. Some priests wore new bicentennial vestments, while others wore historical vestments. Chalices from the Mount’s archive collection were also used to celebrate the Eucharist. Bicentennial Medals were awarded to the Rev. Dr. David W. Shaum, C’42, S’46; the Rev. Paul V. Redmond; the Rev. Mr. Stanley L. Dailey, S’08; Kelly-Jo Kibler, C’08; Cmdr. John W. Williams Jr., USN (Retired), C’65; and Dr. John J. Dillon III, C’68.

Bicentennial Movie Premiere, Aug. 23
“The Spirit Continues” premiered at the Gateway Theater in Gettysburg with a reception at the Wyndham Hotel. “The film is more than a story about one university,” says President Thomas H. Powell. “It’s about how history shapes all of us—how Maryland was a reflection of what was going on in the broader world. I think viewers will be surprised at what they learn about the Mount. There’s a Civil War reenactment in the film, Babe Ruth was ‘discovered’ on our Echo Field, and saints have walked these grounds.” See article on page 8.

Waldron Family Stadium Dedication, Aug. 23
The soccer and lacrosse teams and several other friends of the Mount attended the dedication held at the new Waldron Family Stadium and Lawrence E. Horning Field. Bicentennial Medals were given to Eugene M. Waldron Jr., C’64, and Carol Horning Woehrle.
BICENTENNIAL MASS, AUG. 24
Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Diocese of Harrisburg, former rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. See excerpts from his inspiring homily on page 35.

FOUNDER’S PLAZA DEDICATION, AUG. 24
The monumental, 6,500-pound bronze statue of Fr. John DuBois by artist Bill Hopen was unveiled at the Founder’s Plaza. Acclaimed for his religious art, Hopen traveled back and forth from his workshop in China for almost four years to complete the sculpture. He worked on a large scale so those in the future, even “2,000 to 3,000 years from now, will know how we felt.”

To gather inspiration as to what image would best capture DuBois, Hopen wandered the campus with the president’s wife, Mrs. Irene Powell, until he found the site where the founder placed a cross in the ground. Explains Hopen, “Christianity was a force that moved this mountain and reshaped these rocks into the foundation that would become a university, populated by students and faculty devoted to God and learning. Father DuBois began this great work by planting his cross.”

During the Founder’s Plaza dedication, the statue was blessed by Bishop Rhoades and Bicentennial Medals were awarded to Bill Hopen, Dick Ridgway, C’58, and John Walsh, C’58.

The Mount is known as the “Cradle of Bishops,” counting more than 30 bishops among its alumni.

TIMELINE RIBBON-CUTTING, AUG. 24
A new timeline displaying highlights of the Mount’s first 200 years now graces the McGowan Center. At the ceremony, the ribbon was cut by Ryan Audy, C’08, member of the Bicentennial Commission, and Caprice Gray, C’11.
THE SPIRIT CONTINUES ...

“The Spirit Continues” is a one-hour documentary tracing the history of our country and the development of the Catholic Church through the lens of Mount St. Mary’s University. It will air on public broadcast television later this year.

Archival materials from the university, the United States Library of Congress and local historical societies provide a visual narrative of the history of the university and the region. Special attention is paid to the Mount’s role in 19th century America, the development of the Catholic Church in that period, and the centrality of northern Maryland and southern Pennsylvania to the history of the Civil War.

The documentary provides rare letters, photos and film clips that complement the narration and interviews of Mount St. Mary’s faculty and administrators. Together, they bring to light the extraordinary efforts of a French émigré priest, Fr. John DuBois, who boldly planted a cross in 1808 marking the site he envisioned for a future university and seminary. Today, 200 years later, Mount St. Mary’s is thriving.

“The Spirit Continues” was two years in the making and a collaborative effort with the entire Mount community. The students, seminarians and staff re-enacted many of the lead roles in the documentary, bringing to life the early years of the founding of their school, Mount St. Mary’s University.

SEE THE INSIDE BACK COVER TO ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!

BICENTENNIAL RING AVAILABLE

Ryan Audy, Richard Bolte III and Laura Fenaroli, all members of the class of 2008 and of the Bicentennial Commission, worked under the leadership of Sean Adams, assistant dean and director of campus activities, to design a very special bicentennial ring that will be available for sale to members of the Mount community through 2008.

The ring is available in white or yellow gold, with prices starting at $199. If you are interested in purchasing this commemorative ring, please contact Balfour at 1-866-225-3687.
BiCEnTEnniAl Baseball Celebration

On a beautiful sunny day in September, the baseball players from the Mount had, as the Frederick News Post termed it, their own “Field of Dreams” moment. In celebration of 125 years of baseball, the Mount players took the field against Gettysburg College, wearing old-time uniforms. The uniforms featured blue tops that laced in the front, baggy white pants, striped socks and small blue and white hats.

Marv Stocker, chair of the Bicentennial Baseball Committee, worked with members of the Athletic Department and the Bicentennial Office to plan a full and exciting day that began with an alumni game between former players from the Mount and Gettysburg College. There were approximately 40 alumni players who represented the Mount at the morning game. Former coaches Jim Phelan, Tom Ryan and Tom Sherald were also in attendance.

Between 300 and 400 fans attended the afternoon varsity game, which was followed by a barbeque. The Mount won both games with an alumni game score of 8-1 and an exhibition game score of 8-0.

Celebration with us!

See the inside back cover of this issue for the beautiful gifts available to commemorate the Mount’s bicentennial. And see the back cover for a calendar of upcoming events. For a full bicentennial schedule or more information visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial.

Babe Ruth played on the Mount’s Echo Field
1908-1958: Entering the Modern Era

In the third of four installments in Mount Magazine, we present excerpts from the historic timeline placed in Patriot Hall as part of our bicentennial celebrations. This timeline, which begins in 1805, will serve as a permanent visual reminder of our rich history at Mount St. Mary’s University, the second oldest Catholic university in the United States.

1915
MOVIES COME TO THE MOUNT
Monsignor Bradley purchases a new motion picture machine for the college, which is installed in the gymnasium to hold viewings once a week.

1916
NEW SPORT
The men’s tennis team plays its first intercollegiate match.

1919
NEW CLUB
The Knights of Columbus are granted permission to form a council on campus—the first and longest standing council at a Catholic college.

1918

1921
BABE RUTH VISITS THE MOUNT
On May 7, Babe Ruth makes his second visit to the Mount. Tradition holds that he was discovered on Echo Field years earlier in a game between his team from a Baltimore industrial school and the Mount.

1922
THE MOUNT IS ACCREDITED
Shortly after the formation of the Middle States Association’s Commission on Higher Education, the Mount receives accreditation. The college boasts 23 faculty members, 13 instructors and 481 students working towards degrees in four areas of specialization.
1941
“KEEP ‘EM FLYING!”
Facing dropping enrollment, the college initiates a CAA-War Training Service School for flying specialists.

1938
PREP SCHOOL DISCONTINUED
The last class of students in the prep department graduates.

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FATHER FLANAGAN HONORED
At commencement ceremonies, Father Edward Flanagan, graduate of the class of 1906 and founder of Boys Town, is made a Doctor of Laws. (picture of Flanagan below ca. 1960s)

1938-45
WORLD WAR II
At least 727 Mountaineers join the armed forces, 48 of them as chaplains.

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1943-44
ANCHORS AWEIGH
A Navy V-12 deck officers school is established, bringing nearly 400 men to the empty rooms on campus.

1948
SERVICE RECOGNIZED
In honor of its service to the armed forces training programs, the school is presented with a 3-inch/50-caliber anti-aircraft gun from the USS Detroit—a ship credited with one downed and one assisted downed aircraft during the battle at Pearl Harbor. Two years later Memorial Gym is built and dedicated to the alumni killed in World Wars I and II.

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Seminary Mourns Death of 
Sister Joan Gormley

Sister Joan Gormley, professor of sacred scripture at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary for 20 years, died at Gettysburg Hospital on Oct. 19 after a long fight with cancer.

Sr. Joan was born in Philadelphia and received her B.A. at Trinity College in Washington, D.C., and her M.A. in classics from Harvard University. She completed her doctorate in New Testament studies at Fordham University and then did post-graduate work that included study at the Ecole Biblique de Jerusalem and the Theresian Documentation Center in Lisieux, France.

She arrived at the Mount in 1988 as a professor of sacred scripture, spirituality and homiletics. In that capacity, Sr. Joan touched the lives of more than 700 seminarians!

“Sr. Joan not only taught seminarians about the scriptures and how to preach them, but, through her own example as a dedicated woman of the church, showed the men how to live them,” said Fr. J. Daniel Mindling, OFM Cap., longtime colleague and academic dean of the seminary.

According to fellow faculty member Fr. Robert Zylla, OSC, “She admired the simplicity of St. Therese and lived her spiritual life based on the principles of that sainted Doctor of the Church.” Vice Rector Fr. Brett Brannen added, “Sr. Joan never sought the limelight; she looked for the good to be done, and did it. She taught me the Gospel of John and I still use my notes from that course in my preaching!”

Sr. Joan, in addition to her lifelong interest in St. Therese of Lisieux, was also an expert in the spiritual writings of the Spanish mystics and St. John of Avila. Her translation of the latter’s writings on priestly spirituality was published in book-length form. The archbishop of Granada, Spain, the Most Rev. Javier Martinez-Fernandez, was a longtime friend of Sr. Joan. He respected her so much that he sent two of his seminarians to study in Emmitsburg under her guidance.

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Sr. Joan was one of 13 children, and all of those still living were present during her last week of life and at the funeral. On Oct. 23, Sr. Joan’s body was brought to St. Bernard’s Chapel. The seminarians held an all-night vigil, praying the Holy Rosary for the repose of her soul at the top of every hour. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the next day in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Former rector Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Harrisburg was the main celebrant and homilist. The funeral Mass was attended not only by every seminary and university priest but by more than 40 of her former students, now priests in dioceses around the country! Afterward, Fr. Brannen traveled to Philadelphia with the two seminarians from Granada, David Alcalde-Morales and Ildefonso Fernandez-Figares, for the burial in the Gormley family plot.

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, rector, noted, “Sr. Joan will be sorely missed by us all. She was an example of steadfast love and commitment to the church for both the faculty and the seminarians.”

Sr. Joan Gormley, Rest in Peace!
**Priests’ Reunion**  
**OCT. 2-3, 2007**

Bishop William Lori and Fr. Michael Roach, a member of the seminary faculty for 30 years, received Bicentennial Medals following the Homecoming Mass. President Powell and Seminary Rector Monsignor Rohlfs made the presentations.

**SEMINARY ANNUAL GIVING – A TERRIFIC YEAR!**
The 2006-07 Seminary Annual Fund generated more than $376,000 in gifts from alumni, parents, friends and foundations. In addition, seminary alumni participation increased from 31% to 35%.

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, rector, stated, “On behalf of our faculty and seminarians, I would like to extend my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our benefactors. We truly appreciate your continued generosity and financial support of our venerable seminary. Also, many thanks to Fr. Doug Kenney for his efforts as chairman of the annual fund.”

**FATHER ROBERT FINLAN TO CHAIR ANNUAL FUND**
Steven P. Rohlfs, STD, rector, has announced that Fr. Robert T. Finlan, S’94, will serve as chairman for the 2007-08 Seminary Annual Fund. He succeeds Fr. C. Douglas Kenney, C’95, S’99, who was elected as National Alumni Association vice president in June.

Fr. Finlan, a member of the Diocese of Allentown, was recently appointed as president of Bethlehem Catholic High School in Bethlehem, Pa. He previously served as president of Holy Name High School in Reading, Pa., and Cardinal Brennan High School in Ashland, Pa. Fr. Finlan has also been a member of the Rector’s Council since 2005.

**EACH YEAR, TUITION COVERS ONLY PART OF THE COST OF EACH SEMINARIAN’S EDUCATION. THE SEMINARY ANNUAL FUND HELPS BRIDGE THE GAP. TO MAKE A GIFT TO THE 2007-08 ANNUAL FUND, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF SEMINARY DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS AT 301-447-5017, OR VISIT WWW.MSMARY.EDU/SEMINARY TO GIVE ONLINE.**

Fr. Robert V. Zylla, a member of the faculty for 36 years, received the 32nd Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the National Alumni Association at the Reunion Dinner. He is shown here with Bishop Lori, Monsignor Rohlfs, Fr. Kenney and Pat Goles, C’64, President of the National Alumni Association. Fr. Zylla has taught more than 80 percent of all living Mount alumni priests.
Savoring
THE FLAVOR OF SUCCESS

By Lisa Gregory

Even as a college student at the Mount, Michael Rice had a passion for what the family business in Hanover, Pa., produced. “We talked about potatoes,” recalls David Davenport, who lived in the same residence hall as Rice in the early 1960s. “He knew what made a good bag of chips and what didn’t. Mike took a lot of pride in his family’s business.”

And he shared the wealth. “When he came back from visits home, he’d bring us fresh Utz potato chips and pretzels,” says Davenport, who along with Rice graduated in 1965 and today is a lawyer. “We all looked forward to that.”

Rice would go on to take that passion and pride and create his own place within the company started by his grandparents. “I always knew this was where I wanted to be,” says Rice simply.

Today, Utz Quality Foods Inc. is the largest independent privately held snack brand in the United States, with sales over $300 million annually. The company produces more than one million pounds of potato chips a week, as well as other products, which can be found up and down the East Coast, from Maine to North Carolina. Utz operates distribution centers in Virginia, Delaware and Philadelphia and built a world distribution center at the Hanover facility in 1997. This was done to handle such national accounts as Sam’s, Costco, WalMart and Target. There are also plans to open a new factory in New England.

“You have to have a certain amount of courage to look ahead and take chances if you want your company to expand and grow,” says Rice. “My father and grandfather did this. And I did it as well. You’re not going to achieve significant advances without taking significant chances.”

More specifically, though, for Rice the success of any business, including his own, is in the details. “You have to know the business from the bottom up,” he notes. “You need to have a real understanding of the processes and how they work in order to improve on them.”

