



The Abbey Message

Subiaco
Abbey

Chapel/Conference Center Blessed

by Br. Mel Stinson, OSB

On Saturday, September 24th at 2 p.m., the dedication of the new Coury House Chapel and Conference Center was held. Approximately 125 guests filled the meeting room and foyer for this long-awaited event. Br. Mel Stinson, OSB, Guest Master and Director of Coury House, recognized and acknowledged several special guests:

“There are so many people and groups that have worked tirelessly to bring us to this day.

“Our architect, **Wallie Sprick '77**, of Wittenberg, Deloney & Davidson, took the needs of Coury House and transferred them into a very beautiful building which complements the other buildings here on the hill and provides us with a modern chapel and conference center that will meet the needs of Coury House for many years.

“Builder **Leo Anhalt '58**, Contractor from SSI of Fort Smith, and his crew, led by Ken Hart and Darrell Jack-

son, did great work in construction.

“Thanks also to Sam Little, Director of Maintenance for Subiaco Abbey and the maintenance staff for their hard work during construction; and to the monastic community, the Abbey Retreat



Abbot Jerome leading the blessing ceremony

League, our friends, supporters, and benefactors who have contributed to the ministry of Coury House and Subiaco Abbey.”

Brother Mel also recognized the

Knights of Columbus who contributed a great deal of work in installing a sprinkler system for the grounds and handicap ramps along the sidewalks, Loretta Norman and the Flower Depot Nursery, Mayflower, AR, for their donation of trees and shrubs, and Br. Francis and the candidates for their excellent job in landscaping.

Brother Mel recognized Anna Lucich for her donation of the antique stained glass windows, created by Emil Frei Art Glass, St. Louis, Munich, Bavaria, which are now in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The windows were originally donated to St. John's Seminary for the Diocese of Little Rock by the class of 1923.

During his opening remarks, Br. Mel stated: “As you enter the lobby of the new addition, you will notice the beautiful icons of the Holy Family and Sts. Benedict and Scholastica, and the striking

icon of Christ, the Pantocrator, Christ the Teacher. These beautiful icons, as well as the iconic crucifix above the present altar, written by John Gaudin of Little Rock, demonstrate the dedication

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The Meeting Tent

As the pilgrim people of God made their way through the wilderness on the way to the promised land, at every stage Moses would set up a meeting tent outside the camp. This was not a tent for public meetings, as the name might imply, but a place to meet God. “Anyone who wished to consult the Lord would go to this meeting tent outside the camp” (Ex 33:7).

Though anyone could go to the tent, it was critical to the journey that Moses, the leader, should visit the Lord in the tent, and so all eyes were on him. “The people would all rise and stand at the entrance of their own tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.” When they saw the column of cloud descend to the tent, they knew Moses was conversing with God, and seeing this, all the people would worship at their own tents.

The way through the wilderness was uncharted. The people knew that they would make it through only by the guidance of God, and therefore it was vital to their interests that the leader stay in contact with God. Moses did not know the way, and he did not have to, as long as he stayed close to God.

This is always the pattern of spiritual leadership. The journey to the promised land is always in the wilderness, and no human leader knows the way. It is not the job of the leader to know the way, but to stay in contact with God, who does know the way. The main responsibility of a spiritual leader – the Pope, a bishop, a religious superior, a pastor – is to go to the meeting tent to be with God every day. The people do not expect their leader in the faith to know everything, and they become concerned when leaders think they do. What gives confidence is that the leader is close to God. This doesn’t put an end to the errors of human weakness, but it

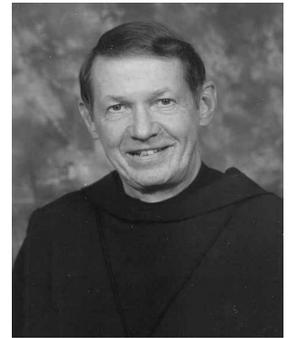
protects from ultimate error.

The Gospels tell us that the key ingredient to discipleship is faith. “Your faith has been your salvation.” This is not just any faith, such as believing the truth of the teaching, but faith in its personal meaning as trust. Salvation comes from putting our trust in God and in his son Jesus. Growth in knowledge of the faith comes from study, but growth in trust comes only from personal contact with God, which is another name for prayer. We are not asked to put our trust in human leaders, but in God. But the closer our leaders are to God, the more at home they are

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in his tent, the more we can put our trust also in them.

Everyone is called to intimacy with God, not only the leaders. But it is easier for people to seek a close relationship with the Lord themselves if they know their leader is praying. “As Moses entered the tent, the column of cloud would come down and stand at its entrance while the Lord spoke with Moses. On seeing the column of cloud stand at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and worship at the entrance of their own tents” (Ex 33:9-10).



Something happened to Moses when he went into God’s presence, something he seemed to be the last to notice. When he came down from Mount Sinai after being with God for forty days, the people noticed that his face had become radiant, an outward sign of something happening within. The same thing happened to Jesus on Mount Tabor (Lk 9:29). The inner transformation this represents is offered to all who spend time with God in the meeting tent. In the Latin Bible, the meeting tent is tabernaculum, the source of our word tabernacle, which the Church very appropriately adopted as the name for the place of the Blessed Sacrament. The meeting tent with God can be pitched anywhere in our lives, but the tent of the Blessed Sacrament is a privileged place to spend time in the divine presence.

