



Jamaican Mission Experience BE-Coming One in Jamaica

By Marlene Decker

In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things came into being, not one thing came into being except through Him. What has come into being in Him was life, life that was the light of men; and light shines in darkness, and darkness could not overpower it.

For twenty-eight years I have had the privilege of working in the Business Office at Divine Word College. During those years I have heard of the importance of creating community and of being open to other cultures and peoples. As one who is a support staff member of the DWC community, I have had limited experience of this. However, in February of this year, my husband Jay and I traveled to Jamaica as part of the Alumni Mission Experience and had a most memorable experience of creating community.



Larry Corbus, Elton Portous, Bob & Linda DeGroot, DeWayne "Buzz" Heinzen, Jay & Marlene Decker, standing in front of the home they built for Elton.

John's Gospel, the favorite passage of St. Arnold Janssen. Then we "visitors" were invited to tell our stories. Thus, Jay and I became acquainted with Larry Corbus, a retired librarian; Buzz Heinzen who has started his own construction company; Bob DeGroot, an early retiree who volunteers at his local St. Vincent DePaul Society and Linda, Bob's wife, who works as a nurse. During our sharing, "Bob Marley" (aka Bro. Bernie Spitzley, SVD) appeared and introduced us to the Jamaican culture and challenged us to put aside our American way of doing things and embrace the Jamaican way! I'm very glad we received such advice.

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Our experience began with an inspiring prayer service centered on the Prologue of

5th Annual Perrysburg Alumni Reunion

A blow by blow update

By Nick Schroeder (Perrysburg '65/Epworth 1965-66)

Editor's Note: The following account of this year's Annual Perrysburg Alumni Reunion are excerpts taken from four e-mails sent by Nick Schroeder to several Perrysburg alums.

Early Report: It was an 8:08 AM tee time this morning [Friday, April 16, 2004]. Mike Cousins, Jim Grilliot and I took on the Forrest Creason Golf Course and I don't need to tell you who won [right, Jim]. In addition to the professional level of play exhibited by the three class of '65 golfers, Bob Engemann (who spent the night on the road driving in from Missouri) joined us to provide sage advice and was, as usual, a major distraction and pain in the [you know where].

The planned road-trip [to find some old classmates] is on hold. Paul Kamann went into hiding and Fr. Mike Schelling had to go out of town today — or so he said. This is the last time we warn our victims before we schedule a visit. If you are within 200 miles, keep in mind that we gather at Tony Packo's tonight at 6:30. It's informal. Everyone is welcome.

Reunion 2004 Update: [Fr.] Dan Bauer, close your eyes, you do not want to read this paragraph. The food and camaraderie at Tony Packo's last night were both superb.



MaryJo & Frank Antelek, Sharon and Fred Bayer, Tony Westhoven, George & Mary Irish join the fun.

I ordered the "Bunker Buster Special," which gave me a huge cup of the excellent Tony Packo's Chicken Chili, a side dish of wonderfully aromatic kraut and a MOAD. The MOAD, or Mother Of All Dogs, is a sixteen inch Hungarian sausage which I, to keep this a "healthy" Atkins meal, ordered without MOAB (Mother of all Buns). The MOAD came smothered in a pool of chili sauce and diced onion. It was wonderful and I ate it all. Others found delight in the stuffed cabbage, the paprikash, the roast beef platter (for those less inclined to challenge their digestive tracts with Hungarian spices) and the regular sized version of Tony Packo's Hungarian hot dogs. John Uhal also had a Bunker Buster Special.

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A Note from the Director's Desk

This issue of *Word Winds* is a year-in-review edition. While the newsletter is normally published three times a year, the issue you have in hand right now summarizes all of last year's alumni gatherings. From the Jamaica Mission Experience in February to the annual alumni dinner at Techny in November, you will have a chance to catch up on all the events that drew SVD alumni together from near and far. The "Alumni Tidbits" feature was not included in this issue because only one new tidbit was submitted. Please send the Alumni Office an update of what has been happening in your life to be included in the next issue. And send a picture to go along with the text.



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As 2005 begins to unfold, the SVD Alumni Association continues to evolve. For starters, we have a new URL for our website. Visit us on the web at: www.svdalumni.org. We will also begin to post this newsletter, *Word Winds*, on the website. You will be able to view it as a pdf file. That will allow us to send it to you via e-mail if you prefer. If you would prefer to receive *Word Winds* via e-mail, please contact me and I will add you to the list. As the year moves along, we hope to be able to provide more features on the website, including some periodic spiritual reflections.

We have also made some changes to our alumni gatherings. First, the annual reunion in Perrysburg, Ohio, was moved from April to June. We hope that the summertime date will allow more alumni to join us. Second, for this year we have canceled the alumni picnic at Techny usually scheduled in early June. In the past, we have had three annual events at Techny. By eliminating one, we hope to increase attendance at the golf outing and the annual dinner. Third, we will hold alumni gatherings again this year at Bordentown and Epworth. Watch for more details. Finally, we will be further evaluating the annual gathering in Girard. A survey will go out to all Girard alumni and others in the area about potential changes. Watch for the survey and other new options for this event.

Thank you for your continued support of the SVD Alumni Association and the work of the Society. Alumni have been helping support the work of the SVD in many ways. From donations to specific SVD houses, parishes and missions, to referrals of potential candidates to the Vocation Office, alumni continue to assist in the work of the SVD. Our association is a good way for us to partner with the Society in the missionary work of the Church. Please continue to stay in touch with the Alumni Office. I hope to see you this year at one of our many alumni gatherings!

Six Ordained at Techny by Archbishop John Bukovsky, SVD

Six Divine Word Missionaries were ordained priests on June 5, 2004, by Archbishop John Bukovsky, SVD, at Techny, Illinois. The Bishop was the first Papal Nuncio to Federated Russia, serving from 1994 to 2000.

In preparation for priestly ministry, the six men earned Master of Divinity degrees at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Some had prior education and work experience before joining the SVD. Fr. Herman Manuel, for example, was a registered pharmacist, and Fr. Carlos Maria de Guzman has an MBA and worked as a CFO and VP of finance for two companies.

These six new SVD priests illustrate the multicultural charism of the Society of the Divine Word. Three are from the Philippines, two are from Vietnam and one from Russia. The first assignments for these new ordinands include Spain, Papua New Guinea, and the United States.



Photo by Kathleen Morgan

The Ordination Class of 2004 (bottom row from left): Carlos Maria de Guzman, Thang Cao Hoang, John Hung Le, Archbishop John Bukovsky, SVD, Andrej Petr Poukhaev, Herman Emilio Manuel and Carlos Macatangga. Top Row: Fr. Mark Schramm, SVD, Vice Rector and Director of Ministry; Fr. Quang Duc Dinh, SVD, Director of Formation and Associate programs; Fr. Ed Peklo, SVD, Rector of Divine Word Theologate; and Very Rev. Thomas Krosnicki, SVD, Provincial.