Rice learned early. Growing up, he spent his summers working at the Utz factory. And, when it was time for him to consider college, he decided to enter the business program at the University of North Carolina. By his sophomore year, however, he began to wonder if this was the particular path he wanted to pursue. “I took an accounting course and hated it.” He returned home. “My father put me to work that winter shoveling potatoes in the cellar,” he says. It was food for thought.

Rice, an avid reader and great admirer of Thomas Jefferson, decided to go where his interests led him. “He was a Renaissance man,” says Rice of Jefferson. “He was a statesman, lawyer and farmer. I really admired that.”

He enrolled at Mount St. Mary’s to study political science and then pursue a law degree. “The Mount was the best choice for me,” he says. “I was able to do three years of work in two and was well prepared for law school.” He recalls fondly from that time one particular faculty member, professor John L. Morrison, who taught history and political science. “He just did an outstanding job teaching those subjects,” says Rice. (There is now an international studies professorship in Morrison’s name at the Mount.)
After graduating, Rice enrolled at The George Washington University Law School. By the time he received his law degree, he was married to his high school sweetheart, Jane, and the father of a son and daughter. Initially, Rice went to work as a contracts administrator for the U.S. Commerce Department and then later joined the Washington Space and Defense Systems Division of the Control Data Corporation. During his early career, he even thought of joining the FBI. “I was drawn to the mystique,” he says. He and Jane enjoyed life in the Washington, D.C., area. And Rice’s father, who joined the business when he married the Utz’s daughter Arlene, had the Utz Company well in hand. But Rice’s time was soon coming. When his grandfather passed away from a stroke in 1968, Rice was asked by his father to join the business. He did not hesitate. The young family returned to Hanover and Rice became executive vice president. He took over the helm of the company himself when his father retired in 1978.

At that time, Rice saw an opportunity for growth and plunged ahead. “I knew we could move the company further along,” he says. His innovations have included embracing computer technology eagerly and early on. In fact, Utz was the first in the snack industry to use in-truck computers to prepare invoices, manage inventory and process route accounting transactions. Such ideas made a good company even better.

These ideas often came while he was out jogging or late at night when he would wake from a deep sleep. Rice says he spends a lot of time thinking and admits to doing his best thinking while jogging. Or in the middle of the night, “I’d wake up and some solution would come to me,” he says.

As the company has grown Rice has remained true to the original idea of a family atmosphere, a community of workers. “We’ve grown to 2,200 employees, but we still try to maintain the same atmosphere and family relationships we had when there were only 100 employees here,” he says. Adds his wife Jane, “We began as a family business and have remained a family business.”

Rice admits that it isn’t always easy to interact one-on-one with more than 2,000 employees. But it is certainly worth the effort. Employees who are invested in the place where they work are “more conscientious,” he says. “Say someone is loading boxes of chips on a truck and just throwing them...
on carelessly. One of our employees will say, ‘Don’t do that. Be careful.’ They care and that makes a difference.”

As does listening to what his workers have to say. This is especially important to Rice. “Some of the best ideas can come from those people who are doing the job on the line or in the field with sales. We encourage, recognize and reward people who come up with better ideas.”

The bottom line to his success and that of the company, though, he feels, is the continuous commitment to quality. This has remained so even as the market has changed, with an emphasis on healthier eating. “You can make a healthier chip or pretzel, but people won’t eat it unless it tastes good,” says Rice of Utz’s reduced-fat, no-salt, baked and multigrain products. “We’ve worked very hard to develop products that meet that demand. For instance, we use natural ingredients as much as possible. Our customers have a certain expectation when it comes to our products.”

“It’s important to Mike that people know we have an established tradition here that focuses on quality,” says Jane.

She would know best of all. Jane has been a constant at his side professionally and personally. “Jane is an extrovert, and I am an introvert,” says Rice. “When I meet someone it takes awhile for me to get to know them. She’s helped me to be more extroverted and open to meeting new people.”

Jane is also very involved with the company, becoming vice president of public relations in 1983. The two are partners in their commitment to the Utz business but also enjoy time away from the company. Jane, like her husband, enjoys reading. He is drawn to historical novels and action thrillers. She likes inspirational books and most recently read “The Secret” by Rhonda Byrne. Rice golfs. Both enjoy collecting art and have developed an interest in Native American art, amassing an impressive collection, including works by Allan House, one of the most renowned Native American painters and Modernist sculptors of the 20th century. “I have always been interested in Native American history,” says Jane. “I enjoyed the stories of Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea. We’ve taken so much from the Native Americans. Maybe it’s my way of giving something back.”

The two discovered their love of Native American art while attending a meeting out West. A friend suggested they visit the Santa Fe Indian Market, the largest of its kind in the nation. That was in 1982. Since then they returned every year, until the last few years when other obligations interfered. Their art collection has become so large that most of it is in storage, with pieces chosen and displayed on a rotating basis.

“Jane has a really good eye and great feel for art,” says Rice with genuine affection.

“I see it and want to buy it,” says Jane with a grin. But, “Mike’s the negotiator.”

He adds, “I always say, ‘Let’s step away, have lunch, talk it over and then decide.’”

However, “A good bottle of wine and a nice lunch,” she says, still grinning, “and I can usually convince him.”

The couple is also very committed to the community where their roots run deep. Both give of their time and talents to various activities and organizations. Rice is primarily focused on the local hospital and YMCA. Jane Rice focuses her attention on cancer research and domestic abuse issues. A breast cancer survivor herself, Jane often helps Utz employees by offering guidance, advice and emotional support to those who may be dealing with cancer or have a family member with the disease.

Rice says he is drawn to supporting the hospital because it responds to such a need in the community and is important to so many people. Then there are the family ties. “My father served on the board, and then I served on the board,” he says. His interest in the YMCA comes from not having one growing up as a boy, after the original YMCA was closed. He takes great pride in the facility today, which he describes as “probably the largest service agency in York County,” meeting the needs of everyone in the community, “from little kids to the older folks,” says Rice.

For Rice and his wife, giving is about the community. If the couple makes a donation, say to the local hospital, it is done in the name of Utz’s employees. “Never in our name,” says Rice.

“Giving of ourselves is important to us,” says Jane. “We’ve been so blessed.”

And the future looks bright as well. Their daughter’s husband is active in the company and a fifth-generation family member has expressed interest in continuing the legacy. Rice’s 11-year-old grandson is already making plans. “He tells me that he wants to run the company some day,” says Rice with a hint of pride in his voice.

With so many people enjoying his products, you can’t help but wonder if Michael Rice admits to a preference. “I like all our products, of course,” he replies. “However, I have to say I like the original chips the best. And the honey wheat pretzels are awfully good as well.”
Senior theology major Rena Black comments, “I really enjoy the creativity and logic necessary for the discipline. Also, ministerial and academic theology work in harmony in this major; the focus is on how ministry can inform theology and vice versa.”

Dr. William Collinge, the Department of Theology’s first tenured lay faculty member and the chair when the major began, credits the growth to expanded departmental options in youth ministry and religious education as well as Sr. Mary Kate Birge’s freshman course “Call and Response: Discipleship in the Bible and the Modern World.” Students rave about the course and how it has opened their eyes to see God in everyday occurrences.

The department is well known for preparing students for ministry, and students often have multiple job offers when they graduate. “It really comes full circle,” reflects Department Chair Fr. Jim Donohue (the department’s one priest and the ice hockey club coach). “Mae Richardson, one of my first students after I came to the Mount in 1996, is now an established youth minister consulted throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore. I send students to intern with her. And recent alum Marc Parisi, who is a campus minister at Calvert Hall, invited me to lead a workshop for the teachers there. The way we help each other is so energizing!”

An important resource for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the department is also working to make its professional lay ministry certificate programs more convenient and accessible for working adults. “We’d like to create a separate program that a cohort of catechists and youth ministers could share and progress through together,” says Donohue.

**Core Beliefs**

While on the outside the Mount’s Department of Theology may look vastly different from 30 years ago when most of the faculty were priests or religious, it continues to be heavily rooted in the Catholic tradition. Collinge gives the credit primarily to a lay faculty member, Dr. William Portier (on the faculty from 1979-2003), who stressed an intellectual commitment to the Mount’s Catholic identity rather than following many schools that were broadening their theology departments to simply religious studies departments. The difference? Rather than stepping outside a religious framework to study and describe religions “neutrally,” the Mount’s department offers the context of the Catholic theological tradition from Catholic universities have always required theology courses. But it’s only been in the past 50 years or so that many began offering a major in the subject. The first few theology majors graduated from the Mount in 1982, and even 10 years ago there were only about four majors each year. Today, approximately 20 students at the Mount are majoring in theology, several are minoring and the department’s programs continue to grow. Most majors go into parish ministry or Catholic high schools, with 25 percent pursuing graduate degrees shortly after their time at the Mount.
which to view different disciplines and explore the deepest questions about life. Notes Donohue, “Reason, academics and Catholicism are all on the same side: the search for truth.”

Portier chaired the committee that created the Mount’s nationally recognized core curriculum and wrote the textbook still used in the junior-year “Foundations of Christian Theology” course. All students take several theology courses as part of the core curriculum and of the two required junior courses, Donohue explains, “If you stop studying your faith, you only have a child’s answers to adult questions. The Foundations course tries to help students understand the Bible and Jesus, to give students tools to deal with questions so there’s not a disconnect between faith and life.”

About half of Mount seniors choose to fulfill their ethics course requirement through “Moral Theology” (the other half take “Moral Philosophy”). Dr. David Cloutier, who joined the Mount in 2006 and teaches the senior theology course, feels fortunate to be able to teach ethics at a smaller school such as the Mount because the class can be discussion oriented, “even improvisational.” He notes, “If I were to say, ‘This is what ethics means,’ the students would write it down and go on with their lives. But if I start off with a question—say, ‘Should we give to beggars?’—then they’re engaged the whole time and I can work to bring out certain points and help them connect their experiences with the readings.”

GATHERED FOR THE JOURNEY
The department is respected for its scholarship. Cloutier remarks, “I go to conferences and people say, ‘We envy you for working with those scholars!’” He is advisor for the Mount’s new undergraduate journal of theology and philosophy, whose first issue will be published this year. Adds Cloutier, “One special aspect of the Mount and the core, though, is that we constantly teach people who are not experts, so our work doesn’t become detached from real life.”

A prime example of how teaching and scholarship inform each other in the Mount’s collaborative environment is the recent moral theology text “Gathered for the Journey,” edited by Mount theology professor David McCarthy and Dr. Therese Lysaught of Marquette University. Four Mount professors contributed because, explains McCarthy, “it turned out that some of the best scholars on different topics were here at the Mount.” The book, just published in September and praised by reviewers for its unified approach, will be used in Mount classes this spring and is already being used in one of Duke University’s graduate courses. Its goal is to “introduce the language of the Christian moral life, not as a language of separation and division, but as the terms through which we begin to see and respond to our unity in God and the common good of human life.”

A second collaborative text is now in progress that features Mount philosophy and theology professors on Catholic social teaching. McCarthy’s hope is to have it published during the Mount’s bicentennial.

He continues, “These books are an outgrowth of a Mount faculty culture of learning from and challenging each other rather than hiding in our own departments. They’re an excellent example of the cooperative spirit we share as a liberal arts institution, one that doesn’t always happen everywhere but that benefits students tremendously.”

The theology department is highly involved across the university, in Freshman Seminar, Non-Western and modern civilization courses, and university committees. Several theology faculty members have joined other Mount colleagues in initiatives supported by the Callings program. Sponsored by the Mount and a Lilly Foundation grant, this university vocational exploration effort has supported mentoring programs for new faculty, speakers and film series, the Theology Club, the freshman “Call and Response” course, a Life and Leadership seminar for area business leaders, summer interdisciplinary seminars for Mount faculty, and more.

“It’s made a difference in helping people think about how they work and live in the world,” says Donohue.

He adds, “As part of a Catholic university, our department has a responsibility to be leaven, as it were. I think most faculty welcome what we bring to the table.”

Because at the Mount, as in life, God isn’t departmentalized but quietly inspires all things.
Catholic universities occasionally feel insecure about their place among academic institutions. They shouldn’t. Just listen to what non-Catholic thinkers have been saying.

Twenty years ago Allan Bloom’s “The Closing of the American Mind” was a best seller. Bloom, a Jewish agnostic, offered a scathing critique of elite secular university education, but his concerns were more spiritual than academic: his “meditation on the state of our souls” argued that individuals and societies were impoverished when they lost sight of the pursuit of truth.

Bloom’s book contained more questions than answers. But it vigorously defended the importance of those questions. During the subsequent two decades more and more people have come to agree that universities are intellectually and morally bankrupt if they do not attend to ultimate questions of human nature and human destiny.

Consider some recent titles about higher education. Last year there was “Excellence Without a Soul: Does Liberal Education Have a Future?” This year there is “Education’s End: Why Our Colleges and Universities Have Given Up on the Meaning of Life.” The authors are at the top of the education game—a former dean of Harvard and a former dean of the Yale Law School. Both are exhorting universities to resume a search for higher meaning: not just mind-filling information but soul-filling truth.

Another recent title is “The Decline of the Secular University.” The author, from a large public research university, argues that the modern experiment of excluding religion from the curriculum (or confining it to theology or religious studies departments) actually weakens the other disciplines: social scientists think they can separate “facts” from “values,” historians overlook important forces of human culture, psychologists ignore dimensions of the soul. Even worse, the various disciplines lose sight of how they might join a common pursuit of coherent and meaningful truth.

When voices from the Ivy League and the big state universities are beckoning for a turn to the transcendent, Catholic universities know they need not be defensive about their Catholic identity. A university is “Catholic” not because of chapels, crucifixes and required theology classes, but because it presents Catholic faith as the ultimate answer to the ultimate questions. And I would even say that a Catholic university is distinctive not so much because it has the answers, but because, in proposing the answers, it can never lose sight of the questions.

Don’t get me wrong: as a convert to Catholicism, I regard the answers as decisive; and as a philosopher, I believe that one can acquire intellectual habits for discerning the truth. But as a teacher at a Catholic university, I appreciate the presence of a living, historic religious faith for setting a tone of openness to ultimate questions. A Catholic university is more truly a university because it is a place where students learn how to pose and pursue answers to these questions.