Religious life in the Church is easier to understand than it is to explain. It makes sense more by intuition than by logic. The meeting tent of Moses gives one means of access to understanding its place in the Church. Religious life is to be a sign or emphasis of a particular part of the spiritual journey that is true for every disciple. All of us are called to holiness, all are called into intimacy with God, all are called to the tent every day. Some are invited to do this as a sign to the Church, to be as Moses was for the people in the wilderness, a hopeful reminder that God is with us on the way. Religious don’t do this instead of others, and they don’t necessarily do it better. But their life is a sign of

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July

Through June and July, Arkansas climatologists were speaking about the “deepening drought” and “rainfall deficit”, and “sinking water table.” Subiaco proved exempt from all these dire climate woes, receiving rains just as needed. When this happens, we attribute our good fortune to “right thinking and virtuous living,” and pray for the poor sinners around us. In August and half of September, the situation was reversed. When this happens, we employ other handy maxims, such as “The Lord rains on the just and the unjust,” and “The Lord tests those whom he loves.” We do hear many Vesper petitions regarding rain during the summer months. These

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hope. The other members of the Body of Christ want religious to be holy and to pray, not instead of them but with them, keeping their eyes “fixed on Jesus” as a reminder and encouragement for all to do the same. It should come as no surprise that religious communities, with their antennae up, are often among the first to sense and to respond to a new need or new opportunity in the Church and in the world, a new direction in the wilderness. What are they to do about it? Only time in the presence of God will reveal the answer to that.

There is “one thing necessary,” and when the journey is over, what will have made the difference for the religious is whether or not he or she has gone faithfully to the tent. And it is the same for all of us.

Abbot Jerome Kodell, OSB

are often prayers of thanksgiving, and “for rain as needed” for both sinners and saints.

The Feast of the Passing of Saint Benedict (March 21) had occurred during Holy Week this year, putting a damper on celebrations involving meat and drink. These festivities were transferred to July 11, the Solemnity of Saint Benedict. Usually this summertime feast is hardly noted, with monks scattered to the four winds for education, parochial ministry, vacations. This year Abbot Jerome asked all the community to be present for the solemn vows of Broth-



Brs. José Rios & Michael Endres made their Solemn Vows on July 11 while Fr. Leonard Wangler, junior master, assists.

ers Michael Endres and José Rios. The weather cooperated with a cooling rain on the 10th. Brothers José and Michael both serve as cantors, so they were able to acquit themselves well in the three-fold singing of the “Sustain me, O God” on successively higher pitches. At the conclusion of the profession ceremony, all the solemnly-professed members of the community greet the newly-

professed with the sign of peace. On this occasion, it really is an embrace or hug of peace, with murmured greetings, words of affection, promises of prayers. At a solemn profession, community life is seen at its most expressive and most impressive.

Also impressive was the tub of Corona beer at the reception dinner. Brother José had seen to it that his family from Mexico would feel at home as they—and we—enjoyed this familiar *cerveza*.

Brother Peter Pusch was able to be home from Illinois for the profession of

his novitiate classmates. He is currently on leave from the Abbey, so that he can assist in the emotional and physical rehabilitation of his sister, who was paralyzed in an auto accident.

Some-time during the night following the festivities of the 11th, a

section of the retaining wall above the Abbey cemetery collapsed. The breach revealed the construction techniques of this 100-year-old wall. It had been built to provide a level platform for the construction of the new monastery building just after 1900. No mortar was used. Interlocking courses of stone extended eight feet back from the smooth face, and then rubble from

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construction filled in behind. The crew hired to put the wall back up had a hard time duplicating the workmanship of the original wall. We wonder which parts of the wall will now endure for the



Fallen wall near the cemetery

next 100 years. My money is not on the just-completed reconstruction.

A real Arkansas heat wave set in for the last two weeks of July, with highs up to 104° for about ten days. The month ended with—once again—a nice rain, just in time, and several delightfully cool days.

August

Each year it begins earlier! The return of the football players for pre-season practice is the first visible sign of the approaching school year, and this year they returned on August 1. Of course the heat wave returned also. Just when one might consider filing charges of child abuse, it was noted that the evening conditioning drills for the footballers occurred in the swimming pool. The coaches are not heartless beasts after all!

The Abbey farm mostly uses round bales, which require fewer workers and less manual labor to get them into the barn. However, the small “square bales”

are handy for special uses, and the farm tries to have some on hand. Hauling hay—the square bales—is also a time-honored “rite of passage” for Novices and Candidates. Novice Brandon and Candidate Paul went through this passage on August 4. They proved willing and able, but the ancient square baler did not. It had forgotten how to tie a knot since its last outing. A week later, with the baler tuned up, they got another chance to experience the “hard and rugged ways” by which we go to God.

Beginning August 11, “Jesus” visited for two weeks. With long brown hair, a full beard, bare feet, and pure white robe, a Jesus look-



James Joseph, “Jesus” came to visit us in August.

alike showed up at the Abbey. He is a “bare-foot evangelist” named James Joseph. Now in his thirties, he has been a roving street preacher for the past fourteen years. Of course, his appearance generated great curiosity, positive interest, and some negative reaction, probably similar to the reactions Jesus himself provoked. A very quiet man, he spent most of his time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He was here for a time of personal spiritual renewal.

On August 11, Brother Anthony Pierce’s father and Brother James

Lindsay’s mother died. Both of these deaths were sudden and unexpected. The loss of a parent is another occasion when monks rise to the challenge of mutual support.

At the end of August, our good friend from Subiaco, Australia, Tony Costa, visited for several days. He had been the mayor of this “down under” Subiaco for several terms and is quite a flamboyant character. He spoke to Fr. Raphael’s parishioners at Shoal Creek about the Catholic Church in Australia. Without hearing his message, it is safe to say that the people were well entertained.

The grape harvest began on August 27. This is one of the few remaining community projects, when “all hands” are invited to the vineyard. Brother Joseph Koehler reported afterwards that 35 different monks had participated.

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Fr. Leonard Wangler & Br. Thomas Moster were among the monks helping to harvest our crop of grapes for 2005.