My Experience of the Holy Spirit*

By Fr. John Musinsky, SVD



Fr. John Musinsky, SVD
Girard '35/'37
Techny '44

The richness of the Holy Spirit that I have experienced is rooted in three Scripture passages.

John 7:37-39: *On the last day, the great day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me! Let anyone who believes in me come and drink! As Scripture says: 'From his heart shall flow streams of*

living water.'" He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive...

I saw in these words of Jesus an invitation to come to him and drink deeply of his Spirit. I decided to accept the invitation. Every morning as part of my prayer I began to say: "Lord, I am thirsty. Lord, I believe in you. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I desire to drink deeply of these streams of living water, to drink deeply of your Spirit." Soon I sensed a new élan in my life: my prayer became more animated, my contact with God throughout the day more consistent, my desire to serve others deeper and more genuine. It is not that I have reached the goal on these three areas of Christian life—that is still far away—but I sense a new vigor and a new hope in my efforts.

Romans 8:26-27: *As well as this, the Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness, for, when we do not know how to pray properly, then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us in groans that cannot be put into words; and he who can see into all hearts knows what the Spirit means because the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God.*

I did not know how to pray properly. There were times when my efforts to pray were at a dead-end. I felt that I was just wasting time. Doing anything else seemed to be more meaningful. Relying on Romans 8:26-27, I began to ask the Spirit to come to me in my weakness to help me in my prayer. And I discovered that when I asked him to come, he came. When I asked him to help me, he helped. My prayer improved. It became less formal and more personal.

Acts of the Apostles

What a difference the coming of the Holy Spirit made in the apostles! Their world had collapsed with the death of Christ and not even the appearances of the Risen Lord were able to raise them from their dejection. They hid. He came, allowed them to touch his wounds. Still they were

incredulous. He appeared again a week later. They were still behind locked doors. On the day of the Ascension they asked: "Lord, has the time come for you to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). They were still thinking in terms of the Old Law; they had understood nothing.

Jesus told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit: "You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come on you, and then you will be my witnesses...to earth's remotest end" (Acts 1:8). At Pentecost they received the Holy Spirit and what a difference it made! Peter got up immediately and boldly preached Christ, whom the Jews had crucified, the Christ who had risen from the dead. Three thousand persons were baptized on that first day.

From Pentecost on, the disciples were transformed. They preached Christ boldly, fearing no threats. They rejoiced to be able to suffer for the sake of Christ. The Church grew and spread rapidly. The proclamation of the Gospel, pastoral duties, prayer life, care for the poor—the entire life of the Church was pervaded and formed, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Disciples, like Peter and Stephen, were described as being filled with the Spirit in their speech and actions. Barnabas was called a good man and full of the Holy Spirit. Ananias was sent to Paul that he might recover his sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

It was the Spirit who set Paul and Barnabas aside for missionary work. When the first great crisis of the Church occurred, the dispute over the need for circumcision for salvation, it was from the Holy Spirit that the solution came. Peter explained to the leaders of the Church assembled in Jerusalem how in the case of Cornelius the Spirit had made no distinction between Jew and Gentile and neither should they make one. The decision of the first general council of the Church read: "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to impose on you any burden beyond these essentials" (Acts 15:28). It goes on to list specific laws regarding food restrictions and illicit marriages but does not require that Gentiles be circumcised.

The Spirit took hold of the early Church, opened the riches of Christ to her and transformed her into the efficacious instrument for the salvation of the world that she was. And the Holy Spirit is as powerful today as he was then—if only we would open ourselves to him and give him the opportunity to do the things he would like to do in us.

I hope that my experience of the Spirit may help others who have not yet done so give the Holy Spirit his rightful place alongside the Father and the Son in their lives.

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Writers Welcomed

Thank you, Fr. John, for submitting an article for this issue of *Word Winds!*

We are looking for other alumni, lay and religious, to contribute to this regular feature in the newsletter.

If you are interested in writing an article for the Spirituality Column, please contact the Alumni Office.



East Troy Alumni Retreat

An Experience of Trappist Spirituality

By Patrick Leddy, (East Troy '65/Epworth 1965-66)

For the past twenty years, alumni from the early to mid-1960s of the Divine Word Seminary High School in East Troy, WI, have held a retreat during the first full weekend of March. This year, fourteen people



Greg Laka, Jr., Peter Amelse, David Gorecki, Jim Weidner, Jerome Kowalski, Greg Laka, Sr., Fr. Bernie Fisher, SVD, Gene O'Hern, Pete Brady, Larry Lulay and Pat Leddy were among this year's attendees.

attended the retreat—twelve alumni and one of them with his son and son-in-law. This year I was the retreat master, and I decided to do something a bit different.

I have always held a fascination for the Trappists, mainly because of Thomas Merton, but also because a few members of the SVD have left the Society to join the monastery. Among them was Father Matt Kelty, who used to say Mass on supply duty at my parish, St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois, when I was a kid. (He was a friend of Merton and the same age, now 87 years old). So I proposed to do a Trappist-style retreat, centered on meditation and the Hours of the Divine Office, which the monks pray seven times a day—nights included!

We all met Friday, March 5th at the Divine Word Residence. We had our evening meal as a small community after the SVD priests and brothers finished their meal, but all our other meals were with the SVD community. This afforded us the opportunity to sit and visit with some very interesting and dedicated men.

I chose a number of Fr. Matt Kelty's homilies (which can be found on the Gethsemani website) and writings and audio tapes of Thomas Merton to generate "talking points." Our retreats have been somewhat "free-form" in

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The main objective of our trip was to build a house for Mr. Elton Portous, a dedicated member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Morant Bay. I was surprised that one could live in such a shack and was happy to know that with the help of neighbors, we would be giving him a solid new house. Under the direction of Max Smith, Bro. Bernie's right-hand man, we tore down the old "house" which took us all of ten minutes and began digging and lining the trench for a new foundation. An important part of the process is to appease the ancestors. This is done by spraying from one's mouth 100 proof white rum over

the direction they have taken, and this one was no exception. Even a few stalwart retreatants rose in the middle of the night (3:00 AM!) to recite Lauds...quietly.

I made up a booklet with the generous assistance of Greg Laka's wife, Carole. It consisted of about sixty pages of material, most of which I found on the internet. Included were the origins and descriptions of the Hours of the Divine Office. I also included some of Merton's writings and poems. We listened to a couple of tapes of Merton's classes to his novices and of a presentation he gave to fellow contemplatives in Bangkok, Thailand, shortly before he died in 1968. We also viewed tapes regarding Thomas Merton and the Trappist lifestyle, provided by the library at Divine Word College in Epworth.