For believers and unbelievers alike, the ambience of the Catholic faith makes possible what even the greatest secular universities, amid their surfeit of specialized programs, have started to notice they are missing: a genuine education, an ordering of the human soul for the pursuit of truth.
In Memoriam

Beloved Professor at Mount St. Mary’s University Dies in Ireland

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—Emilio Rodriguez

Mount St. Mary’s University President Thomas H. Powell announced the death of political science professor Emilio Rodriguez in Ireland on October 31.

The 56-year-old Rodriguez was abroad this semester teaching Mount students in the international program in Dublin. He died in his sleep.

“Mount St. Mary’s University has lost a dear friend and colleague with the death of Dr. Emilio Rodriguez,” said President Powell. “He embodied the spirit of the Mount mission in everything he did.”

His death comes as a shock to the Mount’s close-knit community where he was a beloved teacher and the recipient of the Richards Award for Excellence in Teaching as nominated by his students and the faculty.

“The death of Emilio is a profound loss for the Mount,” said Professor Michael Towle, a colleague in the political science department. “He was so full of life; it’s hard to believe he’s gone. We are devastated. He was a wonderful teacher, a fabulous colleague and a man of great generosity.”

It was his devotion to teaching and to his students that won the hearts of many at Mount St. Mary’s. “The Doc was a passionate, devoted teacher who inspired students to not only learn, but to apply what they’re learning,” said a political science student.

Dr. Rodriguez frequently led student trips abroad and was committed to forming strong relationships with his students in both the academic world and outside the classroom.

“I have become a better teacher because of the students,” said Rodriguez. “I have found their curiosity and energy to be invigorating.”

A tenured professor in political science, Dr. Rodriguez specialized in international relations and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1994. He graduated from Duke University, received his master’s degree from American University and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His wife, Amelia, is the registrar at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, and his son, John Paul, a Mount graduate, C’06, is a second lieutenant in the Army stationed in Texas.

The university immediately sent President Powell’s wife, Irene, and Dean of Academic Affairs Leona Sevick to accompany Mrs. Rodriguez to Dublin. Students in the Ireland program gathered for a memorial Mass upon learning of their professor’s death. Counselors for students and faculty were provided both in Dublin and at the Emmitsburg campus.

“Dr. Rodriguez was by far one of the most incredible professors I have had in my time here at the Mount. He was always willing to take time out of his day to talk to students and loved just ‘hanging out’ and getting to know the people he was teaching. I loved his classes not only because he was truly a brilliant person, but also because the grade simply didn’t matter. He taught with love and passion and a true desire to encourage his students to discover more than they ever could have imagined about themselves and the world.”

—Lauren Mackey, C’08
International studies and Spanish major, theology minor
Building Hope

MONICA THOMPSON, C'06
CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT

Monica Thompson was intrigued when she discovered the idea of full-time service work: “I didn’t realize there were programs that would feed and clothe me in return for service!”

Monica had been thinking about service work for three or four years before she sent in her application to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). She was drawn to CAP because “they really emphasize spirituality, community and service,” she says. “All three are equal.” Also, Monica’s parents have been donating to CAP for more than 25 years.

In church three days after she got the idea to apply, Monica truly felt God reach out to her and call her to do his work. She was especially moved by two hymns, “Here I Am Lord” and “Be Not Afraid.” “It was awesome, but terrifying at the same time,” she notes. After more prayer and discernment, Monica submitted her application in late 2006. “I was so sure about CAP that I quit my job before my interview,” she recalls.

Monica began her work with CAP in May 2007. She lives in a house with 16 other volunteers, and while she describes them as “absolutely amazing people,” she does admit that “living in community is a challenge.” But that is one thing about CAP that Monica loves—being challenged. “Every day in some little way I’m taken out of my comfort zone,” she says. “I’ve changed so much in the short time I’ve been here.”

Monica’s daily routine involves helping build and repair homes with CAP’s housing assistance program. Some days can be very difficult: “There is a [sense of] hopelessness here,” she notes. Education is generally not a priority and many children drop out before they finish high school. That’s why CAP created programs for youth such as preschools and summer camps. The organization also focuses on aiding the elderly and disabled.

Monica says through her experience in Kentucky she’s learned to appreciate things she used to take for granted. She’s realized that the Mount gave her “a really strong background in opening my eyes to other people and other people’s needs,” something that is essential in her work now. Her hope is to “become a conscientious member of the world,” and from the looks of it, she is well on her way.
Playing for Peace

CHRIS SUMNER, C’06
PEACE PLAYERS INTERNATIONAL

Chris Sumner was known around the Mount for four years for his skills on the basketball court as a guard for the Mount’s varsity team. When he graduated, Chris knew he wouldn’t be content to put away his basketball shoes for good. In addition, he had interests in working with children, international travel and conflict resolution.

Lucky for Chris, he knew about an organization called PeacePlayers International. Founded by a family Chris knew in high school, the mission of PeacePlayers is simple: to use the game of basketball to unite and educate children and their communities. “When I found out the goal of PeacePlayers,” Chris says, “it was a perfect fit.”

The organization has programs in Northern Ireland, South Africa, Israel, the West Bank, Louisianna and Cyprus. His program in Cyprus focuses on “using basketball to facilitate positive dialogue and interaction between Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot youth.” The ultimate goal, according to the PeacePlayers website, “is to improve relations between the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus.” Chris, two other volunteers and 16 local coaches bring together children ages 9-14 to play basketball in an inclusive, fun environment.

Chris has been in Cyprus since February 2007, and already has had the experience of a lifetime. His commitment is through the end of the year, but he has been given the option to extend his contract to summer 2008. “I have learned so much about the conflicts and problems that exist all over the world,” Chris explains. “There is no substitute for what you can learn by immersing yourself in another culture.”

Attending the Mount played a big role in preparing Chris for the work he does. “The liberal arts curriculum gave me a chance to explore many avenues I never thought would interest me,” he says. He credits his excellent coaches and other mentors like Dr. Sue Goliber, Tara Horst and Dr. David McCarthy for helping expand his horizons and prepare him for his work with PeacePlayers.

Chris encourages current students or recent graduates who may be interested in full-time service work to “jump head first into it, because the time to do it is when you are fresh out of school and full of energy.”

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Supporting Life

GAIL PEARSON, C'05
MAGGIE'S PLACE

If there’s one thing Gail Pearson learned while at Mount St. Mary’s, it’s that “everybody is called to serve.” While still in her junior year, Gail began thinking about service work after college. As a theology major with plans to become a youth minister, Gail knew she would gain valuable experience. More than that, she wanted to spend time in “a place that would support my faith, challenge me and help me grow.”

Over the next two years, Gail researched different service opportunities throughout the country. She applied and was accepted to Maggie’s Place, a house of hospitality for expectant mothers in Phoenix, and signed on for a one-year commitment.

Gail learned quickly how challenging service work could be. One aspect that drew her to Maggie’s Place was “living in community with the moms, being involved in every aspect of their lives, right down to sharing bathrooms with them!” However, living in a house with three to five staff members, several pregnant women and any number of babies makes for an interesting situation! But Gail believes community living is essential to the ministry of Maggie’s Place: “We’re helping people who have fallen to get back up.”

Gail’s daily tasks range from planning fundraisers to counseling moms and overseeing other volunteers. She has been disciplinarian, comforter, friend, mentor and, perhaps most important, a Christian example and role model for the women at Maggie’s Place.

Gail has been with the organization for more than two years in various leadership roles and was chosen to open a new Maggie’s Place house in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. She has spent the past several months fundraising and preparing the house for the arrival of other staff and the moms sometime in January.

A strong supporter of the pro-life cause, Gail has found by volunteering at Maggie’s Place, she is “supporting life through supporting moms.” Her advice for students who may be considering service work is to “take advantage of your time at the Mount and find out what’s important to you. If you feel the call, don’t be bogged down by society’s pressures to get a ‘real’ job. If you have faith, God will take care of you.”

“Everybody is called to serve. ... I’m supporting life through supporting moms.”
Ryan Trout didn’t waste any time going out into the world and making a difference once he received his degree from the Mount. He participated in a five-week human rights delegation to Rwanda through an organization called Global Youth Connect (GYC) over the summer. What he witnessed and experienced there changed his life.

His trip included two weeks working with an organization called Never Again Rwanda, which seeks to create “a future where peace in Rwanda and in the region is driven by creative, involved and critical-thinking youth.” Following that experience Ryan volunteered at a nonprofit called Amahoro Great Lakes in Kigali, where he worked with at-risk youth, including orphans and children living with HIV/AIDS.

Ryan’s experience in Rwanda has left him with a strong passion to help the people of this small East African nation, which he describes as having “a lot of promise and hope.” After his return to the United States, Ryan established his own nonprofit, Amani Africa (“amani” means peace in Swahili), which will help raise funds for grassroots aid organizations in Rwanda.

As another result of his time spent in Africa, Ryan is hoping to set up a semester or summer study program in Rwanda in partnership with the Mount. This would include not only classes about East African culture and history, but also an internship experience with a service organization there.

Over and over again while he was in Rwanda, Ryan was overcome by the “triumph of the human spirit” and the “beauty of the Rwandan people.” He explains that “these people want the same thing we want for our kids ... a better place for the next generation.”

Ryan’s future plans involve volunteering with Americorps and possibly returning to Rwanda this winter with GYC. Eventually, he would like to run for office or work in the U.N. A political science major at the Mount, Ryan credits much of his interest in foreign aid to classes he took with Dr. Kristen Urban about human rights and international relations.

Ryan encourages anyone who may be interested in pursuing service work to “follow your heart. ... I got a lot of grief and was told there’s no money in that, but I don’t feel like I’m going to be fulfilled by money,” he says. “I need to help people.”

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FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PURSUING FULL-TIME SERVICE WORK:
The Mount’s Office of Campus Ministry & Community Service is a great place to start. Each year the Mount hosts a service fair, where various organizations come to campus to recruit new volunteers. Most programs provide volunteers with some form of housing and a small stipend to cover living expenses. There is a wide variety of service organizations to choose from, each requiring different specialties and skills, so there really is “something for everyone.” For more information, please contact Melissa Main, director of community service, at main@msmary.edu.
The number of diocesan priests ordained in the United States this year was less than half the number in 1965 (not surprising when, according to a recent poll, more Americans can recite Big Mac ingredients than the Ten Commandments). Yet the number of priests ordained from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary has grown substantially during this same period. What’s the secret?

Two hundred years of accumulated wisdom in training parish priests certainly counts for something; yet the seminary isn’t resting on its laurels. It continues to improve its programs to build upon the excellent reputation it enjoys among bishops throughout the country. Explains Academic Dean Fr. Daniel Mindling, “We have the preparation bishops want for the men they send us: solid academic training with a clear Catholic identity and a rich program of spiritual and pastoral formation.”

“It’s dynamic and very exciting here,” Mindling says. “Our students want to harness the energy of the Catholic tradition, to understand and explain this rich tradition to those they will serve.”

The seminary’s strong Catholic identity has always been its hallmark. Even when other seminaries faced a crisis of enrollment, the Mount was seen as stable, and its enrollment remained strong and even increased. Monsignor Steven Rohls, seminary rector, affirms, “United States bishops trust Mount St. Mary’s—that the formation is sound and academically challenging, and that we’ll prepare holy parish priests. We’re considered the gold standard in what a seminary should be.”

“We have a stable group of senior faculty,” notes Mindling, who figures he has taught more than 600 priests in his 20 years with the seminary. He and several other faculty credit the seminary’s success to steady leadership, unwavering fidelity to the church and a pervasive spirit of prayer.

Mount St. Mary’s is one of the largest Roman Catholic seminaries in the country and the largest in the east. It trains men from 33 different U.S. dioceses and offers formation to men from Togo, Peru and Spain. More than 25 percent of those enrolled are recent immigrants to the United States.

On the academic side, the seminary is respected nationally and internationally for its scholarship. Moral theology faculty are frequently asked to consult for dioceses and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on current issues such as immigration reform and pending legislation affecting beginning- and end-of-life care. Seminarians concentrating in church history have earned quite a name for themselves, with master’s theses and many other articles published in historical journals and as books. Associate professor Robert Miller, an Old Testament scholar, was recently invited to Europe to contribute to an international conference. “The seminarians say my excitement about my scholarship is contagious!” he enthuses. “I’m constantly finding new things to share with them from other colleagues and my research.”

Reflects fourth-year seminarian Thomas Doyle, from the Diocese of Rockford, “As a pastoral minister, a priest serves as a bridge between the people of God and the Father Himself. He must know the “good news” he has been called to preach and he must know the people so he can preach the news in a way they understand. Through my study of church history, especially in the research projects I’ve completed, I’ve gained knowledge about what historically attracted people to the faith. If I know what drew people to the church before, I have a leg up in knowing what may still get people’s attention today.”

“… to hand on faithfully
Seminarians at the Mount currently have the choice of two graduate degrees to pursue along with their professional Master of Divinity degree. About 12 seminarians in each graduating class earn the M.A. (theology), and 2008 will mark the first graduating class for the newly approved Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree program. This is the first internationally accredited degree offered at Mount St. Mary's. On the horizon is a new M.A. in pastoral theology that will include a concentration in Hispanic ministry, taking the seminary’s certificate program in this specialty to a full degree program.

The seminary takes seriously the need to prepare men for Hispanic ministry. Rohlf notes that in 10 years, 35 percent of the U.S. Catholic population will be Hispanic and already Spanish is the first language for one third of the Mount’s seminarians. The seminary has devoted significant resources to address this shift: both Pastoral Spanish and English for Theology language courses are offered, multilingual professors draw on texts in Spanish and other languages for their research and teaching, and cultural immersion opportunities abound. “Our goals are to become more friendly to non-native speakers and introduce our seminarians to the different cultural contexts in which they will work in the U.S.,” says Mindling.

Notes fourth-year seminarian Dan Ketter, from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, “The Mount’s program has given me a great foundation to build on. I’ve taken Spanish courses at both the seminary and the college, spent two summers in Mexico and my pastoral field education assignments the past three years have been in a Spanish-language context. The growing numbers of Latino-Catholics can have a positive impact on the church in the United States if we welcome them fully.”