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Some had come, he said, through the heat of the day, some had come at the 11th hour, and one—bettering the Gospel parable—had come only for the payment of wages! All received the same daily wage—a cold libation and some friendly banter in the wine cellar. This year's harvest was good, with very little of the mold and mildew that often taints the crop. Dry weather and low humidity during the final stages of ripening are the keys. Those conditions had prevailed during August and on into September.

September

Hurricane Katrina produced only a cooling northerly breeze here, but a week later evacuees from New Orleans and surrounding parishes began arriving in our area. Eighty-eight people were temporarily housed at the Methodist Camp on Shoal Creek, about 10 miles from Subiaco. Several monks visited and made arrangements for the Catholics to get to Sunday Mass. Coach Tim Tenclave took some of the basketball players down to “shoot some hoops,” and others agreed to drive folks to the nearest Wal-Mart. The outpouring of generosity toward the hurricane victims was truly amazing. Perhaps the helplessness before daily tragedy in Iraq and elsewhere, primed the pump for doing something positive when an individual effort could really make a difference. Perhaps also the disgust with official bumbling promoted unofficial but effective action. At any rate, Arkansas and our local area really came through in this emergency. The Abbey's primary response has been to assist St. Joseph's Abbey in Louisiana, which was heavily damaged by the hurricane. Also, Coury House housed evacuees from Hurricane Rita, and the Academy took in several students displaced from New Orleans area schools.

During the Academy's Fall Break in mid-September, the monastic community enjoyed an outing to Shoal Creek. We were desperately needing rain, and so the heavy rain during the outing was seen as a great blessing and not as an impediment. The St. Scholastica parish hall includes a covered pavilion, which was perfect for grilling the ham-

burgers and “roasting” each other.

The rain continued the next day and the next week, so that September ended with seven and a half inches of rain. The cattle are now happily munching new grass, the lawnmowers went back to work, and the farmers are expecting another cutting of hay.

Brother Louis Fuhrmann had planted one short row of cotton, just for old time's sake. When Candidates Paul, Kyle, and Aaron, and Novice Brandon were told to report to the cotton patch, they assumed they had mistakenly come too far South, to a “plantation monastery.” They did get to see what was involved in picking cotton, and posed for some great photos.

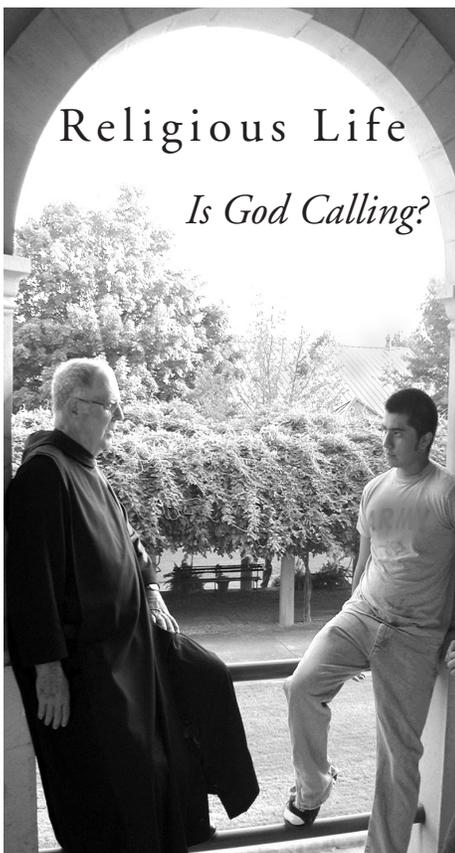
September 24th was a busy day! Hurricane Rita drenched us with additional heavy rain, the addition to Coury House was dedicated (see page one), and the Day Dog Picnic was held. The “Day Dogs” are the Academy day students who commute daily to the school. Formerly the term “Day Dog” was a pejorative tag, but over time it has become an affectionate and honorable designation. These local folks know



Silent auction at the Day Dog picnic

how to organize a party, so we monks don't have to do anything except show up and enjoy the good food and cold

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Religious Life

Is God Calling?

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“I was a stranger and you took me in.”

Abbot Jerome’s article “The Meeting Tent” makes the point that any and all of the Hebrews in the desert were welcome to enter the place of encounter with God. The people expected Moses to enter, but the meeting tent was not just for Moses, not just for leadership, not just for men. All were welcome. Brother Mel’s account of the formal dedication of the Coury House addition underlines the Benedictine charism of hospitality. The new facility is not for the abbot or for the monks; it was built for others, as a place where all might be welcome to come and perhaps encounter God.

This issue also tells about the Abbey’s and the state’s response to the hurricane victims who were displaced to our area. Mostly, they were welcomed, housed, fed, and assisted without question. This issue also tells about another stranger who showed up on our doorstep, a stranger who looked like Jesus himself. Mother Teresa’s well-known

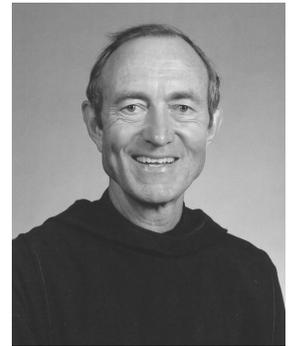
saying is that the poor and the suffering are “Jesus in distressing disguise.” She was able to see through the disguise, to see and to serve Jesus in the poor. Ironically, it seemed more difficult to see Jesus in the person of someone who came here not in disguise, but who did look like Jesus. There was considerable suspicion, drawing back, automatic rejection, and even hostility expressed toward Mr. James Joseph, the barefoot evangelist, who visited for two weeks in August.