One traditional highlight of the weekend occurs on Saturday night: weather permitting, we build a large bonfire. A few sprinkles fell this year, but the traditional fire was held. We also said night prayers outside down by Artillery Hill, under the stars. On Sunday we had Mass and a closing session, ending our retreat at noon.

I'd like to say a word of thanks to the brothers, priests and staff at the residence for allowing us to have our annual retreat. They have always been most welcoming to our group. When I decided on this topic, I knew it would be a new experience for our group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow alumni for their great attitude and cooperation in making this retreat work.

the ground! Yes, we all enjoyed partaking in this ritual. Next we started to mix cement by hand, a most labor intensive task, which calls on many hands to make the job lighter. This is where I began to see the importance of community.

Sitting under a tree with a child on my lap, I witnessed how everyone pitched in. Whether it was mixing cement, hauling buckets of concrete to block layers, or joining in song, which is so much a part of the Jamaican culture,

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everyone helped out. Sitting with a child and spending time with her and learning from her was oh, so precious.

Every evening we re-lived the experience of the day. Yes, we were tired from the physical work, but energized in the spirit of the people who come together and helped each other. In the sharing, we as a group also started to become a community. The camaraderie and spirit of the SVD community (Fr. Pierre Tevi-Bennisan, SVD, Fr. Adam Oleszczuk, SVD, and Bro. Bernie) soon became infectious with us!

With the help of a “Food for the Poor” crew (Food for the Poor is an international nonprofit organization that provides housing and food to those in need), we completed the house. After a small prayer service led by Linda, we gave Elton the key to his new house. Ritualizing our efforts, this was an emotional moment for me and the local people in building a house in three days time! The rest of our time was spent visiting some of the self-sufficiency programs started by the SVD and seeing the new communities being created in Sommerset and Danvers Pen where over 150 houses have been built in the past year. Yes, communities are being formed in Jamaica.

On Saturday we had a day to play and experience some of the tourist spots of Jamaica. As nice as it was to see the beautiful scenery and enjoy jerk cooked food, we all were happy to return to the civil parish of St. Thomas and be with the people there. Sunday was a day of celebration with a spirit-filled mass and visits with the people. The day ended with a concert in Port Morant, one of the three churches staffed by the SVD. Here we were able to partake in the rich display of songs and dance of the people. No one can attend a concert in Jamaica and not become part of the experience – clapping hands, swaying to the rhythms!

The most memorable day for me was Monday. The six of us were on our own to make repairs on a house for two elderly ladies. Again, we were able to become one with the people in our repair work. In the afternoon, we visited the homebound. A most impressive person was Mr. Stewart, who has been confined to his bed for over ten years. He is blind and can move only his arms, but that is all he needs to sing and share his faith with any one who visits him. I

left his little home, giving thanks to God for the health I have and resolving not to complain when I do get little aches and pain. Eventually we ended up in Golden Grove, a small community of sugar cane cutters. Here for over two years, the SVD and three faithful parishioners have been doing Bible Sharing with the community. The sessions began, as always, with singing. The children loved to perform for us and oh, could they sing!



Jay Decker piles cinder blocks in preparation for laying the home's foundation.

After the opening prayer, we were divided into various groups, the youngest to color the pictures we provided for them and learn a Bible story, while the older ones in groups met to listen to God’s word and to share how that word is alive for us today. It is obvious this community looks forward to Mondays, for the chance to come together to pray, to share, to have fun, and to learn the Bible. Before we could leave we had to take pictures with the children. I’m reminded of the love the children have for the leaders who are so faithful to them.

Yes, there is a community taking place in Golden Grove.

On return we ate and had our evaluation. Anyone who has been a part of the Jamaican Mission Experience has to walk away with a feeling of community, of *being* together. This crystallizing takes place in many ways – through prayer, sharing and of course in *being* present to each, as the SVD are to the people they serve.

For six visitors, we became one with the people and each of us is a better person because of this experience! Thank you to all who made this experience a reality – one I will never forget!



Marlene Decker meets with parishioners in a small group for bible study and faith sharing

Canonization Films Available

VHS and DVD copies of the canonization ceremony of Sts. Arnold, Joseph and Dominic are now available.

A documentary by Fr. Jim Pawlicki, SVD, of the various canonization events has also been produced.

Cost:

3-hour ceremony: \$25

45-minute documentary: \$20

Both: \$40



Hope for Jamaica

By Larry Corbus (Girard 1964-66)

One mission, three churches, two priests, one brother, six volunteers, one house, and thousands of friendly Jamaicans add up to one great life-affirming experience.

On February 10, 2004, Buzz Heinzen, Jay and Marlene Decker, Bob and Linda Degroot, and I arrived in Jamaica for a week of work at the mission in St. Thomas Civil Parish, one of the poorest regions in Jamaica.

The schedule, carefully laid out by Bro. Bernie Spitzley, SVD, was unfolded to us at an evening orientation session. He introduced us to Father Pierre and Father Adam, both Divine Word Missionaries, who immediately made us feel at home. We then had our first of many great meals prepared by their housekeeper, Arlene. Later that evening, Bernie explained the work we would be doing and some of the unique qualities of the Jamaican culture. Later that night we retired to our rooms. We had very nice accommodations, despite the need for mosquito nets, since there are no screens on the windows, and the absence of hot water. We were soon introduced to the plentiful population of neighborhood dogs that serenaded us three to four times a night, every night!

Early the next morning, we went to Mass and began to witness first-hand the good work of Fr. Adam and Fr. Pierre in building and maintaining a loving and caring congregation. For the next two days we worked on preparing the foundation for a new home. We tore down the existing house, removed the rubble, then worked with Bernie and Max, the mason, on digging the footers, moving the stone, mixing mortar and concrete, and pouring the footers and the floors, all with help of an array of local volunteers. The next day we assisted the crew from *Food for the Poor* (an international, nonprofit organization that supplies homes and food for those in need). With Bob as their right hand man, a 12 x 18-foot house was built and painted in less than one day.

After this, we didn't think it could get any better. It did. We toured on Saturday. Father Pierre presided at Sunday Mass and Jay spoke eloquently to the congregation about how pleased we were to be in their home. A small group with a drummer trained by Father Pierre provided much of the music. We then went on some visits with Bro. Bernie. It was easy to see the impact of his work when we walked through a village and were greeted with "Brother Bernie! Brother Bernie!" People everywhere wanted to talk to Bro. Bernie. Many came to thank him for the help he has provided, others to seek his help. It became clear that what Fr. Pierre, Fr. Adam and Bro. Bernie provide

is hope to people who do not have much opportunity to hope.