New programs aside, the true measure of success is how many men from the Mount are ordained and continue to serve faithfully as diocesan priests. Rohlf notes that the seminary enjoys a high success rate 10 years out. Approximately 1,000 alumni are actively serving in priestly ministry today, including several bishops.

Church history professor and department chair Fr. Michael Roach, who has taught Mount seminarians for 30 years, says he has always respected the character of his students. “The men who come here are generous, affirming and pious. Teaching at the Mount gives me such hope for the future!”
The true spirit of Mount St. Mary’s lies in its people, and while the school moves toward its third century, special attention should be paid to those who have achieved greatness while flying the banner of the Mount. Peter Rono, C’91, is one such person. As a sophomore he stood on top of the world’s athletic stage as an Olympic champion. There is much more we should know about Peter that demonstrates why he is a living example of what we all hope a Mount graduate will do.

Peter followed his Kenyan high school friends and teammates Kip and Charles Cheruiyot to Mount St. Mary’s in 1987. He pursued a degree in business and began his collegiate career in track and field. Peter, Kip and Charles were part of a tradition of Mountaineers at the Olympics that itself is a celebrated Mount legacy. Peter undoubtedly leads the parade of Mount Olympians, as he was crowned Olympic 1500m champion at the 1988 Seoul Games. Peter’s sprint to the finish in the last 300 meters of the race was a breathtaking surge of courage and faith that left the world’s best reeling. Reflecting on the historic race, Coach Jim Deegan, the Mount’s great former track coach, fondly recalls that he knew if Peter ran the last 800 meters in under 1:50 seconds, he could win. He ran 1:49.9.

After graduating, Peter traveled the European circuit as a professional athlete, living the dream of a life in track and field that few are privy to. It was precisely Peter’s Olympic success while attending Mount St. Mary’s that caught the attention of the Vatican in 1995. He was requested for an audience with the late Pope John Paul, who invited him to represent all Catholic athletes of the world and give testimony on how God helped him. His testimony was featured in the pope’s 50th anniversary of ministry. The pope was looking for an Olympic champion who attended a Catholic institution, so an Olympic gold medalist representing Mount St. Mary’s certainly was the obvious choice.

“It was one of the best experiences of my life,” states Peter. “I will always remember asking the pope to bless my family, my country and my college!”

Peter has embraced his potential for effecting positive change from his athletic success and now runs the Nandi Educational Training Center (NETC) in his hometown of Kapsabet, Kenya. He saw that young Kenyan athletes had the ability and intelligence to run at American colleges and universities, but needed preparation to ensure their academic success and general welfare. The NETC prepares high school graduates for the SAT and the Test of English as a Foreign Language, and offers computer courses and general preparation for cultural differences.

He has also been a leader and fundraiser for A Running Start Foundation. This nonprofit organization seeks to provide East African athletes with the tools to achieve athletic success, enabling them to help their families and communities in their home countries. Peter’s main fundraising efforts focus on the camp at his former school, St. Patrick’s High School in Iten, Kenya, which has already produced two Olympic champions, six world champions and 15 junior world champions. He holds office as a patron of the Gotabgaa Foundation as well, which seeks to promote unity among Kenyans through community-involving activities.

Through faith, success, charity and duty Peter has achieved much in the fight to improve the lives of those less fortunate, particularly in Africa. When asked about his contributions to Kenya, Peter said, “I see myself being among the few Kenyans or Africans able to bring change for the better.”

In response to Peter’s efforts to improve the lives of those less fortunate and his initiatives to educate his fellow countrymen, Peter was recently named Goodwill Ambassador At Large by the United Nations. His certificate reads, “In recognition of your support as a means to promote the eradication of severe malnutrition, education, health, development, peace, and rights of disabled worldwide and in the profound commitment demonstrated by your willingness to support and safeguard the
ideals and principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations.” In this role, Ambassador Rono is called upon to foster and create global awareness for peace and an end to war and violence.

Meeting Peter is a humbling experience, not just because he is an Olympic champion but because of his calm and friendly disposition. Peter’s gift is his sense of humanity. His respect for each as a fellow person emanates from his smile and through his handshake. He is a true Mount St. Mary’s icon, and nothing can sum up our Ambassador Peter Rono better than his parting words from our interview: “I kindly invite you to dream with me in making this world a better place for mankind. Thanks and God bless.”

Ambassador Rono works as a general manager and consultant for New Balance. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, Mary, and their four children, Irene, Winnie, Patrick and Cynthia.
On an International Kick

Sports Information Intern Kathleen Rossetti, C’09, recently talked with men’s soccer senior Steve Cant (London, England), junior Vinnie Berry (Helensburgh, Scotland) and freshman Chris Davis (Kirwan, Australia) about being international men’s soccer players at the Mount. Cant finished the 2007 season with two goals and one assist while Berry added one goal in his junior year. Davis, who finished his first season in Emmitsburg with 61 saves, is the first men’s soccer player to hail from Australia (and the second Mount athlete from the country).

What was your first impression of the United States?
SC: A lot quieter than London; the people were a lot more friendly and welcoming. It was also a lot hotter than England.
VB: Very hot! Loads of money!
CD: Nice place. People are friendly. Good facilities. Only really seen the Mount, Towson, Baltimore airport and Wal-Mart.

What do you like most about the Mount?
SC: The ideals it tries to promote.
VB: The size and layout of campus mean things are easily accessible.
CD: Sporting facilities and food.

How much does it help to have other international players on the team?
SC: It helps a lot at the beginning, as you have someone who shares your culture and thinks in a similar manner to you. As you get used to the American system of play it becomes less important. People think that as you have come over you should automatically fit in and stand out, but to be a successful international player you can’t walk in and make the American players play the way you used to at home. You have to respect the American style and learn and adapt to it, and from there add your own strengths into the system.
VB: Having players who are in the same position as yourself, who have many of the same interests and who also are noticed as being different, helps you feel more comfortable.
CD: It really makes for interesting banter on and off the field. It’s been good relating to their experiences settling into campus and school work. I have found the American soccer players really helpful also.

Do you think that when you graduate from Mount St. Mary’s you will go back to your home country or stay in the United States?
SC: It’s 50 – 50. To stay here would mean giving up on football (soccer), and that’s a hard decision to make when I know I can go home and continue playing at a good standard. But America does have its perks too.
VB: I think after graduation I will be tempted to return to my home culture and society.
CD: It depends what sort of jobs come up and how my soccer is going. I would like to return to Australia and help soccer grow in popularity.

What would you say is the biggest difference between your home country and the United States?
SC: The heat!
VB: The sense of humor is completely different!
CD: The biggest difference is the facilities and resources. A lot of effort is put into making sporting events good.
MEN’S BASKETBALL UPDATE

The 14-game home slate will be the most regular season home games by a Mount team since the 1989-90 squad also had 14.

The Northeast Conference Tournament will once again feature the higher seed hosting. The top eight teams in the NEC regular season qualify for the NEC Tournament, with the quarterfinals on March 6, the semifinals on March 9 and the championship game on March 12. The championship will be televised live on ESPN2.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL UPDATE
Coach Bryan Whitten has announced his 2007-08 schedule, highlighted by 15 home games, including seven of the squad’s first nine games in Emmitsburg. Pittsburgh and Bowling Green will also make their first trip to the Mount this season.

Another highlight will be when former Mount women’s basketball player Agnus (McGlade) Berenato, C’80, and her Pittsburgh squad make their first trip to the Mount this season.

The first two rounds of the NEC Tournament will be played at Long Island’s Athletic, Wellness and Recreation Center on March 8-9, with the NEC Championship slotted for March 15 or 16 at the highest remaining seed.

Bryan Whitten
NAMED WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH
Mount St. Mary’s University named Bryan Whitten the new head women’s basketball coach on Sept. 11.


“Bryan Whitten brings his success story to the Mount, which includes a proven track record,” said President Thomas H. Powell. In his two-year tenure at Virginia Commonwealth, Whitten coached the 2005-06 Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Year and helped the Rams to a 30-28 record, including a 17-13 mark while the team advanced to the CAA quarterfinals in 2006-07.

Prior to his time in Richmond, Va., Whitten was the head women’s basketball coach at King’s College, a Division III program in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He spent 12 seasons at the helm of the Lady Monarchs, amassing a 220-103 record, and guided the team to 10 straight winning seasons and four trips to the NCAA Division III national tournament from 2000-03. He was named the MAC Freedom Coach of the Year in 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Whitten inherits a team that returns two starters and three letterwinners, including two-time Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year Tiffany Green (Arlington, Va./Washington-Lee), along with six newcomers. The Mount went 12-17 overall last season and 10-8 in NEC play, finishing tied for fourth in the league.

Said Whitten, “There is a strong tradition of success here and I look forward to the opportunity of continuing and building on that tradition. We are all anxious and excited to get things started and about the future of Mount St. Mary’s basketball!”
GETTING READY FOR THE
Next Generation

While the Generations capital campaign is still in the silent phase, Vice President for University Advancement John T. Butler and his team have been working diligently to lay the groundwork. Former Director of Annual Giving Debbie Powell, *pictured above*, has been appointed the new director of the Generations campaign. A key component to success is a team of dedicated volunteers to lead strategic development. This team, the Campaign Cabinet, is cochaired by Monsignor John Enzler, C’68, S’73, and Jack Bransfield, C’63. Jim McAveney, C’66, will serve as the vice chair. Other campaign chairs include:

- Dan Curtin, C’64, and Monsignor Joe Bergamo, C’61, S’65: Seminary Committee
- Gene Waldron, C’64, and Tom O’Hara, C’64: Trustees Committee
- Steven Murphy, C’79: Foundations Committee
- Scott Wilfong, C’72, and Scott Newkam, C’72: Corporations Committee

We owe a considerable debt of gratitude to these special people and their dedication to work on our behalf.

THE ADVANCEMENT TEAM MOVES FORWARD

Delaplaine Gift Sets Pace

The Delaplaine Fine Arts Center at Mount St. Mary’s is well on the way to becoming a reality. The goal of creating a state-of-the-art performing arts facility and area cultural center was given a huge boost with the pledge of $4 million from local residents George and Bettie Delaplaine, for whom the building will be named. The total cost of renovating the existing Flynn Hall will be upwards of $11 million, with approximately $8 million raised so far.

In addition to the pledge of funds from Mr. and Mrs. Delaplaine, another loyal Mount donor, Joseph Horning, has made a commitment of $1 million to name the auditorium after his wife, Lynn. The state of Maryland will contribute $3 million in capital funding to reimburse the university for construction costs.

As with the Horning and Delaplaine contributions, donors frequently use their gifts as a way to honor family members. Within the Delaplaine Center a number of new projects will be available for such naming opportunities:

- The upper Flynn Gallery
- Open lobbies, north and south and connecting
- Possible grand staircase
- Balcony
- 200 seats
- Two classrooms

Once completed, the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center will not only provide students with performing and fine arts laboratories and classrooms, but also provide the community with an outstanding cultural arts center and theatre. This gift to surrounding Maryland and Pennsylvania counties will be able to attract more well-known performers and extend the reach of Mount St. Mary’s to deep within the creative vein in the area.
INTRODUCING THE Pilgrim Center

For 200 years, pilgrims have found peace at the Grotto on St. Mary’s Mountain. This beautiful shrine devoted to Our Mother Mary now draws hundreds of thousands of pilgrims each year from all over the world. In its natural splendor and tranquil stillness, they find spiritual refreshment, healing and a deeper holiness.

To continue its mission to welcome all to this sacred mountain, the Grotto has developed plans for a Pilgrim Center. Those who may have traveled thousands of miles to reach the Grotto will find a fully staffed center with a museum and cafe. The center is part of a comprehensive plan that will preserve the Grotto’s natural and historic beauty and ensure the Grotto will remain a sacred center of prayer and devotion for hundreds of thousands of pilgrims yet to come.

Look for news of our campaign kickoff celebration!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BILL TRONOLONLE, DIRECTOR OF GROTTO RELATIONS, AT 301-447-6725.

WILLIAM V. TRONOLONLE NAMED DIRECTOR OF GROTTO RELATIONS

Bill Tronolone recently joined the Mount as the first director with primary responsibility for development efforts at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes. He is coordinating fundraising efforts for the Grotto’s new Pilgrim Center.

Bill received his B.S. in business administration from the University of Maine, Ricker College. Among his many years as a professional with various sports management organizations, he served as consultant and vice president for the American Hockey League’s Bridgeport Sound Tigers franchise.

The Grotto became part of the Tronolone’s lives when Bill and his wife, Loretta, moved to the D.C. area for his work with the Capitals and Bullets (now Wizards). Their daughter Lisa graduated from the Mount last spring.

JOHN T. BUTLER NAMED CHAIR OF LEADERSHIP GREATER WASHINGTON

Vice President for University Advancement John T. Butler was recently named to chair Leadership Greater Washington, an organization that provides a platform to enable change and strengthens the bond among the D.C. region’s leaders. He leads a new, diverse board of directors that includes the top leaders of business, government, nonprofits and community organizations that serve the Greater Washington region. A member since 1997, he previously served as vice chair, treasurer and program chair of the organization.
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Strategic Plan Update

Pat Goles, C’64, president of the National Alumni Association, is happy to report the association’s strategic plan is now complete. Work on the plan started in fall 2006, directed by the association’s Strategic Plan Steering Committee, chaired by David Conaghan, C’81.

It has been a busy year for the National Alumni Association, with research projects including a survey disseminated to all alumni, focus groups and a self-evaluation. The survey was sent both electronically and by mail, and 1,774 alumni completed the survey – a response rate of about 11%. Information gathered from the survey included data about alumni association events – for example, 55% of those surveyed have attended their class reunion, and 20% currently participate in one of the alumni chapters. Data also reflected the giving patterns of alumni—for example, 68% of respondents currently support the Mount financially, and 65% would consider supporting future Mount initiatives.