I asked him about the reactions he gets, and why he chooses to look like Jesus. He said that his appearance generates a curiosity which draws people to him and provides him an opportunity to minister to them. On the other hand, and especially on the part of those who think they already “know the Lord,” his appearance causes consternation, ridicule, and rejection. In either case, he says, his “Jesus look” is useful in allowing “the thoughts of the heart to

be revealed,” helping the one who sees him to face the truth about himself or herself.

I found this comment personally challenging, and I offer it to our readers. Sometimes a Mass celebrant adds a phrase to the dismissal: “Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord, in one another.” Yes, and also in the stranger. Are we able to “take in” the stranger who comes in disguise, or without disguise?

Fr. Mark Stenzel



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to the ministry of hospitality and to the spread of the Gospel of Christ by the monks of Subiaco.”

Br. Mel continued: “Based on the Gospel of Christ, St. Benedict’s Rule teaches us as beginners in the monastic profession, that all that we do, we do in the name of Christ, for Christ, and to Christ. We are to show to one another the reverence we would show to Christ Himself, and to receive all guests as Christ. Through this ministry of hospitality, we offer a place of rest, a place for spiritual renewal and learning to all people who “come in peace seeking God.”

Before blessing the new addition, Abbot Jerome recognized those deceased who have played an important part in the history of Coury House, Fr. Herbert Vogelpohl, OSB, and Dorothy Stanford, Secretary, and acknowledged Jean Rockenhaus for her 32 years of dedication as Coury House Secretary.

Coury House was dedicated in 1963 in honor of the Holy Family. In the Benedictine spirit of hospitality, Coury House has for 42 years offered a place apart for families: the families of the monks of Subiaco Abbey, families of Academy students, and our extended family of Oblates, Alumni, Retreat

League members, retreatants, and family of friends we have come to know over the years.

A champagne reception followed the dedication ceremony and an open house was held on Sunday afternoon.



Heat-Moon featured at fourth symposium

Subiaco Abbey and Academy is proud to announce that the recipient of the 2005 Subiaco Award for Literary Merit is William Least Heat-Moon. Heat-Moon will receive the award at the fourth annual Subiaco Literary Symposium to be held this year on Thursday, October 27, 2005, in the Joe and Anna Walter Auditorium of the Performing Arts Center, Centenary Hall.

Subiaco Academy convenes a literary symposium each year in order to recognize the importance of literature and creative writing in modern communication. The symposium endeavors to encourage Subiaco students in the study and creation of literature in such diverse fields as journalism, poetry, political science, fiction, non-fiction, and drama by honoring distinguished authors in these areas.

Heat-Moon, who is of English-Irish-Osage ancestry, is known for his best selling and award winning travel writings. He was born in Kansas City, MO, and received a PhD in English Literature from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1973. He currently resides near Columbia, MO.

Students at the academy will read and study Heat-Moon's *Blue Highways* prior to the symposium. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a writing contest held each year in conjunction with the symposium. The public is invited to attend Heat-Moon's lecture.

For more information please contact Cheryl Goetz, symposium coordinator, at cgoetz@subi.org or 479-934-1262.

Enrollment down; new staff named

"Although enrollment numbers are down, the quality of students is great," said Br. Ephrem O'Bryan, director of admission. The student body is currently at 157 students.

A noticeable part of the student body is the Asian student population, which now includes 25 South Korean students, five Taiwanese students and one Chinese. Accounting for 20% of the student body, the Asian population is the largest ever.

Foreign students also include seven from Mexico. New students also arrived from Colorado, Kentucky and Maryland.

Students and parents cite several key factors in choosing Subiaco Academy for high school education. According

to Br. Ephrem, relationship to alumni is the prime influence for enrollment. The web source and summer camp follow as big influences.

To meet prospective students and parents, Subiaco Academy personnel plan to attend several school fairs: in Houston on Sept. 11; Dallas Sept. 24; and Memphis, Jan. 9. Fr. Aaron Pirrera and Fr. Richard Walz will be visiting homes, parishes and schools for promotion.

In addition to the fairs, special projects coordinator Mr. Jim Pat Mills has been hired to increase exposure in the Texas region.



Representative Mike Ross meets with students; discusses Katrina

Congressman Mike Ross lectured briefly at the Friday assembly August 12. Mr. Ross, one of four state representatives, represents the fourth district. Mr. Ross traveled to 50 towns in 29 counties in August during the congressional recess. "It's one thing to have the title of U.S. Representative. It's another to be one," said Mr. Ross.

Mr. Ross listed three ingredients-good education, hard work and no fear of failure- to reach a person's full potential.

Mr. Ross visited the journalism class and briefly explained his policies on future energy sources and victims and current situations with Katrina. Mr. Ross supports the energy bill, which promotes alternative energy sources besides gas and oil.

New refugees, he said, were being welcomed to Arkansas. Parishes and communities had opened their houses, kitchens and camps.



Student Council president Andrew Eubanks presents a Trojan tie to Congressman Mike Ross.

Arkansas wilderness tour highlights Fall Break 2005

“Rode too long and put to bed wet.” This familiar quote used by Mr. Roy Goetz certainly was an apt description of the seventeen-man crew that spent six days and five nights in northeast Arkansas and southern Missouri camping, kayaking and exploring, two of those nights with harsh weather. The heavy nighttime rains sent many to the vans to sleep.

The trip included visits to six Ozark Mountain sites. The most important stop for some was the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield.

For others the favorite site was the Blanchard Springs Cavern. Some of its columns are as tall as six-story buildings. Other natural sites visited by the crew were the Current River, where they camped two nights, Johnson’s Shut-Ins, Elephant Rocks, Big Springs and Mammoth Springs.