Bob and Linda DeGroot enjoy a little R & R at a local beach after a week of hard work.

In partnering with *Food for the Poor*, the SVD mission has helped nearly 500 Jamaicans receive small, new, clean homes. Many do not have electricity and most do not have water, but all come with a renewed sense of pride. Later that night we had another fabulous opportunity to share in the pure joy of the Jamaican people when we attended a concert sponsored by the mission. Father Pierre and Father Adam put together great opportunities for locals to show their talent through their music and to once again provide hope and pride. The concert was a true blessing.

Participants of all ages signed up and several performed numerous times and with several different groups. It played to a standing-room-only crowd and it was the event of the community. What was clear to us as visitors was the sense of pride displayed by the participants as well as the audience.

The next day we were off to repair a house on our own, and under the leadership of Buzz, we did significant good to a house built before the SVD involvement. Later that day we visited the sick with prayer, song and communion. It happened again: we

gave so little to the people and received much in return. First we visited a hospital. Linda, with a health care background, took a particular interest in the hospital patients. We then visited several homes. One gentleman bedridden for over ten years helped us appreciate all we have by sharing his inner peace. He even sang for us. An arthritic woman sang and danced. They had very little but were very happy.



Larry Corbus worked with the parish youth group while in Jamaica.

Alumni Search

Each week, new names are added to the alumni database. There are many alumni who are not receiving this newsletter or other alumni mailings because we do not have their current addresses. Please send the names and addresses of all alumni and former lay faculty/staff which you may have in your address book. This would be very helpful. Just because you have the addresses does not mean the Alumni Office has them. Thank you!



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Later that afternoon, we attended a Bible study group with some of the parishioners and children ages 1-17. It turned into a celebration. The joy of the children coloring for Jay and Bob, Marlene and Linda guiding them in Bible study, Buzz taking and sharing pictures, and Bernie leading them in song only begins to explain the three hours we spent. It was an unbelievably receptive group of kids who wanted to talk, who wanted to share, who needed and craved attention. It was a remarkable outpouring of unpretentious

affection that made all of us certain our time in Jamaica was so, so worth every minute. The next day we went to Mass, had our last breakfast of Marlene's scrambled eggs, and said goodbye to Frs. Pierre and Adam before Bro. Bernie took us to the airport. As we left the van, we all realized the great gifts we had been given and were especially mindful of the gift of sharing in the work of the SVD. We came to build a simple house... we left building a family of friends. We all want to do more – we will do more.

Annual Gathering in Orange County, California Alumni, Benefactors, Current and Future Students Gather

On July 18, 2004, over 400 people gathered at the Vietnamese Catholic Center in Orange County, California. This event started several years ago. Originally, Divine Word College in Epworth organized the gathering as a way of bringing together some of the students and their families during the summertime. This annual event is currently co-sponsored by Divine Word College, the National Vocation Office and the SVD Alumni Association.



Novice Linh Tran helps set up chairs for Mass.



Many enjoyed the social and meal following the Mass. Pictured here are Sr. Mary Miller, SSpS with her brother, Fr. Joe Miller, SVD, Provincial of the Western Province, student Lam Tran and alumnus Dat Dinh.

The annual gathering still pulls together current Epworth students and their families. Now, many college benefactors attend the event as well. Alumni have attended the gathering for years. And recently, the Vocation Office has been inviting prospective students to attend the annual Mass and dinner. It is a great way for potential students to learn about Divine Word Missionaries and to meet the people who make up the community and support the mission of the SVD. While Vietnamese is the primary language of the day, all alumni and supporters are invited to this annual event.



Many SVD's were in attendance at this year's gathering. Back Row: Br. Bernard Dorade, Fr. Nick Hien Nguyen, Fr. John Hue Tran, Fr. Khien Luu, Fr. Walt Miller and Fr. Sonny Nguyen. Front Row: Fr. Thu Pham, Fr. Thang Hoang, Fr. Quang Duc Dinh, Fr. Binh Nguyen and Br. Stephen Kerekes.



Alumni/Vocation Director Len Uhal with DWC students Lam Tran and Thang Cao. Both students assisted the Vocation Office during the summer 2004.



Alumni Dinner Held at Techny Fr. John Musinsky, SVD Honored

Almost 40 alumni and guests gathered at Techny Towers on November 20, 2004, to pay tribute to Fr. John Musinsky, SVD,



Fr. John Musinsky, SVD, with Bob Miles and Bill Messink.

the only American to serve as Superior General for the Society of the Divine Word.

The evening began with Fr. John presiding at the African Chapel on the third floor of the Towers.

A social followed in the Indonesian Room before a buffet dinner. Afterward, Alumni Director Len Uhal introduced the honoree by noting that Fr. John, originally from Farrell, PA, entered studies for the SVD in Girard in 1931. He completed four years of high school (Class of '35) and two years of college at Girard. Fr. John entered novitiate in 1937 and professed first vows in 1939. He completed college and theology studies, professed final vows in 1943, and was ordained in 1944.

Following Len's brief introduction, Fr. Ray Quetchenbach, SVD, spoke about Fr. John's contributions to the Society as well as to the Universal Church. Fr. Ray outlined the various positions Fr. John held since his ordination. Fr. John taught briefly at East Troy while waiting to go to Rome to begin further studies. From 1946 to 1947 he studied Dogmatic Theology at Gregorian University, and from 1947 to 1949 he taught Philosophy at St. Augustine's Seminary in Germany. Fr. John returned to the U.S. and was the Prefect of Scholastics at Techny from 1949 to 1961. He was then assigned as Prefect of Scholastics at Bay St. Louis – a post he held for three

months before he was Clerical Novice Director at Conesus, a position he held until 1965.

From 1965 to 1967 Fr. John taught at the four-year college program opened in Epworth, Iowa. He was then elected Provincial of the Eastern Province, but his appointment to that position was also very short. A few months later, Fr. John was elected by the Society's membership as the first American Superior General, a position he held for ten years. Following his tenure as Superior General, Fr. John moved to the House of Spiritual Renewal in Nemi, Italy (about 20 miles from Rome). He served as a spiritual director for 15 years and "stayed on," as he put it, for another 11 years. Fr. John moved back to Techny in 2003. It is hard to say he retired, but he is taking it easy and keeping busy.

Others in attendance were invited to share a few words about how Fr. John and their time with the SVD may have affected them. Several tributes were made to Fr. John and other SVDs who touched the lives of former students. Many alumni recalled having Fr. John as Novice Director when they were at Conesus. These memories made it clear that Fr.