Additionally, the survey polled alumni on the Mount’s communications: 93% of respondents receive Mount Magazine, and of those, 98% rated its contents “very interesting” or “somewhat interesting.” Sixty-five percent of respondents had visited the Mount’s website.

Finally, respondents were asked questions about their experience at Mount St. Mary’s. Ninety-five percent of respondents had either an excellent or good overall experience as students at the Mount. Respondents also indicated that the Mount prepared them well for life after college, with 90% selecting “excellent” or “good” in how the Mount prepared them for lifelong learning; 78% for being aware of current events/issues; 74% for interacting with diverse people and 73% for working in their current profession.

All of the data were evaluated and through meetings, planning sessions and conference calls, the steering committee began to formulate a mission statement, a vision for the future and a set of values (see sidebar).

The next step was to name Key Drivers, or specific areas of focus for the association’s work over the next five years. These areas are: Communication, Chapters, Participation, Recognition, Support, Events and Infrastructure. For each area the steering committee identified specific outcomes, activities and strategies necessary to reach those goals.

Finally, a timeline was crafted to illustrate when these activities needed to be completed to achieve the goals set forth by the association.

At the National Alumni Association Fall Meeting, alumni leaders gathered to review the completed strategic plan and officially approved it. President Powell and Vice President for University Advancement John T. Butler are very pleased with the final plan, and the steering committee is grateful for the help provided in facilitating their efforts. The next steps include establishing a tracking matrix to monitor each part of the plan and track progress.

MOUNT ST. MARY’S NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Mission Statement
The National Alumni Association supports the mission of Mount St. Mary’s University, fosters relationships among its members and promotes service to the Mount.

Vision for the Future
The Mount St. Mary’s National Alumni Association is a nationally recognized alumni organization with significantly increased participation and strong member relationships.

Values
Catholic Identity
Family Oriented
Participation
Inclusion
Tradition
Service
Relationships

10, 9, 8, 7, 6...
COMING SOON—
Mount Online
A new online community for alumni will debut in 2008. You’ll be able to reconnect with old friends, post photos, register for alumni events online and more. Don’t miss out! Update your contact info now at www.msmary.edu/alumni (click on Alumni Services and then on Change of Address) to make sure you receive upcoming instructions on how to join Mount Online.
On Aug. 24, 2007, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Harrisburg presided at the Mount’s Bicentennial Mass. Bishop Rhoades served as rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary before being called to serve in Harrisburg. Excerpts from his homily follow; complete text can be found at www.msmary.edu/rhoades.

Born on this day in 1764 in Paris, Father John DuBois, many years before becoming a bishop, came to this country and labored as a priest in the service of the Church’s apostolic mission. The crowning achievement of his priestly labors was the founding of Mount St. Mary’s.

I’d like to reflect in this homily on the background of our holy founder on this his birthday, on this day when [his] Plaza will be dedicated and blessed, in these beginning days of our bicentennial celebration.

John DuBois grew up in Paris during the latter years of the French monarchy. He studied humanities for 12 years at the College of Louis le Grand, a famous and prestigious school whose spirit and rules would influence him later when he established Mount St. Mary’s. He had an interesting number of friends and classmates who would later have divided loyalties during the French Revolution. …

Among John DuBois’ contemporaries at the College of Louis le Grand were two famous leaders of the French Revolution, Maximilien Robespierre and Camille Desmoulins. Though having received the same education, these alumni took a decidedly different direction in their lives than Father John DuBois. … Desmoulins, who had bullied DuBois in school, became a French journalist and politician who is credited with sparking the revolt that led to the fall of the Bastille in 1789. He belittled Christianity and at one point stated that other religions were as good for him as that of Jesus Christ. Robespierre, a Deist in his religious beliefs, embraced the philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and became an instrumental figure in the Reign of Terror. Though Robespierre surely opposed the outlawed priests who had refused to take the required oath, he falsified papers for his former friend, the gentle Latin scholar, John DuBois, enabling him to escape France and come to the United States. …

Father DuBois in founding Mount St. Mary’s … established a Catholic institution which rejected the rationalistic philosophies that had inspired his former schoolmates. At the same time, his school would not embrace the other extreme of fideism. In his educational enterprise, Father DuBois created an institution committed to the study of the humanities, within a vision of the human person and the world that is enlightened by the Gospel. Truly Catholic in rejecting the extremes of both rationalism and fideism, from the beginning Mount St. Mary’s has embraced both faith and reason, described by Pope John Paul II as “the two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” …

Father DuBois was truly a missionary, like St. Bartholomew and the other apostles, when he came to America. … During this bicentennial, may we continue to be inspired by the vision, the example, the faith, the sacrifices and the courage of Father John DuBois.
reunion

CLASS OF 1942

CLASS OF 1947

CLASS OF 1952

CLASS OF 1957
CLASS OF 1962

Back Every Year

CLASS OF 1967

CLASS OF 1972
reunion WEEKEND

CLASS OF 1977

Legacy Families

CLASS OF 1982

CLASS OF 1987
DUBOIS AND BRUTÉ AWARDS
[Upper Left] The 2007 DuBois Medal was presented to Tammy & Everett Alvarez at the Golden Mountaineer Dinner during Reunion Weekend. Robert F. Horan, C’54, and Dean Sprague, C’57, were the recipients of the 2007 Bruté Medal, also presented that evening. The awardees are pictured with Dr. William G. Meredith, John Bailey, C’59, Jack Graham, C’57, and Joseph Horning, Jr., C’53.

[Upper Right] Also pictured at the Golden Mountaineer Dinner are Debbie Powell, director of the Generations Campaign, Clement O’Brien, C’42, Paul Rhoades, C’40, and John T. Butler, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

REUNION WEEKEND MASS
[Left] New National Alumni Association officers and members of the National Alumni Council were inducted at the Reunion Weekend Mass on Saturday afternoon. Deacon Pat Goles, C’64, president of the National Alumni Association, (far left), is pictured with (left to right): Romas Laskauskas, C’77, council member; David Conaghan, C’81, vice president; Rev. Doug Kenney, C’95, S’99, vice president; John Bailey, C’59, council member; and Susan Janowiak, C’81, executive vice president.

[Right] Fr. Rick Hilgartner, C’90, and Deacon Pat Goles, C’64, president of the National Alumni Association, during Mass.

CLASS OF 1997 MEMORIAL
[Lower Left] The Class of 1997 had the opportunity to re-dedicate a special memorial to one of their classmates during Reunion Weekend. Mike Smith, C’97, and Mike Post, C’97, the Mount’s dean of students, spearheaded the effort in memory of Patrick Cawley, a classmate who died while a student at the Mount. On Saturday afternoon the class gathered to honor Patrick’s memory as part of their weekend together.

Save the date
Bicentennial Reunion Weekend
June 6-8, 2008

Classes ending in a 3 or an 8 are celebrating their reunion. Visit www.msmary.edu/reunion for the latest information.
1940
△ Edward T. Burns
ethurns2@netzero.net

1943 – 65th Reunion
△ Philip A. McDonnell
dunmore3@pacbell.net

Monsignor Robert C. Gribbin, C’43, S’47, celebrated his 60th anniversary of becoming a priest in June 2007 at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, Pa., where the priests of the diocese came together to present a $2,580 contribution to the Bishop Daley Seminary Scholarship Fund in his honor. Monsignor Gribbin is now in retirement from active ministry and residing at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Abbottstown, Pa.

Phil McDonnell, C’43, has written a limited-edition book called “Odyssey” about his World War II Navy experiences. He mentions many of the Mount alumni whom he encountered during those years, including the late Robert E. Kane, C’42. The book was written only for the McDonnell family and unfortunately is not for sale, but copies have been contributed to Phillips Library at the Mount.

The Rev. Joseph C. Rusin, C’43, S’46, is retired and has written two books, “Immigrants of Whites” and “Good Samaritans Are Still Around.” He recently donated copies of both books to the Mount’s Phillips Library.

1944

John Albert Ward, C’44, and his wife, Ruth, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

1947
△ Neil White
pnwhite@windstream.net

1948 – 60th Reunion
△ Phil Hurray
philhurray@aol.com

1949
△ James P. Stanon
dcketr@sbcglobal.net
△ Thomas B. Grasberger
tgrasberger@verizon.net
△ Bill O’Neill
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1950
△ Bernie Jacobs
brj4822@earthlink.net

1952
△ Monsignor Gerard Green
msgreen@hotmail.com
△ Robert J. Keene
bobemk1@verizon.net

Edwin G. Fernand, M.D., C’52, recently won the Seniors’ Golf Championship at Candlewood Lake Club. He currently has 20 grandchildren.

1953 – 55th Reunion

1954
△ Rear Adm. Thomas F. Brown III
tfbiii4@sbcglobal.net
△ Leo E. Green
leogreen.senatepast@comcast.net

George Greco, C’54, lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., where he recently retired from his teaching position at the University of North Carolina Dental School after 28 years. Previously he was employed for 21 years as a dentist in the Air Force.

1955
△ Jack McMullen
jcarr.mcmullen.gmpg@atlanticbb.net

1956

William Borowski, C’56, and his wife, Eileen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23, 2007. They live in Frederick, Md., and have six children and 12 grandchildren.

1958 – 50th Reunion

1959
Louis A. Houff Jr., C’59, is retired after 15 years as a federal administrator in employment and training programs. He has moved to Fulton County, Pa., where “country is still country,” with his wife, Deede Baril, SJC’58. She is a retired teacher from Montgomery County, Md. They have two sons and three granddaughters.

1960
△ Michael P. Meyer
mmichugh10@cox.net
△ Matthew McHugh
michugh@comcast.net

Michael P. Meyer, C’60, helped represent the Mount in the 2007 Catholic Charities Golf Tournament held in June in Hershey, Pa. Other participants included Bob Burke, C’60; Milan Brown, men’s basketball coach; the Most Rev. Kevin Rhodes, C’79; bishop of Harrisburg and Mount St. Mary’s trustee; and Jim “Bow Tie” Phelan, retired men’s basketball coach.

1961
△ Charles J. Shimkus
shimkus1@mindspring.com
△ John Neil Fink
luckylou@bcpl.net
△ Karl Miller
kniller195@aol.com

Dick Christopher and Xavier DeCaire, both C’61, have partnered to create Kids with Confidence (kidswithconfidence.com), an online program that helps children regain their self-assurance. The program works by making donated funds available to help correct physical differences that affect children’s self-esteem and confidence. Xavier also received the 2007 Small Business Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Small Business Council of America (SBCA).

1962
△ Louis T. Armelin
larmelin@chesapeake.net
△ Michael L. McCarthy
mike.mccarthy@rmfh.com
△ William Zimmerman
bill@thetidewatergroup.com
△ Dennis G. Potter
dgelp@rcn.com

Charles A. Russell, C’62, visited the Mount last summer with his wife, Anita, and daughter, Caroline, for the first time in 20 years. They spent several hours walking around the campus and Grotto.

1963 – 45th Reunion
△ Col. “Jack” Lauer
jlauer1342@aol.com
△ Dennis Doyle
ddennisdyle@comcast.net

Bob Cangemi Sr., C’64, remarried in 2004 and recently moved to Costa Rica.
1965
△ Nicholas G. Orzel
ngo1@psu.edu

Bob Diegelmann, C’65, recently assisted in the development of WoundStat, a substance created at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center’s Reanimation Engineering Shock Center. The material forms a seal to stop rapid blood loss in a hemorrhaging wound, and, if approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will be sold for military and commercial use.

William M. Lavelle, C’67, is still selling and building commercial, industrial and residential property, going on his 34th year. His son, Scott, will soon be taking over the business. William has also been traveling for the last five years. He has visited Alaska, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Yellowstone National Park and St. Maarten.

Stephen G. Margeton, C’67, has published one book and is working on a second about law library architecture. After leaving the Mount, Stephen received his law degree and became interested in library science. He started work as a law librarian for a firm in Washington, D.C., then transferred to the Library of Congress and finally the Supreme Court. He recently stepped down to become law librarian for the Catholic University of America.

1968 – 40th Reunion
△ Thomas Werzyn
werzyn@comcast.net
△ John J. Gallagher
jjgall222@aol.com

1969
Raymond A. Kuthy, C’69, was the 2007 recipient of the Boston University School of Dental Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his dedication and outstanding service to the community. He is a professor in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry at the University of Iowa.

Harry Marra, C’69, traveled to the Track & Field World Championships in Osaka, Japan, in August, where he coached Team U.S.A. athlete Paul Terek in the decathlon.

Robert C. Vogel, C’69, recently published his first book, “A Way Home.” The novel, which was released in September 2007, tells the story of two Catholic families that face separation and difficulties in dealing with a prodigal daughter. Robert has already written a sequel, and is working on a third installment of what he hopes will be a 10- to 12-book series.

William P. Wills, C’69, and his wife, Sue, recently passed the 7,000 mark of their live theater performances together. From 1978-97 the couple operated their own theatrical company in Ocean City, Md. Now William and Sue tour the country giving performances of their unique show, “Presidents and Their First Ladies.”

1970
△ Joseph J. Dougherty

Michael J. Luttrell, C’70, recently took a new position with an international company called Cegedim Dendrite as global account manager responsible for business relationships with Abbott Laboratories. Mike lives in Schaumburg, Ill.

1971
△ Jack Ellis
jellis@warwick.net
△ George J. Savastano Jr.
lgsys@aol.com
△ John V. Sherwin
john.sherwin@fcps.org
△ Robert K. Dunn
bob.dunn@prosperitymortgage.com
△ Walt Morris, Dave Dale and Ed Ewald, all C’71, hiked to the top of Mount Whitney (elevation 14,494 feet) in September, where they proudly displayed the Mount St. Mary’s flag. Mount Whitney is the highest peak in the continental United States.

1972
△ Frank G. Lidinsky
Flidinsky@Flidinsky.com
△ Carl Harbaugh
charbaugh1@adelphia.net

Robert J. Clark, C’72, and his wife, Kathy, have one daughter, named Maura. Robert is the president of Buettner Insurance Agency, Inc., in Johnstown, Pa.

Arthur Haddad, C’72, was inducted into the Danbury High School Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2007. Art also recently retired from Henry Abbott Technical High School after a 34-year teaching career.