The favorite activity of the campout was the kayaking excursion. Of course, there was also the burden of setting up camp. Most of the crew helped with the meal preparation and all took turns with cleanup. Fred’s Fish House was a



At Johnson’s Shut-ins, the campers who attended the Fall Break outing to northeast Arkansas swam in a clear pool along the Current River. Attending were Jared Schluterman, Harrison Kim, Jonathan Callahan, Miguel Elizondo, Christopher Rehm, McKenzie Wright, Juan Pablo Rodriguez, Ricky Tang and Emils Rigano. Not pictured are John Zagurski, Don Goetz, Kevin Wewers, Kyle Wewers, Adam Barnett, Philip Glass and Alex Schluterman.

welcome relief from the quick meals at campsites.

Music provided by Mr. Roy Goetz and Mr. Gary Kinney, faculty leaders of the crew, made the trip memorable. Some may never forget Mr. Kinney’s

rendition of “Desolation Road,” a Bob Dylan song.



Administrative changes mark new school year

Major administrative changes mark the beginning of the 2005-06 school year. For the first time in Subiaco history, the position of Superintendent was created. Fr. Aaron Pirrera, headmaster for four years, will now head that position. Replacing him as headmaster is Mr. Mike Berry, who learned the position by working with Fr. Aaron as assistant headmaster last year.

Mr. Greg Timmerman, a football and basketball coach at Subiaco for the last five years, is the new Dean of Men. Fr. Timothy Donnelly returns for his second year as Academic Dean

since returning to Subiaco Academy in 2002-03.

Six teachers joined the Subiaco faculty. The new members are Mr. Rex Breed, Mrs. Michelle Chuang, Mrs. Shirley Kiefer, Mr. Jason Pohlmeier, Mr. Bruce Schulte and Mr. Mark Smith.

With an M.Ed., Coach Breed teaches math and is the junior high football coach and assistant senior high football coach. Mrs. Chuang who has an M.Ed. and an M.A. in English is the ESL instructor.

Mrs. Kiefer, who has an M.S.E., teaches religious studies and social stud-

ies and is the director of student development. Mr. Pohlmeier teaches religious studies and oral communications.

Mr. Schulte, who has an M.S., teaches chemistry and physics and is the cross country coach. Mr. Smith teaches Spanish and is the head baseball coach.

Fr. Hugh Assenmacher returns as the choir director and piano instructor.



Sports records in need of info

Br. Adrian Strobel, the sideline recorder for all football and basketball games since 1970, is in the process of compiling the sports history of Subiaco Academy. However, he has discovered several pieces of information are missing.

Listed below are the years and the games for which information is needed. According to Br. Adrian, he has the scores; he needs to know how the points were made, how many touchdowns and how many extra points for each of the listed games.

Any alumnus with information is asked to contact Br. Adrian by writing to him at 405 N. Subiaco Ave., or by calling him at 479-934-1180, or e-mailing him at bradrian@subi.org.

1970 - Siloam Springs, Huntsville, Van Buren, Harrison

1968 - Mountain Home

1965 - Bentonville

1962 - Jonesboro

1947 - Clarksville, Catholic High, Paragould,
Russellville, Fort Smith, Jonesboro

1943 - Benton, Warren, Greenwood, Fayetteville, Van Buren

1940 - St. Joseph of Muskogee

Community aids in hurricane relief

On Monday, August 29, the fifth category five hurricane since records have been kept, made landfall on the Gulf Coast. The impact was monumental and devastating. New Orleans was hit severely. Aside from their homes, the residents of the Gulf Coast area lost countless possessions, their place of employment, and memories. Many have suffered deaths.

While Katrina only directly affected the states of the Gulf Coast, the impact was felt even here in Subiaco. Three students, Ellis Mathieu (9) and Dylan Veron (10) from St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis and Luke Ahearn (10) from a day school in New Orleans, have enrolled.

Junior Alan Albert lived most of his life in New Orleans before moving to Houston, Texas. The majority of Alan's family continued to live in New Orleans, but they were forced to leave their homes and move to Houston to find housing with Alan's parents.

Subiaco and the surrounding community have taken several opportunities to help those in need. The Coury House has offered shelter to victims. Donations have been accepted through church offerings, with jars in the Main Building lobby and with collections from dress-down days.



Attending the Spain trip from Subiaco Academy are Andrew Eubanks '06, Patrick Richards '06, Erik Jakobs ('05), Frederick Black '06, Cody Randall ('05), Sebastian Scott ('05), Charlie Ford ('05), Chelsea Rush (UofA student), Morgan Welsh. Mr. José Aznar (far right) arranged the tour.

Students study in Spain

Beaches, senioritas, and a chance to study abroad lured seven Subiaco students to spend a month in Alicante, Spain, this summer.

The Subiaco group joined others from the University of Arkansas, Arkansas School of Math and Science and Pope John Paul II High School in Nashville, TN. Former Subiaco Academy Spanish teachers, Ms. Alicia Tendero and Mr. José Aznar, arranged the tour.

Students lived with host families and attended classes for four hours a day at the University of Alicante.

Trips to Granada and Barcelona were offered. Free time was spent taking siestas, going to the beach, attending activities such as bullfights and experiencing the Spanish nightlife.

"I already miss the Spanish way of life," said Frederick Black, a three-year Spanish student. "It was an unbelievable experience."



Alumni

Roots: sons follow fathers to Academy

“I guess I never realized the deep roots my sons had there. I knew it was a ‘tradition,’ but I guess I never saw how very deep-rooted . . . I think it will be something that in the future my boys will even see more and more how God placed them there for a time and the connection they will have to Subi through their lives will be a great blessing for them.” – *Bernadette Post, mother of Jacob ‘05 and Joseph ‘08*

Looking at the list of 2005-06 Academy students one notes many familiar names, e.g., seven Schluter-mans, three Reeves, and three Wewers. Alumni relatives account for 47 present Academy students, 23 of these being sons of alumni. Joseph Post ‘84 relates in the following paragraphs the historic connection of his family to Subiaco Academy.