John cared for the students under his direction. He assisted them in their vocational journeys, helped them to develop their skills



Jack Schwab, Rev. Paul Brouillette, Bill Warmouth and Bob Neal

and talents, and was instrumental in forming them into the individuals they are today. Thank you Fr. John for your dedication to the Society and to the Church.

Divine Word College holds Eighty-Eighth Commencement Exercises



Photo by Sandy Wilgenbusch

Front: Damian Harris, Khanh Ngoc Tran, Phuc Nguyen, Steven Bui, Lan Tu Luong & Linh Duy Tran. Middle: Fr. Robert Pung, SVD, Commencement Speaker, Hien Minh Nguyen, Quoc Anh Nguyen & Son Ngoc Le. Back: Bro. John Wozniak, FSC, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Fr. Michael Hutchins, SVD, President, & Fr. Thomas Krosnicki, SVD, Provincial.

Nine young men graduated from Divine Word College on Saturday, May 15, 2004. Seven earned bachelor's degrees and two earned associate degrees during a ceremony which featured commencement speaker Fr. Robert Pung, SVD, who served in Rome for over 40 years.

Four graduates took the next step in their formation to become Divine Word Missionaries when they began their novitiate at Techny this past August. The two graduates earning associate degrees were accepted into the Brother Formation Program and will continue to work toward their bachelor's degrees. The three remaining graduates are pursuing further education outside of seminary formation. We wish all of them well as they continue to pursue their individual vocations.



Nine Divine Word Missionaries Profess Perpetual Vows Ordained Temporary Deacons



Photo by Kathleen Morgan

Nine men professed Perpetual Vows as Divine Word Missionaries in the Holy Spirit Chapel at Divine Word International at Techny, Illinois, on September 18, 2004. In preparation for the priesthood, they were ordained temporary deacons on October 3, 2004, at St. Cecilia parish in Mount Prospect, Illinois, by Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS, an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. These men range in age from 30 to 43 years, and come from Indonesia, the United States, Vietnam, Mexico, and China. They will complete their studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and serve the next few months as deacons in local parishes. They will be ordained priests on May 28, 2005.

Pictured here are Deacons Edmundus Sonny De Class, Darrell Kelly, Fransiskus Magung, Trung Thanh Mai, Duong Viet Nguyen, Danh Van Pham, Juan Antonio Romo-Romo, Anthony Dai Ba Thai and Paul Zuqiang Xu.

REMEMBER WHEN...

Submitted by: Jim Harvey (Miramar '50/Conesus '52/Epworth 1952-54)



This picture was taken on September 8, 1951 at St. Michael's Mission House in Conesus, New York. The picture represents three different classes: The first were those entering their second year of novitiate (Jim was in this class), the second were those professing first vows, and the third class were the new novices entering who received their cassock. The first class would have been ordained at Techny in 1959, the second class in 1960 and the third class in 1961. Most of these students were from Girard, Bordentown and Miramar. Can you pick out any familiar faces?

“Remember When...” is a feature that has appeared in several issues of *Word Winds*. There has been positive response by alumni about this column. Please continue to submit stories of your seminary days. Serious and humorous reflections are welcome. Send your stories to the alumni office today! Also, if you would like to be included in the “Tid-Bits” section, please send a short update of what has been happening with you. Include information about your family, career, hobbies, ministry, or whatever you would like others to know. Please send a photo as well. Thank You.



Alumni Gathering in Perrysburg

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It was a relatively small group – the Uhals, the Engemann clan, Mike and Kathy Cousins, Jim Grilliot and Jane, Pete Ueberroth and I, but with the amount of spices we were consuming, more might not have been better! I received an e-mail excuse from Jerry Van de Vyver who had planned to drop by Tony Packo's last night but he said he had a last minute call to umpire a college baseball game late yesterday afternoon.

The bowling recap will have to come later. I'm due at the French Quarter in a few minutes to join Bob Engemann to make another try at our road-trip adventure.

Reunion 2004 – Installment

Three: When we arrived at Timbers Bowling Lanes last night, we asked to be charged the same price as the last time we were there in 1965. However, they were not willing to provide a hot dog, pop, shoe rental and two lines of bowling for \$1.25!

Eileen Engemann was the high scorer for the evening, winning the newly instituted and highly coveted "Perrysburg Reunion Traveling Sports Trophy." I was there for the social aspects of the evening rather than



The ladies enjoyed themselves too! Pictured are Sue Uhal, Kathy Cousins, Eileen Engemann and Eileen Ueberroth.



Standing: Pat McKenna, Nick Schroeder, Marv Soleau, Bob Engemann, Pete Ueberroth & Jack Schwab. Sitting: Fr. Walt Bracken, SVD, Charlie Curro & Mike Cousins.

that's what I decided when four-year-old Jake Engemann nearly outscored me (and his grandfather). I really thought that it was unfair that only Jake and Katie Uhal got to use the bumpers. The alumni crowd consisted of me, Jake's grandfather, Bob Engemann, Mike Cousins, Jim Grilliot and Len Uhal. Other family members were present as well. Alumni present each received a beautiful wooden pen from Bobby Engemann who turned the pen bodies on his lathe. We stayed at the bowling alley much later than I would have expected, so we called it a night after the second game.

Saturday morning at 8:30, Bob Engemann and I synchronized our watches and, exercising extreme stealth and radio silence, exited the Holiday Inn parking lot for an undisclosed location. About forty minutes later we turned from Route 109 onto Road D just south of Hamler. A mile or so west of the intersection we saw an unusual sight, what appeared to be an ancient redneck farmer puttering

along on a small antique tractor. When he saw us and realized that we were not going to go away, Pete parked the tractor and put himself at our service. We had a wonderful visit and tour of the Wilhelm estate – ten acres of wooded property with a beautiful log cabin home that is just wonderful on both the inside and out. We couldn't

stay with Pete too long. He had to leave for Northwest State Community College (where he teaches) to attend a graduation. Bob wanted to get a picture of Pete in his academic regalia but Pete didn't cooperate. Other less anachronistic pictures were taken and you can see these on Charlie Curro's website.

After leaving Pete's place, Bob and I continued on our mission, heading toward Cloverdale, Ohio, and the Horstman farm. Jerry, like every farmer in the area, was taking full advantage of the unseasonably warm weather. However, he needed to go into town to get some parts for a planter in need of repair. Bob and I joined Jerry on his trip to numerous farm supply and repair shops in Ottoville and Kalida and used the drive time to get caught up on a number of the happenings in the Horstman family. After returning home with the needed parts, Bob and I tried to help the family computer expert, second grader Andy Horstman, open an electronic Easter greeting card that had been giving them trouble. It was about 1:00, time for us to head toward Nazareth Hall and also to let Jerry get back to his farming.