Joseph L. Hood, C’72, is pleased to announce that his son, Jared, was ordained to the priesthood in November 2006.

Richard F. Timmons, M.D., C’72, is in his 26th year at the Diagnostic Clinic, a multispecialty group medical practice in Largo, Fla. He and his wife, Bonnie, have two children, Chris (28) and Brian (25). Richard keeps busy biking, cooking, playing racquetball and hiking, especially on the Appalachian Trail.

1973 – 35th Reunion
△ Mark J. Sweley
mjswel@us.ibm.com
△ Timothy L. O’Shea
toshea@catamaranmedia.com

△ Class Agents | △ Class Correspondents
Jim, C’73, and Jane (Davis) Gallagher, C’74, were pleased to have 21 other graduates of the Mount and St. Joe’s present at their daughter Megan’s wedding to Tom Toy in February. Pictured with Jim and Jane (center) are: Ted Scheerer and Frank Flemming, both C’70; Kate (Zrebiec) Flemming, SJC’71; Jay Fielding, C’72; Bob MacLean, Xavi DeCaire, Dave McCullin, Mark Swetley, Kevin Kelly and George Welch, all C’73; Marge (Zrebiec) Scheerer, Karen MacLean and Paula (Kozlowski) SWEETLEY, all SJC’73; Walter Huber, Jamie (Low) Huber, Kathy (Kerns) Raubens and Trudy (Mangiaracina) Glazewski, all C’74; Bob Congdon, C’75; Neil Gallagher, C’78; and Jude (Jack) Armitage, C’92. Also in attendance, but taking the picture, was Maria (Cartagena) DeCaire, SJC’72.

1974

□ John L. Jaffee
Msmclass74@yahoo.com

Preston Michael Ellis, C’74, has been married to his wife, Laura, for 47 years and they now have four daughters and eight grandchildren. He has retired from the U.S. Air Force and is now the owner of a general contracting business.

Walt Gardiner, C’74, is in his seventh year as senior economist with the Farm Credit Administration. He and his wife, Julie, live in Vienna, Va., with their four children: Chris (20), who is a junior at Marietta College in Ohio, Karly (17), Vincent (14) and Hugh (12).

Wayne Lawrence, C’74, is currently working as the fulfillment services manager at Dentsply International in York, Pa. His son, Casey, was named the 2006 Male Freshman Athlete of the Year at Albright College in Reading, Pa., for his skills in baseball and basketball.

1975

□ Paul F. Spinelli
Topreff@comcast.net
□ Jeffrey T. Hardy
Jeffhardy@comcast.net
□ Romas Laskauskas
Rlaskauskas@comcast.net

1976

□ Frederick S. Horn
Horn2@frontiernet.net

Lt. Col. Allison P. Clark III, C’76, was promoted to the rank of colonel. Col. Clark was assistant chief of staff for personnel, Europe Regional Medical Command, Heidelberg, Germany, and will be reassigned as chief, Military Personnel Division, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. His father, Lt. Col. Allison P. Clark Jr., C’51, was also a career U.S. Army officer.

1977

□ Maryann Solak
Msolak@cox.net

Barry W. Stebbins, C’77, was inducted into the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame during its 32nd annual banquet April 1, 2007. While at the Mount Barry was a four-time Division II and two-time Division I All-American in track, winning two national Division II decathlon titles. He is also a member of the Mount’s Hall of Fame.

1978 – 30th Reunion

T.J. Harrington, C’78, received the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive for his service as deputy assistant director, Counterterrorism Division, in a February 2007 ceremony at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

John R. Spielberger, C’78, was recently promoted to executive vice president at General Counsel of the Hartford Mutual Insurance Company.

1979

□ Dave Cohill
Cohill@msmary.edu

Kenneth E. Pringle, C’79, was re-elected in November 2006 to his fifth term as mayor of Belmar, N.J. In February 2007 Ken celebrated the 20th anniversary of opening his solo law practice in Belmar, which has since grown into Pringle Quinn Anzano, P.C., a 25-attorney law firm with three offices. One of his law partners is Robert Galizio, C’83.

Paul Wagner, C’79, recently won his second Emmy Award for a story on the U.S. Marshals Service. Paul is a reporter for Fox 5 WTTG-TV in Washington, D.C., where he has been employed since 1999. The Emmy-winning story revolved around three days spent with the U.S. Marshals as they tracked fugitives in Maryland, Virginia and D.C.

1980

□ Timothy C. Dec
tdec@corvis.com
□ Charles J. Haberkorn
Chaberkorn@comcast.net
□ Nancy Philion Scharff
Lmavr4@cs.com
□ Liz Kiesel Beatty
e.beatty2@verizon.net

Marty Brunk, C’80, received the 2007 Public Service Award from the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants on June 18, 2007. Marty was selected based upon his work to help facilitate significant financial growth of the Maryland Food Bank, thus increasing its ability to supply grocery products to charitable food providers that feed hungry Marylanders. Marty is a managing director with RSM McGladrey’s Mid-Atlantic Economic Unit.

Timothy C. Dec, C’80, was recently appointed chief financial officer of Fortress International Group Inc., a company providing comprehensive services for the planning, design and development of mission critical facilities and information infrastructure. Prior to his new appointment, Tim was chief financial officer of Presidio Networked Solutions Inc.

1982

□ Michael Berens
Mberens@comcast.net
□ Michael J. Neuman
Michael.neuman@kennedykrieger.org

Juanita Balenger, C’82, took a new job as community outreach coordinator in the Northern Virginia Regional Office for Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell in October 2006. Previously Juanita was director of the Paralegal Institute.

□ Mary Alice (McKeon) Drewer
Drewer82@comcast.net
□ Robert Galizio
Rgalizio@comcast.net

The memory of David Zocchi, C’82, who passed away in December 2005 after battling brain cancer, will now live on in the form of the David S. Zocchi Brain Tumor Center at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, N.J.

David’s wife, Judy (Mazzeo) Zocchi, C’80, has been the driving force behind the project for more than a year, and on Oct. 17, 2007, the center opened its doors for the first time. According to Judy, “The center will bring high-quality services and complete support to patients, caregivers and families in their own community.” After experiencing with David the hardship of having to travel the country to find the best care available, Judy understands the need of patients to receive comprehensive medical care close to home.

Judy has continued in her fundraising efforts for the center, planning the second David S. Zocchi Memorial Golf Outing, which took place on Oct. 1, 2007.
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John Graham, C’82, recently hosted a postgame social for the Mount Men’s Rugby Team and supporters at his home. Other alumni in attendance included John Graham Sr., C’57; Bryan Carney, C’82; Pat McElroy, C’86; and Marina Hardy, C’04.

Rick Sweeney, C’82, has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the American Marketing Association Foundation’s Board of Trustees. He is a field service instructor in the marketing department at the University of Cincinnati’s College of Business, and the director of the Master of Science in Marketing Program at UC’s College of Business.

Nicholas Truhan, C’82, ’S’86, lives in Trenton, N.J., and is currently employed as an account executive at COTY, Inc.

1983 – 25th Reunion
▶ Mark Panetta
mpanetta@ mindspring.com
▶ Joanne Weed McShelley
francis.mcshelley@verizon.net

Douglas Walsh, M.D., C’83, became the director of the Walter Reed Project, in Kismu, Kenya, in October 2006. This large field station, part of the U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Kenya (USAMRU-K), conducts clinical studies on drugs and vaccines for tropical diseases of Africa and throughout the world.

Megan (Lake) Winterle, C’83, and her husband, Frank, live in Havertown, Pa., with their four children: Matthew (12), Caroline (10), Austin (8) and Gracie (7). Megan and Frank have been married for 13 years.

1984
Tina Hodgson, C’84, MBA’85, appeared in a national NCAA public service announcement that aired on CBS during March Madness earlier this year. Tina could be seen playing basketball dressed like a doctor (the PSA was to promote that all former NCAA players may not go pro, but they can still become professionals). Tina has been acting for 10+ years and recently acted in and directed a movie she also cowrote called “God out the Window.”

Kevin J. Whalen, C’84, has been married to Patti (Ginty) Whalen, C’86, for 17 years. The couple lives in Centreville, Va., with their four boys, Sean (15), Matt (12), Ryan (9) and Connor (6). Kevin is a senior special agent with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations. He is currently assigned to a Hurricane Relief Taskforce overseeing criminal investigations in the Gulf from recent hurricanes.

1985
▶ Thomas R. Arrowsmith
tmarrow@charter.net
▶ Mary Free Knut
Mary.Knut@rsni.com

Juana Rodriguez, C’85, recently embarked on a journey from Virginia to Argentina by land, offering volunteer services to communities and communicating on human interest news, economics, trade and daily events wherever she works. You can follow her travels at www.dreamtrapper.com.

1986
Fr. Edward Seton Fittin, O.S.B., C’86, was appointed to the Diocesan Liturgical Commission for a term of two years by the Most Rev. Arthur J. Ferratelli, bishop of Patterson.

Diane (Leneghan) Tomb, C’86, recently joined B&D Consulting as a senior advisor in public policy and strategic communications. Diane is also the founder of Tomb & Associates LLC, a public affairs company based in Washington, D.C.

1987
▶ Elizabeth (Liz) Malia
emalizal22@hotmail.com
▶ Thomas F. Cahill
thomas_cahill@ml.com
▶ Timothy J. Buck
tim.buck@gt.com

1988 – 20th Reunion
▶ Kathleen Gill McDermott
kmcdermott@wmueducg.com

1989
▶ Lorraine (Leo) Kneples
kneples@comcast.net
▶ Julie Wright Hyland
Julie.hyland@verizon.net
▶ Mark Damato
markmounthoya@yahoo.com
▶ Linda Kelley Junker
junker@msmary.edu
▶ Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot
rjaskot@archdlt.org

1990
▶ Kelly (McLaughlin) Catania
Kelbyjs128@hotmail.com
▶ The Rev. Rick Hilgartner
Hilgartner@msmary.edu
▶ Karen Manto-Corrav
kar4113@yahoo.com

Alicia (Alonso) Duarte-Harden, C’90, married the Rev. Robert Harden on Oct. 21, 2006. She has one grandchild, Nina Gabrielle Duarte (2), and she lives in Florida.

The Rev. Rick Hilgartner, C’90, was recently appointed associate director for the Secretariat for Liturgy at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. Previously he served as the Mount’s chaplain since 2005.

1991
▶ David Cassese
dcasses1@juno.com

Damien Abplanalp, C’91, recently retired from the U.S. Army and started a new career as a teacher at Parker High School in Parker, Ariz.

1992
John Criswell, C’92, participated in the Pennsylvania Perimeter Ride Against Cancer this summer, cycling nearly 600 miles over five days from Erie, Pa., to the Lehigh Valley. John rode as part of the American Cancer Society team, raising almost $2,000 for ACS along the way.

Stephen D. M. Crooker, C’92, completed his second graduate program in May 2007. He continues to teach theology for grades 9 and 10 in Arlington, Va. He has been teaching since 1990 and enjoys his work very much, claiming, “I would not be here without the Mount!”

Christopher J. Quinn, C’92, works as the Southeast Region sales manager for Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc. He is married to Kerri (Braniff) Quinn, C’93, and they have two daughters, Katie (7) and Shannon (4).

1993–15th Reunion
Kimberly Shern, C’93, was recently featured in an ad campaign for New York City public schools. Her photograph appeared on ads throughout the city. Kim is in her third year as a Spanish teacher at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music, Art and
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José Juan Terrasa-Soler, C’90, graduated with a major in biology and double minors in chemistry and philosophy. This summer he established a new environmental planning and design firm in his native Puerto Rico called EnviroDesign Studio (www.envirodesignstudio.com). He is also a professor of landscape architecture at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico in San Juan.

“I could have had no better preparation for my life as a landscape architect than the liberal arts and science education I received at the Mount,” said José Juan. He obtained advanced degrees in ecology from the University of Michigan and watershed systems from Yale University. He then launched a career in environmental consulting with CSA Group, an architecture, engineering and environmental consulting company based in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He rose to the position of manager of the Environmental Business Unit, leading a group of 30 scientists and engineers, before he decided to go back to school to earn his master’s in landscape architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

José Juan received his degree in June 2007 and co-authored and co-edited a book describing design proposals for conserving the landscapes of Don Quijote in La Mancha, Spain. For José Juan, “landscape architecture is a perfect complement to my previous studies and professional practice in ecology and environmental sciences. Landscape architecture as a discipline helps me achieve a balance between my love of science and my drive to produce beautiful things.”

He is shown with his wife, Dr. Alicia Olmo.

1996

Jennifer O'Dea Sprangle
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Dr. Samuel Galvagno, C’96 was recently elected as chief resident at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School and has signed to Johns Hopkins for his critical care fellowship. He will continue as an intensivist and anesthesiologist in pursuit of his MPH and Ph.D. His wife, Karol, a nurse, is a graduate from the University of Massachusetts.

Abigail (Barnes) McAuliffe, C’96, is married with five children: Agnes Rose, Francis Edward, Bridget Nanci, Jeremiah Thomas and the newest addition, Margaret Dorothy, who was born on Oct. 9, 2006.

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1997

Kelly A. McLaughlin
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Anne (Sluck) Hainsworth, C’97, spent six weeks this summer volunteering with Cross-Cultural Solutions in HoHoek, Ghana. She worked on local women’s empowerment and business projects and in an orphanage. Anne and her husband, Mike, live in Durham, N.C.

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Sarah McGinley, C’99, accepted a position to work for the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She will be working in the college’s Academic Primary Care Associates for Family and Sports Medicine and will also continue to teach medical students.

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Performing Arts in New York City. Previously she was a teacher at Walkersville High School in Walkersville, Md.

1994

Bridget Duval
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Lisa (Gable) Fluehr, C’94, and her husband, Robert, have four children: Brennan (5), Maura (4) and twins Adam and Gabe (18 months). They live in Fort Washington, Pa., where Lisa is a self-employed pediatric occupational therapist.

Kate (Shepard) Milner, C’94, and her husband, Terry, who is now home from his recent deployment to Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps (Major), are currently living in Temecula, Calif., with their two children, Julia (5) and Scott (3).