“Our great-great grandfather Jacob Post left Germany in 1872 for America and settled in New Delphi, Indiana. His priest there heard of a great opportunity from the monks of the newly formed Subiaco Abbey. So in 1879, Jacob moved to Altus, Arkansas. St. Mary’s Parish was founded the same year. Jacob started selling wine made of native grapes and berries to the passengers of the Iron Mountain Railroad which passed by his farm the following year, 1880. And so the roots were planted in Altus that have since branched five generations of seasoning of the young vines at Subiaco Abbey and Academy.

“Jacob’s children included our great-grandfather Joseph Post ‘02; his brothers included Fr. Peter Post OSB ‘02, Dr. Jacob Post ‘02, Johnny Post (Fr. Cletus’ Dad), and others who were First Generation students at Subi.

“Our grandfather was James Post ‘18 (nicknamed Jake after his grandfa-ther). His brothers Dr. John, Dr. Clem ‘20, Dr. Cyril ‘28, Charles ‘37, Joe and

others were the Second Generation. Fr. Cletus Post, OSB ‘32 was also a second generation member of the Post Familie to attend Subi.

“Our dad, Mathew Joseph ‘43 and his brothers Dr. James Mathew ‘42 and Eugene John ‘46 were part of the Third Generation of Posts to attend Subiaco.

“My brothers Matthew ‘70, Paul ‘73, Peter ‘73, Thomas ‘76, Andrew ‘78, John ‘82 and I were Fourth Generation students to attend Subi.

“And now our nephews James ‘00, Mark ‘02, David ‘04, Jacob ‘05, and Joseph ‘08 are Fifth Generation students of Subiaco Academy.

“Today we’re very proud of the hundreds of recent national and international wine competition medals won by our Post Familie Wines. And we’re incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend Subiaco and receive a world-class education; it has gone a long way in helping our family produce the world-class wines we’re producing today. *Per vitem! Ad vitam!* (nothing like a Latin class at Subiaco).”

Leo Sharum ‘79 provided a similar historical account:

First Generation: The following three graduated pre-1913—Leo T. Sharum (taught bookkeeping and arithmetic at the Academy 1912-13), Noah Sharum, August Neumeier (attended when the Academy was at the original site north of 1st ridge);

Second Generation: Maurice H. Sharum ‘40

Third Generation: Leo T. Sharum ‘79, Gary Sharum ‘77, David Sharum ‘83;

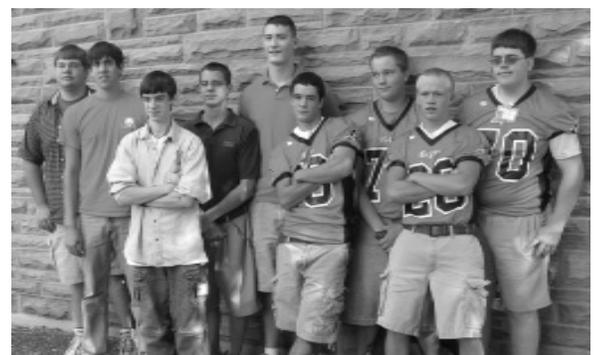
Fourth Generation: Jeffrey L. Sharum ‘05, Matthew Sharum ‘08.

A future issue of *The Abbey Message* will highlight the Camp Subiaco-Subiaco Academy connection, thereby noting the “feeder” nature of the camp.

A final note: Schluterman is not the most common surname in the 2005-06 list of Academy students. There are eight students with the surname Lee and only seven Schluter-mans.



Matthew Sharum ‘08 & Joseph Post ‘08 follow in the footsteps of earlier generations on the path to Subiaco.



Alumni Sons: l-r Jared Schluterman, Frederick Black, Daniel Reeves, Andrew Reeves, Michael Gaskell, Neal Schluterman, Nathan Schluterman, Cody Schluterman, & Nathan Willems—all presently Academy juniors or seniors. (Not in school uniform because of “dress-down” day in support of Katrina fundraising effort and upcoming football game.)

Where are they now?

Vincent Stretch '67 lost his beach-front condominium (Biloxi, MS) to Hurricane Katrina, according to a letter from **John Casey '67**. Vincent is an assistant professor of psychology at the Gulf Coast campus of Mississippi State University. In a cell phone conversation with Br. Ephrem September 7, Vincent noted that he was talking while viewing the devastated site of his former home. Vincent is temporarily residing in a motel in Florida.

Rusty Barham '73 and his family have relocated from New Orleans to Houston for a few months sojourn.

Frank Millette '85 is in Houston and his wife and daughter are in Mobile, AL. They lost their home and two cars in Mississippi and an apartment and a car in New Orleans. He owns an optical company, is starting a medical hospice business, and is now working as a critical care nurse. Frank said that **Greg Schluterman '94** sent **Joe Millette '93** 60 boxes of supplies for distribution to those in need.

Brian Piccolo '89 wrote: "Hope all is well with my Subi brothers. I'm still living in Houston, TX, and working for an international trading company. Have two little girls ages 1 and 2 1/2. Looks like the next Piccolos you see at Subiaco will possibly be my grandchildren.... two's enough. My prayers go out to Tim Bologna's family along with all the others suffering mentally, physically, and financially from hurricane Katrina."

On a visit to Professor Kinney's place at New Blaine, **Jesse Kinney '99** related his Coast Guard experience helping ferry supplies to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Katrina. He lost his vehicle and lodging, but continued with his duties.