Final Edition: I am supposed to be writing a final exam right now, but I thought you would want to know that Charlie Curro has posted some pictures from the reunion. He also came across a few pictures from MTM2 and has those posted under "Class of '66 goes a' fishin."

The gathering at Nazareth Hall yesterday was awesome. Being there reminded me of the old sem buildings. You guys remember when we were freshmen we played the 8th graders there in basketball. It may have been the only game we won! The old school at Nazareth Hall has been remodeled as a banquet facility. The alumni group had the
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Alumni Merchandise

The alumni office has a few items for sale that may be of interest to alumni.

- Hats
- Golf Shirts
- Denim Shorts
- T-shirts
- Rugby Shirts
- Patches
- Coolie Cups
- Golf Utility Bags

All items have the SVD logo on them.

Copies of *In the Light of the Word: Divine Word Missionaries of North America* by Ernest Brandwie are also available for \$25.

Please contact the Alumni Office if you would like any of these items.



Perrysburg Reunion

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entire second floor. We used the old library for our hospitality room. The chapel was an inspiring place for Mass, and the old dormitory on the second floor was remodeled as a banquet hall.

In addition to those mentioned above, others present either for the afternoon activities and/or evening meal included Fr.

Walt Bracken who said the Mass, Jack Schwab, Frank and Mary Jo Antalek, Tony Westhoven, George and Mary Irish, Marv Soleau, Pat McKenna, and Fred & Sharon Bayer. Fred and Sharon were actually guests at a wedding reception that was being held in the old dining room on the first floor, but made an appearance to represent the “no show” Class of '66. When we found out that Sharon is the cousin of Ken Aubry from



Nick Schroeder enjoys the MOAD - mother off all dogs!

the Class of '65, we put Fred a step above the rest of the '66ers! Sharon is also the sister to Harold Aubry of the Class of '62. It really is a small world.

There was no special program this year but there are plans to honor an SVD next year. Contact Lenny if you have any nominations. Lenny did talk a bit about his trip to Rome for the Canonization of Sts. Arnold and Joseph. He also talked about how alumni might help the Society in the area of referring young men interested in a vocation to the SVD. If you know of someone interested in becoming a missionary priest or brother, give Lenny a call.

Well, I have to get back to writing that exam. Be sure to check out the reunion pictures on Charlie Curro's website at: www.curro.net/Perrysburg. And...consider yourself warned. Bob and I thoroughly enjoyed dropping in unannounced to visit Pete and Jerry. We plan to do this more often and may not wait until the next reunion weekend. If your doorbell rings, it may be your next door neighbor or it may be us sparking a flood of memories from days gone by.

Miramar Alumni Gather in September for Annual Reunion

By Jim McDermott (Miramar '50/Techny '60)

About 29 people attended the annual alumni reunion at Miramar. Don & Betty Geilser were there along with Joe Aul, Joe Mikovits, Jim Clarkin, Pete O'Keefe, Ken Feehan, Fr. Don Mulrenan, SVD, our gracious host, Fr. Joe Connolly, SVD, Mo and Jane Donovan, Jim Donovan, Ray Hannah, Rich Daigle, Gene Barry, Fr. Clarence Cerwanka, Jim Callahan, Jim Welch and Ed Fitzgerald. Mea culpa for missing anyone!

Our business meeting was highlighted by the election of Jim Welch as our new President. He replaces Rich Daigle who served for two years. Thanks, Rich, for your leadership. Welcome aboard, Jim! John Connor, the outgoing treasurer, is being replaced by Jim Callahan. Thanks to both of these guys for their willingness to serve the Miramar Alumni Association. Jim Welch announced that we topped our fundraising goal of \$5,000, to be donated to the SVD Mission Office to build a new church in New Guinea. A few donations were also forwarded for the publication of our newsletter. Finally, we approved a \$25 annual fee for dues for the Miramar Association. This will defray newsletter costs and help future fundraising efforts.

Other aspects of the annual reunion: Ed Fitzgerald gave a wonderful tribute to the late Fr. Joseph Donahue, SVD. Jim Welch and Jane Donovan filled everyone in on their trips to Ireland. What wonderful pictures! Ray Fell took the podium to discuss his new book on Heaven. He had copies available for our inspection and is looking for input from alumni. The keynote speaker of the day was Fr. Tom



Jim McDermott & Fr. Joe Connolly, SVD, engage in conversation.

Griffith, SVD. He talked with the group about his ministry at Miramar – his work with Marriage Encounter and his assistance with the Boston Archdiocese on its finance committee and in an advisory role related to the sexual abuse scandal. Finally, Fr. Joe Connolly, SVD, led us in the liturgy on the feast of St. Matthew, the tax collector. What an inspiring homily on the call of Matthew. Bro. Don Champagne, SVD, led the singing in Mass. We'll have to get him to talk with us more about his music ministry at our next annual reunion.

I'd like to thank Fr. Bob Jones, SVD, Fr. Joe Connolly, SVD, and the entire Miramar community and staff for their hospitality. We had a wonderful visit again this year. Plan on attending next year's gathering on September 15-16, 2005. See you there!



5th Annual Alumni Reunion in Erie, PA

Small but Mighty

With only eleven people attending the annual alumni reunion in Erie this past year, the turnout was anything but “good.” However, the nine men and two spouses who attended the gathering enjoyed a chance to reminisce of times gone by and update each other on what’s been happening in their lives recently.

Those attending included Larry (’63) and Anita Jones. They have attended all five of the annual gatherings since they began in 2000. Two additional five-year attendees were Terry Pytlarz from the Class of 1969 and the Alumni Director Len Uhal from the East Troy Class of 1983. Others gathering included Rich Lauer (’67), Pat McMahon (1966-68), Larry (1964-66) and Debby Corbus, Andy Yaronczyk (’55), Mike Leschak (’65), and Fr. Leo Dusheck, SVD (’51).



Anita & Larry Jones, Len Uhal, Rich Lauer, Pat McMahon and Fr. Leo Dusheck, SVD.

At its December 2004 quarterly meeting, the SVD Alumni Association Advisory Board discussed surveying Girard alumni to see what their thoughts were on the annual reunion in Erie. Maybe there’s not enough interest in an annual gathering. Or maybe there is. Erie was the location picked initially because it was the largest city close to Girard. But since the seminary is no longer in existence, should the event be held somewhere else? Maybe Pittsburgh? The initial gathering in 2000 was held the first weekend of November. It was moved to the last weekend

of October then to the second weekend of October (to lessen the potential for questionable weather). Is there a better time of the year for this event? Should it be held every two years instead of every year?