1995

Jennifer (Firlie) Dunn
jdann1405@yahoo.com

Stella Barry
stellabarry@comcast.net

Deborah Stocker Giles
debbiegiles@comcast.net

Deborah Anne (Ferri) Huber, C’95, lives in Connecticut and has one son, Matthew, who is a year old.

Thomas, C’95, and Susanne (Shwann) Porch, C’96, have two daughters, Anna Sophia (2) and Cara Nicole (6 months).

Anne (Sluck) Hainsworth, C’97, spent six weeks this summer volunteering with Cross-Cultural Solutions in HoHoek, Ghana. She worked on local women’s empowerment and business projects and in an orphanage. Anne and her husband, Mike, live in Durham, N.C.

David Karn, C’97, MBA’99, was recently promoted to assistant professor of entrepreneurial studies at Howard Community College in Columbia, Md. At the college’s Convocation Ceremony, he was honored by receiving the 2007 Faculty Member of the Year Award from the Student Government Association. David and his wife, Jennifer (Kufura) Karn, C’97, MED’05, live in Williamsport, Md., with their two-year-old son, Noah.
2000
- Mae Richardson
  mae@shgparish.org
- Laura (Portier) LaLumiere
  laura.portier@gmail.com
- Anne Stocker Kalis
  anniekalis@gmail.com

Karin (Ottens) Prangley, C’00, and her husband recently moved to Chicago after he began an MBA program at the University of Chicago this fall. Karin is an associate at the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP.

Douglas Workman, MED’00, was recently appointed principal of Ascension Catholic School in Melbourne, Tenn. He was previously principal of St. Francis of Assisi in Memphis, Tenn.

2001
- Kimberlee (Bates) Ilandi
  kim@whating-turner.com
- Peter B. Mannix
  petermannix@adelphia.net
- Anthony Solazzo
  anthony.solazzo@hotmail.com

Nunzio N. D’Alessio, C’01, recently obtained his second master’s degree as part of his doctoral studies in English. His thesis was on the medieval poet John Gower. He is also a varsity oarsman on the crew team at the University of Texas, Austin.

Anthony DiGangi, C’01, and his brother John organized the 1st Annual Fire Island 5K Run and Festival benefiting the American Brain Tumor Association in Ocean Bay Park, N.Y., in August 2007. The event was held in honor of their mother, Rose DiGangi, who was battling a malignant brain tumor. Rose passed away in October.

Matthew Downs, C’01, recently became vice president of Bank of Scotland, North America. Matt currently works in the New York City office primarily focused on real estate finance.

Mary Kuhn, C’01, and her husband, Joshua, have three children: Isaac (10), Olivia Margaret (3) and Ella Marie (1). In addition to raising the children, Mary works full time as a marketing representative for a nonprofit organization, Adelphi Village, which runs programs for atrisk youth and their families.

2002
- Kelly (Klinger) Soffe
  soffe@wricoc12.md.us
- Lizette Chacon
  lizard11080@gmail.com

James “Jay” Franken Jr., C’02, is working as an accountant at Turner Construction in Arlington, Va.

Lydia (Gregoire) Kowalski, C’02, received her master’s degree, reading specialist, from Hood College in May 2007.

2003–5th Reunion
- Rebecca (Walker) Shoemaker
  itsillaslo@gmail.com

Veronica Allende, C’03, passed the New Jersey Bar Exam in 2006 and has been admitted to the New Jersey Bar. She recently took a position as deputy attorney general for the state of New Jersey and is now prosecuting on behalf of the state.

Nichole F. LoPresti, C’03, recently accepted a position with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey as a lobbyist in the company’s Government Affairs Division.

2004
- Peter J. Cwik
  pcwik@email.msmary.edu

Marina Hardy, C’04, was a featured speaker in a presentation to Maryland Indians, scholars and legislators at the Senate Office Building on Jan. 23, 2007, titled “Tribes and Tribulations: A Forum on Recognition.” Marina is a Juris Doctorate candidate at the NOVA Southeastern School of Law in Ft. Lauderdale-Davie, Fla.

Jennifer M. Leach, C’04, received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in December 2006 and now resides in Fort Worth, Texas, where she works as a Neuro Intensive Care Unit RN.

Deborah (Palmer) Stup, C’04, MBA’07, has just begun sitting for her CPA exam. She was married in spring 2007 to Jaston Stup and received her MBA degree from the Mount the week she returned from her honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta. She works as a senior audit associate at McGladrey and Pullen, LLP, in Frederick, Md.

Megan (Wisby) Winter, C’04, is married to Army Lt. Stephen Winter. They have one child, a girl named Madison.

2005
- Rachel Lawruk
  rlawruk@email.msmary.edu

Rebecca Boker, C’05, recently joined the Audit, Accounting and Consulting Department of Ellin & Tucker, Chartered. She was previously employed as an auditor for Northrop Grumman in Lithicum, Md.

2006
- Alba Alvarez
  alba_alvarez@email.msmary.edu

2007
- Mary Cohill
  mecohill@email.msmary.edu
- Emilee Senekevitch
  ersenkevitch@email.msmary.edu
- Justina Dillon
  jmdillon@email.msmary.edu

Alison Kopreski, C’07, recently began work as a FOCUS missionary at Benedictine College. FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, places trained college graduates back onto college campuses across the country, where they help bring students closer to Christ and the Church through their ministry.
**In Memoriam**

March 27 through Sept. 27, 2007

1930s

Mr. Leonard J. Farmer, C’35
Aug. 27, 2007

The Hon. Thomas C. Gibbons, C’39
July 29, 2007

1940s

Col. George William Martin, M.D., C’41
May 23, 2007

Mr. Robert C. Egan, C’42
July 13, 2007

Mr. Leslie B. Bell Jr., C’43
April 22, 2007

The Rev. John N. Caldara, S’46
April 5, 2007

Mr. Timothy J. Hanlon, C’47
April 14, 2007

Mr. Joseph M. Lynch, C’48
March 31, 2007

Mr. Norbert J. Cecil, C’49
May 7, 2007

Mr. Gerard Joseph Cohee, C’49
Aug. 7, 2007

1950s

Mr. Robert P. McCarthy Sr., C’51
April 29, 2007

Mr. Carl F. Zeterberg, S’51
Aug. 4, 2007

The Rev. Cyril M. Hudak, S’53
Sept. 10, 2007

Mr. Christopher Michael May Sr., C’53
April 25, 2007

Mr. Donald C. Yohe, C’54
Sept. 15, 2007

Mr. Thomas Dillon, C’55
July 18, 2007

Capt. John Q. Winnenberg, USN, Ret., S’55
May 7, 2007

1960s

The Rev. Thomas W. Engelke, C’60
June 9, 2007

Mr. Richard R. Rafferty, C’60
June 21, 2007

Mr. Joseph Patrick McKeon, C’61
Aug. 6, 2007

Mr. Gerald G. Gallagher, C’62
Sept. 7, 2007

Dr. Joseph J. Lizewski, C’63
Sept. 12, 2007

Mr. M. Daniel Regan, C’64
June 20, 2007

Mr. William C. Gonce, C’67
Sept. 11, 2007

The Rev. Andrew F. Strish, S’67
May 15, 2007

1970s

Mr. Thomas J. Smith Jr., C’71
Sept. 20, 2007

1980s

Mrs. Josephine Mary Gerber, C’81
July 25, 2007

1990s

Mr. Shawn W. Kennedy, C’96
Aug. 22, 2007

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**REMEMBERING Len Farmer, C’35**

“Len remained a dedicated alum whose loyalty to his alma mater is an inspiration to us all”

Leonard J. Farmer Sr., C’35, was voted in his senior year at the Mount the “most popular” and “most agreeable” individual on campus as well as the man who had “done the most for Mount St. Mary’s.” These words remain a fitting tribute to this dedicated Mountaineer, who passed away peacefully at home in Wilmington, Del., on Aug. 27, 2007.

Len deeply loved the Mount, coordinating class reunions for decades, holding several alumni offices, corresponding widely and attending alumni events into his 90s, and spreading the “good news” about his alma mater throughout the greater Wilmington area.

In 1989, the National Alumni Association awarded Len the Bruté Medal, its highest honor, for more than 50 years of outstanding service to the Mount. The citation noted his work representing and assisting the Mount in securing grants from corporations and foundations in the Wilmington area, as well as spearheading a drive to establish a Delaware Chapter of the National Alumni Association. In 2005, the Delaware Chapter recognized Len with the Bishop Walsh Award, noting, “In speaking with anyone from the Diamond State about the Mount, inevitably the name Len Farmer surfaces.” Len was also strongly involved in his community and his parish of St. Mary of the Assumption, and was the loving father of six children.

Ellen Callahan, C’81, Delaware Chapter president, says, “Len remained a dedicated alum whose loyalty to his alma mater is an inspiration to us all.” The Leonard J. Farmer Memorial Scholarship Fund he set up as a member of the Mount’s Chinquapin Society ensures this deeply respected son of the Mount will continue to inspire future generations.

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**SISTER ANN BERNADETTE**

Sister Ann Bernadette Cafferty, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia who spent 45 years at the Mount, died on Sept. 27 at her order’s retirement home in Aston, Pa. Many fondly remember her from her years at the Mount, where she worked and was a driver for students and seminarians from 1939 until 1984.
**Announcements**

**Bill Patterson, C’73, and Barbara McGee**  
Jamaica  
March 28, 2007

**Barbara (Potanka) Cantafio, C’93, and Christopher Cantafio**  
March 28, 2007

**Andrew Miles, C’94, and Anna Maria Haines**  
April 15, 2005

**Dr. Samuel Galvagno, C’96, and Karol (Murillo) Galvagno**  
Sept. 8, 2007  
St. Patrick Church, Lawrence, Mass.

**Carol Coughlin, C’00, and Brian Burnor**  
Oct. 6, 2007  
Vermont

**Albert Cea, C’01, and Chela Moore**  
Jan. 27, 2007  
Santa Fe, N.M.  
The bride and groom pictured with their wedding party, including Simon Hodkin, C’00, MBA’02.

**Stephanie (Cano) Goldstein, C’02, and Charles Goldstein**  
July 7, 2007

**Morgan Lisby, C’02, MAT’04, and Adenah (Sledge) Lisby, C’03, MBA’05**  
The bride and groom pictured with fellow Mounties at their wedding (left to right): Donald Harrison, C’03; Irvin Johnson Jr., C’06; Marco Binion, C’03, MBA’05; DaVone Chandler, C’99, MBA’01; Carla Franklin, C’03; Liam McCusker, C’03, MBA’05; Leslie Walter, C’03; Marion Wargo, C’03.

**Janel (Larkin) and Joseph Malone, both C’02**  
The bride and groom pictured with fellow Mounties at their wedding: Joseph Larkin, C’67; Sean Larkin, C’76 (father of the bride); Terrance Larkin, C’79; Mary Ellen Larkin, C’81; Myles Larkin, C’82; Monica (Larkin) Doherty, C’85; Sean Watson; Johanna (Bonowitz) Backover; Sharyn McCarthy and Christopher McKeeefrey, all C’00; Christine (Fee) Williams, Michael Williams, Ian Monigle and Michael Dougherty, all C’01; James Costello, Meg Leubecker, Erin Carney, Tracey O’Keefe, Jake Backover, Dennis Mollo, Christine Kurilla, Michelle Coutes, Lela Steinbraker, April Parecco, Anthony Oppedisano, Courtney (Flannery) Kaufman, Ian Kaufman, Laurie Wilson and Scott Keenan, all C’02; Victor Gue and Beth Reed, both C’03; Christopher Larkin, C’07; Steven Sweeney, C’08; and Carol Ann Larkin, C’09.

**Heather (Grove) Baker, C’03, and Nicholas A. Baker**  
July 7, 2007, St. Timothy’s Roman Catholic Church, Walkersville, Md.

**Derrek Hiester, C’03, and Keli (Stevens) Hiester, C’04**  
Sept. 2, 2006, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mount  
The bride and groom are pictured with the Mounties in attendance at their wedding.

**Heather (Whetstone) and Ryan Spurrier, both C’04**  
March 18, 2006, Sanibel Island, Fla.
Many young men were trained at the Mount in the Navy V-5 and V-12 programs during WWII. On the campus today stands an anti-aircraft gun from the U.S.S. Detroit that shot down a plane during the invasion of Pearl Harbor.

CLASS NOTES, BIRTHS, WEDDINGS

Don’t forget to share all your important moments with the Mount—babies, weddings, promotions and, of course, reunions with Mounties.

Email your announcements to alumni@msmary.edu.

Feel free to include a JPG photograph, preferably 300 dpi or higher.

Lisa (Wilson) Goldstein, C’98, and Evan Goldstein
Oct. 22, 2005, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Baltimore, Md.

The bride and groom are pictured with their wedding party. Lisa and Evan had several Mounties in attendance at their wedding: Amy (Benjamin) Lawson, C’98, and Karen (Fisher) Caron, C’97, were lectors for the ceremony. Also in attendance were Jennifer (Hyer) Eopechino, Christina (Martinu) Bergman, Maria (Mood) Brown, Melissa Kelly and Peter Lawson, all C’98.

This announcement is reprinted due to an error in the Fall 2006 issue of Mount Magazine.

Kim (Najem) Emerson, C’06, and Zach Emerson, C’07
June 30, 2007, New Hampshire

The bride and groom pictured with Mounties at their wedding: Jason Mitchell, C’03; Jen Auman, Jackie Hoy and Laura Jezek, all C’06; Kelley Grisier, Keith Rolon, Denise Tetzkowski and Bernie Rendler, all C’07; PJ Loehle, C’08; Samantha Willox, Dana Collins, Justin Brackett and Matt Logie, all C’09.