Dr. James Walter '61 and wife Marguerite stayed in their home in Hammond, LA, through the hurricane. "Big pines and oak trees fell in almost

every lot but fortunately," said Jim, "they missed our house." His five children and nine grandchildren, including son Alan who worked in New Orleans, also escaped physically unharmed. Jim asks for continued prayers and support for the people especially those in his area who have suffered and lost so much.

Dr. Walter began his 36th year of teaching in the English Department at Southeastern Louisiana University and for the past 17 years has been directing the Honors Program. Dr. Walter says that one of the courses he has been challenged to teach is the Bible as Literature; 40 students have enrolled for the course this year and when classes resume after the hurricane he expects many more. "Please tell Abbot Jerome how grateful I am for his "Catholic Bible Study Handbook." Dr. Walter said they got as far as Noah and the Flood when Katrina hit and classes were called off. The University will open again in a week or so.

Dr. Walter is also putting the finishing touches on a book he has been working on for some years entitled: *Marriage in the American Romance: The Reconstitution of the Future as Love's Project*. Jim said he is looking forward to the next reunion, the 45th for his class of '61.

Jim Gehrig '60 has been living in Muenster, TX, for the last 30 years, has been married to Cindy for the last 36 years; they have 7 children, the last one graduating from high school this year. Jim still has two others in college, one in Texas A&M and the other in UT. Jim concludes this update: "The other 4 made it through A&M and seem to be doing all right. When this year ends, we should have 5 grandchildren. Own a hardware store and still am wondering what I want to do with the rest of my life. Talked to **John Hoberer '60** last night at a wedding, and got him to say he was definitely going to the

50th reunion. **Bill Fisher '60**, another classmate, is living in Muenster also. We both are bikers. He does it for fun; I do it to save a buck."

Steve Schmitz '91 is diligently contacting by e-mail many alumni in an attempt to increase the readership of this monthly newsletter. Please remind any fellow alumni to provide me updated contact information.

Michael Huels '92 provided the following: "I am a high school Civics and World History teacher now. I received two B.A.s and an M.A. from the University of Arkansas. I recently gave my students the assignment to contact



Members of the Day Dog Committee at the Tailgate Party: Brian Weisenfels '86, Dan Eckelhoff '65 & Ron Blaschke '62

an old teacher who made a big impact on their lives. Fr. Matthew stands out when it comes to the teachers I've had in my life, and like my students, I want to thank him. I teach at North Little Rock High School. Thank you!

Kevin Rieder '88 wrote: I have actually taken a hiatus from Georgetown athletics and will be spending the next year or so looking into new ventures along with taking care of our two daughters. That is sad news about Subi tying Paris (in tennis) but I am sure the Trojans will respond in the district and state tourneys, that is where it all counts. I did have lunch with Loc Pham see "Where are they now?" on page 12

Alumni

Auctions prove successful at Day Dog Picnic

Dreary weather did not keep 200+ local alumni, wives and children from assembling for Mass, monk sausage, and lively auctions in the Academy Field-house September 24, 2005. Originally scheduled for a 4:30 p.m. Mass followed by the picnic and auctions in South Park and in the Academy Fine Art Building, inclement weather caused the move "below the hill."

Donna Vorster, wife of **Pete '71**, calmly won the spirited bidding for the bred heifer (bought from the Abbey's herd and donated to the auction by **Ralph Bock '56**); Donna's winning bid was \$3,500.00. Dee Dee Sprick, wife of **Wallie '77**,

was delighted to get a segmented wood bowl, an Abbot Jerome creation, with her bid of \$550.00. With their high bids **Ron Blaschke '62** won a duck-hunting trip (donated by **Mark Lisko '85**) and son **Tim Blaschke '84** won a deer feeder (provided by **Dan Eckelhoff**

'65). Other items on the live auction were a gas grill given by **Gene Schwartz '56**, a shotgun donated by the class of '91, and a set of tires from Pohlmeier Tires of Paris.

The organizing committee, headed by **Brian Weisenfels '86** and Junior

Schluterman '87 appreciates the generosity of alumni, friends, and area businesses for their contributions of 70+ items for the live auction, the silent auction, and for door prizes.



Auctioneers **Dan Eckelhoff '65** & **Junior Schluterman '87**



Where are they now? *cont'd from page 11*

the other day. He was in D.C. visiting his brother Tuan. Loc is still hitting a mean tennis ball, according to him. We did not get out to the courts but it always seems that when I run into my old teammates they are all eager to get me out between the white lines...probably for some revenge. So that is the latest here and I will keep you informed on where I land next.

Gonzalo Gonzalez '81 updated us: "Well, everything thank God is fine here in Costa Rica. I am getting ready already for my visit to the hill for our 25th anniversary. After graduating, I studied economics, majoring in international commerce. Years later, I also went to law school. Both careers I obtained here in Costa Rica. I have worked close to 20 years now in the coffee business, mainly in exporting green coffee and other commodities from Costa Rica to the rest of the world, but mainly to the U.S. I have a 13 year old son, and both my wife Sandra and he are anxious to

visit the hill some day. Take care, and God be always with you. *Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.*"

Tim Foster '81 just hit the 20-year mark with Fidelity Investments. He provided this news as follows: "We have 3 kids; Rachael is 13 and really letting us know what it is like to have a teenager, Cameron is 11 and talking about going to camp Subi next summer – he is in advanced math and wants to be an engineer, Spencer is 4 1/2 and almost able to swim. He just had a lemonade stand to make money for the Hurricane survivors.

My wife Penny is glad school is back to keep them all busy. Hope all the monks at Subiaco are doing well. Good wishes to Fr. Victor; I remember him teaching us about vectors (not victors he would say) in Geometry."



Obituaries

John Hurdis '69 died July 5, 2005. This word came from **Mark Spyres '69**.