How can we generate more interest in this alumni event? If you’re a Girard alumnus, watch for a survey coming soon from the Alumni Office asking for your input. Or don’t wait! Contact Len Uhal in the Alumni Office at any time if you have suggestions.

Annual Alumni Picnic at Techny Held in June Sunny Skies Break Rainy Tradition

Just over twenty alumni attended the annual alumni picnic held in June 2004 at Techny. Almost half were SVDs living at Techny. The event usually draws alumni from the Chicago area, but this year also found Walter and Christine Conlon attending from Iowa, Thad Smyczek from Wisconsin, Jim O’Sullivan from Texas, and Fr. Ron Lange,

This year’s picnic followed the traditional format – minus the rain! Sunshine filled the skies as everyone visited while enjoying a casual picnic. While a volleyball net was ready and some golf clubs lay about, everyone seemed to enjoy simply sitting around and visiting.

The day after the ordination ceremony in June has been the traditional day of the annual alumni picnic at Techny. If visiting SVDs attended the ordination, they might stay an extra day to visit with other alumni who might attend the picnic. With more SVDs on hand, more alumni might attend the picnic.

However, for the last five years, we have averaged 21 people at the picnics. About half are SVDs who live together at Techny. While the turnout has been okay, we are getting larger turnouts at the annual golf outings at Techny and at the Techny alumni dinner in November. Most of those attending the picnic in June also attend the golf outing.

The ordination ceremony for 2005 is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, so the planning committee decided against a June picnic at Techny in 2005. Alumni gatherings at Techny will center on the golf outing in September and the Thanksgiving dinner in November. Watch for more details.



Standing: Fr. Joe Bugner, SVD, Bill Warmouth, Jim O’Sullivan, Jerry Oskorep, Bernie Bittner, Rich O’Hern, Len Uhal and Thad Smyczek. Sitting: Pat Leddy, Dick Vadnal, Joe Featherston, Fr. Ron Lange, SVD, Walter Conlan and Florian Wisniewski.

SVD, from Ghana in West Africa! While SVD alumni events are sometimes small, they can draw people from around the country and across the globe.

Word Winds Online

Our newsletter is now available electronically. You can find it posted on the Alumni Website at:

www.svdalum.org

If you would like to receive a copy via e-mail please call Len in the Alumni Office.



Annual Alumni Picnic at East Troy 10 Years Old

Class of '89 Celebrates 15-Year Reunion

By Tuan Nguyen (East Troy '89)

Sounds of laughter broke the quiet atmosphere of the former seminary grounds as the first wave of people started to arrive. As tents started to fill the hillside, everyone was preparing for a wonderful day. For some reason, everyone knew they needed to proceed to the boathouse. Maybe it was the smell of hamburgers, bratwurst, Mexican dishes and other fine cuisine that signaled the start of the picnic. I guess the nose knows!



Ten of the thirteen 1989 East Troy graduates attended the reunion. They are: Thao Hoang, Steve Wisniewski, Chris Olender, John Nguyen, Anh Tran, Paul Loewen, Du Nguyen, Tuan Nguyen, Don Nguyen and Tuan Cao. Unable to attend: Matt Yant, Cuong Mai, Vincent Nguyen.

The 10th annual alumni picnic was held at East Troy, Wisconsin on June 26, 2004. Weather-wise, one could not have asked for a better day. The sun was shining and the temperature was perfect!

As alumni gathered in and around the boathouse, many were catching up with classmates, friends, teachers, priests and brothers. Some were enjoying the beautiful day with a cruise on Lake Beulah in the pontoon boat while others were just walking the old trails. As nighttime came, many went into town for ice cream while others stayed behind and sat by a campfire cooking chicken and freshly caught catfish.

After the food and beverages were consumed and the campfire had been put out, morning quickly arrived (it proved to be a late night for some). One by one, tents started to disappear and it was time to say our goodbyes until next year. Where does all the time go? It was a memorable event!

Over 45 alumni were present for the annual gathering. Counting family members and friends, there were over 100 people this year at the East Troy picnic. Alumni traveled from near and far to attend the event. Fr. Jerry Theis, SVD, of the East Troy Class of 1950 was able to attend. He is currently stationed in Papua New Guinea and was visiting the States on home leave. Other alumni traveled from California, Maryland, Kentucky, Arizona, Texas, and Indiana to join in the festivities. Many alumni lived close by and made short trips from Iowa, Chicago, Janesville, Milwaukee, and Clinton, Wisconsin. All came with the desire to keep alive their connections to the past.

This year's picnic was very special to me not only because it was the tenth year for the annual picnic, but it was the 15-year reunion for my class, the Class of 1989. You have heard the phrase "It is never too late." Well, as a DWS graduate of 1989, I am proof of that saying. It has always been my goal to come back to visit the place where it all started for the thirteen of us who graduated from East Troy fifteen years ago. Not only was it a goal, it was a promise we had made to each other – that we would one day meet



The class of 1954 had 12 graduates. Pictured here are Lou Mader, Harry Kehrer and Dave Theis. Unable to attend were Gene Bauchwitz, Jerry Lange, and Fr. Elmer Nadicksbernd, SVD. Included in the class were six deceased members: Fr. Elmer Elsbernd, SVD, Fr. Larry Silver, SVD, Tom LeSage, Paul Mulhern, Paul Menard and Jim Onitich.



Alumni Gather at the Bay

By Fr. Tom Potts, SVD

The eighth annual reunion of the St. Augustine Alumni Association took place at the Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis October 8-10, 2004. More than forty alumni, spouses and guests attended all or part of the reunion. Two alumni SVD bishops, Leonard Olivier and Dominic Carmon, were present.



Photo by Fr. Tom Potts, SVD

At the business meeting on Saturday, the alumni president, Charles Prejean, did a masterful job. Decisions made included dividing the membership into zones based on geographical divisions of the country and appointing alumni to be in contact with men in each zone. A second

decision was to move forward with establishing an SVD Associates program. It was also decided to continue to work for more registration of the alumni in the association. The dues for the new year are to remain at one hundred dollars, and the alumni are to contribute for a new stained glass window in the historic St. Augustine Chapel. Finally, for the second time the alumni decided to contribute one-thousand dollars to the Bishop Francis Scholarship Fund from the general funds of the association.

Next year's reunion is scheduled for September 30 – October 2, 2005. Mark your calendars. I'll see you there!

4th Annual Alumni Association Golf Outing Great Weather Leads to Great Time

Many of the past summertime alumni events scheduled at Techny have ended with alumni dashing for their cars through downpours. But not this year! Beautiful weather for the annual picnic in June led to beautiful weather for the annual golf outing in September.



Henry Perez (East Troy '80) tries to look cool with Techny Towers framed in the background!