Kirsten (Toth) Van Wagner, C’06, and Corey Van Wagner
March 4, 2006
Mary Camille (Schantz) Brown, C’83, and Joseph Bardi
Amelia Anne
Nov. 24, 2006

Louise (Farmer) Stahl, C’90, and
Paul Stahl, C’98
Jacob Daniel
Feb. 22, 2007

Melissa (Flint) Earle, C’91, and
Walter Earle
Robert
Nov. 6, 2006

Pamela (Walsh) and Steven
Lynch, both C’91
William Gerald
Dec. 2005

Jennifer (Gaul) Mills, C’92, and
Andy Mills
Brendan
March 8, 2006

Michelle (Harris) Single, C’92, and
Tom Single
Garrett Thomas
July 10, 2005

Bridget (Hanlon) Cooper, C’94,
and Christian Cooper
Fintan James
Aug. 14, 2007

Mary (Mitcherling) Hurdle, C’94,
and Peter Hurdle
Kelley Elizabeth and Blake Ryan
Dec. 12, 2006

Jen (Beverungen) and Dave
Hogue, both C’95
Dylan Michael
March 8, 2007
Pictured above with big brother
Jacob Michael (3)

Liz (Cavanagh) Kaliski, C’95, and
Drew Kaliski
Grady Patrick
Nov. 16, 2006

Kristen (Hazel) and James
Stevenson, both C’95
Molly Hazel
May 31, 2006

Jennifer (Logan) and Chris
Fletcher, both C’96
Braeden Christopher
March 11, 2007

Jennifer (Dowd) Lynch, C’97,
and Steve Lynch
Katie Alice
Jan. 8, 2007
Pictured with big brother Andy

Jennifer (Demcsak) Zona, C’97,
and Thomas Zona
Lucia (Lucy) Gail
April 22, 2007

Tina (Martini) Bergman, C’98,
and Brad Bergman
Allison Marie
March 1, 2007

John Fay, C’98, and Meghan
Fay
Colin Houston
May 12, 2006

Mary (McNamara) Maguire, C’98,
and Brion Maguire
Jane McManus
June 23, 2007

Jimi Thoelen, C’98, and Tanya
Thoelen
Tyler James
Sept. 10, 2007

Kelly (Burke) Everhardt, C’99,
and Brandon Everhardt
Luke
July 26, 2007

Kevin J. Kalis, C’99, and Anne
(Stocker) Kalis, C’00
Margaret (Maggie) Patricia
Aug. 9, 2006

John Cleary III, C’00, and
Jennifer (Sealing) Cleary, C’01
John Cleary IV
March 22, 2007

Kathleen (Williams) and Michael
Hawkins, both C’00
Meredith Theresa
Oct. 7, 2006

Charlotte (Horning) and Scott
Ryan, both C’03
Brady Lawrence
Dec. 5, 2006

Kim (Keene) Christensen, C’04,
and Erik Christensen, C’05
Rebecca Mele
Dec. 4, 2006

Jennifer (Firlie) Dunn, C’95, and
Lt. Col. Brian Dunn
Thomas Joseph (TJ)
Dec. 14, 2006

Jennifer resigned from
her position as director of
development for the College of
Liberal Arts at the University
of Texas at El Paso so that she
could be a stay-at-home mom. Her
husband is currently deployed
in southwest Asia in support of
Operation Iraqi Freedom. The
family is anxiously awaiting their
reunion, which will take place in
February 2008.
ATLANTA

Chapter President: Mike Kane, C’68
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We are working to revitalize the Atlanta Chapter of the National Alumni Association! Mike Kane, C’68, was joined by several Mount alumni at an Atlanta Braves game in September, and other events are in the works. If you have an idea for an event, or if you would like to help out with the chapter, please contact Mike. Don’t forget to save the date for the Bicentennial Atlanta Celebration on Sept. 17, 2008.

CONNECTICUT

Chapter President: Romas Lukauskas, C’75
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The annual Donald P. Quinn Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament took place in June this year at the Lyman Orchards Golf Course. All proceeds benefited the Connecticut Chapter Scholarship. This year’s recipient of the scholarship was Robert Plumb, C’09.

DELAWARE

Chapter President: Ellen Callahan, C’81
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The Delaware Chapter hosted two successful events this summer: a Wilmington Blue Rocks Game in June, hosted by Chapter President Ellen Callahan, C’81, and the annual Beach Picnic at Cape Henlopen State Park in July, hosted by Don Quinn, C’61.

FREDERICK

Chapter President: Evelyn Stephenson, C’00, MBA’06 | seventime@msn.com

Members of the Frederick Chapter gathered in February for a Happy Hour at Brewer’s Alley in downtown Frederick, hosted by Evelyn Stephenson, C’00, MBA’06, and Ashley (Rusk) Raiford, C’01.

PHILADELPHIA

Chapter President: Pat McGinn, C’98
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Philadelphia was a busy place to be a Mountie this fall! Several alumni participated in a “Philly Cares” volunteer day in October, organized by Erin Connolly, C’05. Later that month Philadelphia area Mounties gathered for a Chapter Mass followed by brunch at Shanachie Irish Pub & Restaurant, owned by Ed Egan, C’77. Back by popular demand this fall was also the Philly Boat House Row Party, hosted by Chapter President Pat McGinn, C’98.

READING, PA

Chapter President: Scott Hoover, C’77
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The Reading group gathered in August to take in a Reading Phillies game, hosted by Chapter President Scott Hoover, C’77.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Chapter President: Anthony Solazzo, C’00
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The Washington, D.C. Chapter has continued to hold its monthly happy hours, which are hosted by Chapter President Anthony Solazzo and Vice President Katie Sherman, both C’00, in addition to monthly “Adopt a Grandparent” days at the Manor Care Nursing Home in Silver Spring. Local alumni also gathered for a Chapter Mass at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kensington in November, which was celebrated by Fr. Mark Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Tom O’Hara, C’64, and his wife, Patti, were among those in attendance.

BALTIMORE

Chapter President: Stephanie (Lopez) Anderson, C’00
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The Baltimore Chapter has been very busy in 2007! Joanne (Weed) McShalley, C’83, brought together several Mounties to participate in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Baltimore in March, and in May the chapter held its first golf tournament, which was a great success. Dave Gabor, C’90, and his committee did a great job organizing the event. All proceeds from the tournament went directly to support the Baltimore Chapter Scholarship. This year’s recipient of the scholarship was Amanda Presti, C’08. Anyone interested in helping plan next year’s tournament, please contact Rob Herb, C’78, at rahtc@termship.com. Once again the Baltimore Chapter’s Annual Crab Feast had a great turnout, and more than 250 alumni and friends were in attendance at the Orioles Bullpen Party in September.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN

Chapter President: Tom Cahill, C’87 | thomas_cahill@ml.com

The big event for the New York Chapter this fall was a social at O’Lunney’s on October 20, following the Bicentennial Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Karen Imbach, C’90, hosted this event.
“Hello, Paul. Is the pizza ready?”

GIVING OUR HEARTS AWAY

By Father Paul V. Redmond, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy

At last April’s honors breakfast Father Paul Redmond, who has been at the Mount for 52 years, spoke to Mount philosophy and English majors. His entire talk, which speaks to the Mountaineer in all of us, may be found at www.msmary.edu/redmond. Excerpts follow.

In your lifelong pursuit of wisdom may you seek whatever is beautiful, true and good and remain ever hopeful as you give your hearts away.

In my early twenties, I began to discover the only way for me to live was “to give my heart away.” In continuing to do so, despite the pain at times, I remain solidly an optimist. ...

As a newly minted priest, when I had barely got my feet wet, I was startled by a request that challenged me and changed my life. Sight unseen, I was invited to join the faculty at Mount St. Mary’s College. The telegram from the president (Monsignor John Sheridan) read, “Bring your car and your philosophy books.” I came, saw and was conquered. ...

Perhaps my students too would learn as I did, that in reading Plato and other philosophers they would come to admit their ignorance and become uncomfortable enough with this felt lack of knowledge to seek the truth of things ... to admit to themselves their own prejudices and hopefully move beyond them. Maybe this too would become their lifelong habit. ...

Many times students and I would meet in my quarters in the dorm to discuss life in general or at the Mount. We spent long night hours discussing Graham Greene or Evelyn Waugh, Shakespeare or Dostoevsky. ...

In such giving of my heart I find that I need to pause, to reflect that I am trying to move beyond the self I think I am to the self that I really am. Philosophy has remained essential to my growth. ...

After I retired 17 years ago I took all the German and Spanish courses at the Mount. I continued to feel a need to grow. I wanted somehow to excite a similar desire in others. ...

I’m fascinated by the ways in which music conveys meaning, and in the past year I discovered another way to give my heart away. Students and teacher-friends have come to my home on Friday evenings to listen to DVD presentations of various operas. ...

Deep friendships formed at the Mount with students and teachers regularly quickened and developed my ability to study and to teach. A few intimate friends continue to help me to grow into my true self—the self as loved by the Father, through Jesus, in the Spirit. ...

In my wanting to deepen my love for learning and sharing still more I recently began a program of reading again those giants of yesteryear: The Nobel Prize winner Sigrid Undset with her majestic tale of sin and redemption “Kristin Lavransdatter,” Dostoevsky with his searing insights in “The Brothers Karamazov,” Dante and Shakespeare, Austen and Pushkin, Plato, Augustine and Nietzsche—the list goes on. I only hope I can continue to share my insights with others—be they intimate friends on and off the campus or new acquaintances whom I meet in parish service. I need them to continue to share their insights with me.

And may students, who are always welcome at my home, wander in—not to say “Goodbye, Mr. Chips”; rather, “Hello, Paul, is the pizza ready? What are you reading now?”

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I pray: May you always have a healthy sense of doubt and not be afraid to question yourself, anyone and any institution—religious, educational, or civil. In your lifelong pursuit of wisdom may you seek whatever is beautiful, true and good and remain ever hopeful as you give your hearts away. May a few intimate friends assist you as you grow deeply into your true, unique self as the “beloved of God.”
Bicentennial Gifts

The following items will be for sale during the Bicentennial and can be purchased at the University Bookstore at 301-447-5271 or during on campus Bicentennial events.

**Bicentennial Print**
Carol Dyer, artist, painter and printmaker, was commissioned to create a rendering of our campus that is a nostalgic view of our beautiful mountain home. Print size is 24 x 36 inches.

**Cost:**
- $100 signed prints,
- $50 unsigned prints

**Bicentennial Coffee Table Book**
Since the founding of Mount St. Mary’s University in 1808, we have cataloged a number of images representing our remarkable history and beautiful campus. This coffee table book captures the contemporary spirit of Mount St. Mary’s University over the past two years. Dan Beigel’s award winning photographs have been published in National Geographic, Time, Time-Life Books and Life: The Year in Pictures (1999).

**Cost:** $50

**Historic Documentary**
The Emmy Award winning team of Virginia Wolf Productions and MVI Post have completed the work on an historic documentary that highlights our rich history at Mount St. Mary’s University.

**Cost of DVD:** $20

*Order forms are available at the University Bookstore or online at www.msmmary.edu/bicentennial*
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Upcoming EVENTS

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For details on chapter events, visit www.msmary.edu/alumnievents
Or call the alumni office at 877-630-6102.
For details on seminary events, visit www.msmary.edu/seminary
Or call the seminary alumni and development office at 301-447-5017.
For Grotto events, visit www.msmary.edu/grotto
The Mount is making headlines! TV coverage of the three-day bicentennial kick-off in August … radio interviews with Mount faculty experts on everything from Mother Teresa to the upcoming presidential elections … and more! Check out recent news coverage at www.msmary.edu/inthenews.

JANUARY 2008
Thursday, Jan. 24
Washington, D.C. Chapter
- Happy Hour

FEBRUARY 2008
Friday, Feb. 8 – Sunday, Feb. 10
Mount 2008: Seek the Face of Christ, a Eucharistic retreat for young people www.mount2008.com
Thursday, Feb. 21
Washington, D.C. Chapter
- Happy Hour

MARCH 2008
Thursday, March 6 – Saturday, March 8
Callings Conference www.msmary.edu/callings
Saturday, March 15
Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
Sunday, March 16
Baltimore Chapter – Baltimore St. Patrick’s Day Parade

APRIL 2008
Friday, April 11
Acolyte Installation Mass

Friday, April 25
Lector Installation Mass

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS
For details and updates, visit www.msmary.edu/bicentennial or call 301-447-3416.
†Indicates an on-campus event.

WINTER 2008
Bicentennial Wilmington Celebration
Jan. 15
†Bicentennial Men’s and Women’s Basketball Challenge and Men’s Centennial Celebration, Winter Homecoming
Feb. 2
National Alumni Association, Winter Meeting
Feb. 2
Bicentennial West Palm Beach Celebration
Feb. 20
Bicentennial Naples Celebration
Feb. 21
Bicentennial Tampa Celebration
Feb. 22

SPRING 2008
Bicentennial San Francisco Celebration
March 5
Bicentennial San Diego Celebration
March 7
Sports Hall of Fame
March 15
Bicentennial Philadelphia Celebration
March 26
St. Joseph’s Alumnae Dinner
March 29
†Academic Symposium
April 2-5
With author and poet Patricia Hampl, Regents Professor, University of Minnesota
Trip to Rome
April 6-16
†Invitational Track Championship and Centennial Celebration
April 19
Congressional Luncheon, Washington, D.C.
April 24
National Alumni Association, Spring Meeting
April 26

†Bicentennial Stamp Card Dedication Ceremony and Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert
April 26
Bicentennial Hartford Celebration
April 30
Mount on the Potomac Celebratory Event with Class of 2008
May 9
†Bicentennial Commencement
May 11

SUMMER 2008
†Bicentennial Reunion Weekend
June 6-8
Greaseband from Southern New Jersey performing
Presidential Trip to Costa Rica
June 28 – July 8
Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia
July 10
Bicentennial Frederick Celebration
Aug. 28

†Bicentennial Stamp Card Dedication Ceremony and Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert
April 26
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FALL 2008
†Remnant Trust Foundation Fall
Hosting of rare collection of first edition manuscripts
†Academic Symposium
September
Bicentennial Atlanta Celebration
Sept. 17
Bicentennial Boston Celebration
Sept. 24
†Priests Reunion
Oct. 8 & 9
†Marian Symposium
Oct. 9, 10 & 11
Closing Gala
Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel
Oct. 11
†Closing Mass
Oct. 12

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