Fourteen golfers played in this year's Alumni Golf Outing at Willowhill Golf Course

(across the street from Techny). More than 30 alumni and guests enjoyed a steak cookout on Techny's picnic grounds after the nine holes.

Overall winners of the golf outing this year were Tom Artz with a score of 44 (on the par 34 course) and Jim Hannon with a score of 45. Second flight winners tied with a score of 52. They included Fr. Ray Quetchenbach, SVD, Fr. Fred Rudolph, SVD, and Rick Copalello. Flag event prizes went to Len Uhal, Pete Smyczek, Jim Palm and John Panek. Len had the longest putt on the first hole and also was the

closest to the pin on the drive on the par 3, 145-yard fifth hole. Pete was closest to the pin on the drive on the 167-yard, par 3 third hole. Jim was the closest to the pin from off the green on the par 4, 435 yard seventh hole. John hit the longest drive, over 275 yards, on the par 5 ninth hole. Other prize recipients included Fr. John Swift, SVD, who received a prize for having the fewest putts in nine holes – only 15.

And Pat Leddy won a prize for being the hardest worker of the day with a score of... well, that would not be nice to print. We're glad you joined us, Pat!

The annual golf outing has been held the Monday following Labor Day for the past four years. It's a good bet you'll find some alumni out at Willowhill next year on September 12, 2005. So mark your calendars and join us for a round of golf. Or just come for the cookout afterwards. Remember, a bad round of golf is still better than a good day in the office!



Fourteen New SVDs Profess First Vows

August 14, 2004

After completing their Novitiate Year, fourteen young men professed First Vows as Divine Word Missionaries. For one year, these men have committed to vows of evangelical poverty, consecrated chastity, and apostolic obedience. Twelve are beginning their theology studies at Chicago's Catholic Theological Union in preparation for the priesthood. Two others have been accepted into the Brother Formation Program and will continue their formation while living at St. Anselm Parish on the South Side of Chicago. This class of fourteen is the largest to profess First Vows as Divine Word Missionaries in the United States in many years.



Front row: Yuping Duan, Hoang Son Nguyen, Linh Pham, Duy Tran, Ariel Llanes, Bao Tran, Paul Hoang. Second row: Vincent Wang, Frank Beltran, Tuan Hoang, Stephen Wang, Joseph Nguyen, Quynh Vo, Monroson Toe. Back row: Fr. Jack Farley, SVD, Fr. Raymond Quetchenbach, SVD, Very Rev. Thomas Krosnicki, SVD, Provincial, Fr. James Bergin, SVD.

Promote Vocations

- Pray daily for vocations
- Ask someone if he/she has considered a religious vocation.
- Contact the Vocation Office if you know of someone who may be interested in the seminary:

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Pray for Religious Vocations

Dear Jesus, please send us holy and dedicated brothers, sisters, priests & deacons who will spread the Good News. Open wide our hearts, and stir in us a desire to serve you. Amen.

Remembering our Deceased Alumni Requiescant in Pace

Aloysius Allen – 1988

Fr. Andrew Staricek – November 29, 2003 (Girard/East Troy/Techny '40)

Bro. Leonard Bauer, SVD – January 30, 2004

William Bruckerhoff – February 2004 (Epworth '73)

Fr. Lawrence La Plante, SVD – February 24, 2004

Fr. Thomas Halleran, SVD – March 18, 2004 (Techny '44)

Francis McCarthy – May 22, 2004 (Bordentown '49/Conesus '51/Epworth 1951-52)

Fr. Eugene Rochford, SVD – June 14, 2004 (East Troy '66/Epworth 70/Bay St. Louis '71/Chicago '74)

Fr. Edward Borkowski, SVD – June 22, 2004

Fr. Aloysius Turbek – June 25, 2004 (Techny '40)

Fr. Roger Risse, SVD – July 21, 2004 (Techny '54)

Fr. Peter Smits, SVD – July 29, 2004

Fr. Raymond Sanders, SVD – September 4, 2004 (Techny '45)

Fr. Eugene Stoll, SVD – October 17, 2004

Bishop Carlos Lewis, SVD – November 29, 2004

Fr. Vance Thorne, SVD – November 30, 2004 (Bay St. Louis)

Fr. Arthur Kelly – December 12, 2004

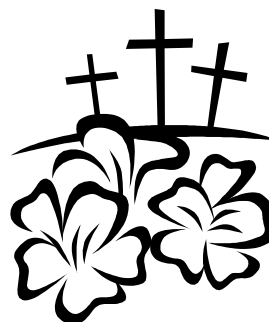
Fr. Henry Heekeren, SVD – December 14, 2004 (former Superior General 1977-88)

Mr. Nicholas Kockler – December 18, 2004 (Epworth 1930s)

Fr. Thomas Vincent Commons, SVD – December 30, 2004 (Techny '47)

Fr. Eugene Schmitz, SVD – January 8, 2005

Francis Hogan [Bro. Anthony] (Conesus 1950s/Miramar/Washington, DC)





Upcoming Alumni Events

➤ **6th Annual Perrysburg Alumni Gathering**

June 8-12, 2005

Class of 1965 – 40th Anniversary

Watch for more details soon about the many activities planned!

➤ **Bordentown Alumni Picnic**

June 18, 2005

To RSVP or inquire about details, please contact:

Mike Hanlon: 609-499-4723 or mikeh@uscom.com

Fr. Ray Lennon, SVD: 609-298-0549 or

raymond.lennon2@verizon.net

➤ **11th Annual Alumni Picnic at East Troy**

June 25, 2005

Gather around Noon at the Boathouse

Grills and Beverages provided

Bring your own meat and a dish to share

Camping will be available overnight on the front hill

No rooms will be available in Tien Hall

➤ **5th Annual Alumni Golf Outing at Techny**

September 12, 2005

Mark your calendars and watch for more details this summer!

➤ **Annual Alumni Reunion at Miramar**

September 15-16, 2005

For more information, contact Jim Callahan at:

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➤ **Annual Alumni Reunion at Bay St. Louis**

September 30 – October 2, 2005

Contact Fr. Tom Potts, SVD for details at:

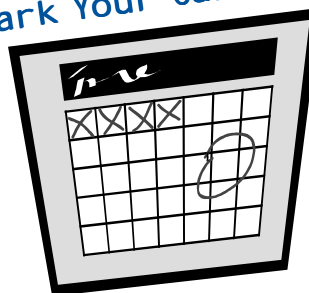
ussdevoff@aol.com or 228-467-4322

➤ **8th Annual Alumni Dinner at Techny**

November 19, 2005



Mark Your Calendar!



Questions?

If you have questions, or would like further details about any of these events, please feel welcome to contact the alumni office at any time.

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