Charles J. Makovec '52 died July 12, 2005. He is survived by his brother, Johnny Makovec and one sister June Webber, both of Stuttgart.

Jerome "Jerry" Sax '59 of Texarkana, AR, died August 18, 2005. A retired heavy equipment mechanic and a Vietnam War Army veteran, he is survived by his wife Delores, four children, two sisters, and one grandson.

Andrew Strack '35 died September 14, 2005, in Jacksonville, FL. A U.S. Coast Guard veteran and retired furniture salesperson, he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Virginia, two daughters, 6 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Development Director's Message

Year End Giving Opportunities

Fall signals the beginning of the busy holiday season — a time when many people consider year-end gifts to their favorite charities. Before you ring in the New Year, please consider the advantages of making a year-end charitable gift to Subiaco. You can receive a break on your 2005 taxes and at the same time help Subiaco Abbey in its various apostolates.

Some gifts to consider:

Gifts of Cash: This is the most convenient way to make an unrestricted gift. Subiaco Abbey and Academy accepts donations by cash, check or credit cards. If your employer has a matching gift program, your gift is worth even more.

Gifts of Stock: You may realize tax savings with donations of stock. For stock transfer information, call our business manager, Glenn Constantino at 479-934-1026.

Advantages of stock and securities gifts:

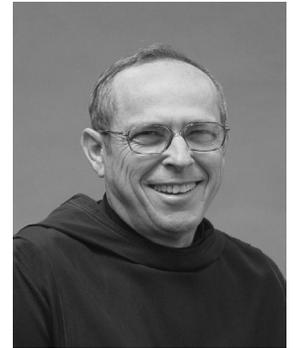
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- The fair market value of the stock can be deducted against a maximum of 30% of your adjusted gross income and any excess deductions can be carried forward into as many as five additional tax years.

Gifts of IRAs:

Very recent tax law changes have made it beneficial for some people to make IRA gifts before the end of 2005. When a person over 59½ withdraws funds from his or her IRA, the withdrawal will be included in the IRA owner's taxable income. Under the new tax law the withdrawn funds may be given in full to charity and 100% of the gift will then be deductible. The full gift will then be deductible. For further information please call Glenn Constantino at 479-934-1026.



A memorial or honor gift is a thoughtful way to show your appreciation for that special person, living or dead.

On page 14 you will find a form to fill out when making an honor or memorial gift so we can acknowledge your recipient. It is a gift that will make a difference in the lives of the many retreatants, students, parishioners and others in the larger Subiaco community.

These suggestions are not intended as legal or tax advice. Certainly it is advisable when planning charitable gifts with tax implications to consult an attorney or other tax advisor who can provide you with more information specific to your own needs.

Whatever gift you choose, we thank you for thinking of Subiaco in your year-end giving plans.

Fr. Richard Walz, O.S.A.

Mass intentions

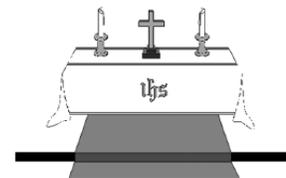
Each day requests for prayer come to the monastery, either through our prayer hotline or through the many other methods of communication. These needs are brought to the attention of the whole community either by being posted on a special bulletin board, placed on the altar for remembrance at our principal Masses, and/or mentioned in the petitions offered at Vespers.

Likewise, the priest-monks of the

Abbey offer Masses for particular intentions, as requested. Fr. Paul Hoedebeck, Custodian of Mass Intentions, would like to remind our readers that we are available to take their Mass intentions when perhaps their parish has more than it can handle.

In requesting a Mass, it is customary to include a small "stipend" or donation. The province in which Arkansas is included stipulates that the suggested donation or "Mass stipend" is to be

\$10.00. This amount is what is suggested; a lesser offering will certainly be accepted.



Development

Recent Memorials

There are times when everyone wants to do something with lasting spiritual meaning for his or her loved ones. Subiaco Abbey provides such a way. Loved ones can be remembered daily in the monks' Divine Office and their Masses through the Memorial Enrollment Program. To make this possible the abbey offers two types of memorial cards that will be sent to the family or friend that you specify. One would be sent to the family of a deceased person, and a second would be sent to a living person being remembered. Living memorials include anniversaries, birthdays or other occasions.

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Peanut Brittle and Monk Sauce flyers were sent out in late September. We plan to produce some 3000 two pound tins of "Abbey Brittle" for this holiday season.

Br. Louis Fuhrmann is again in charge of the day-to-day operation of the Peanut Brittle factory. Jacob Carey, our kitchen manager, is doing the cooking this year and volunteer monks and lay persons will be doing the many jobs surrounding the production and mailing of this candy.

Monk Sauce made its debut last year and is again being featured on our holiday flyer. Monk Sauce is made from Habanero peppers grown right here at Subiaco Abbey from seeds brought back from Santa Familia Monastery in Belize.

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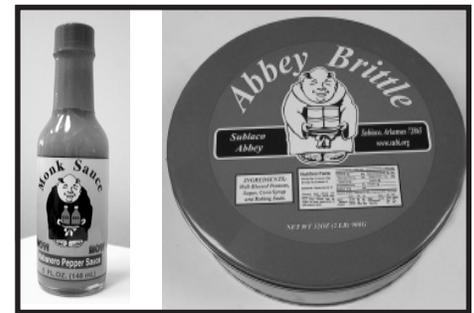
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of the day you will be able to leave a message that will be picked up during the time when the line is monitored. We encourage you to make use of the Prayer Hotline. Let us join you in praying for your needs.

The telephone number to call is:

1-800-350-5889

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beer. It's a great community-building event, renewing ties with our neighbors.

After all this was over, Fr. Abbot Jerome left to be with Father Aaron Pirrera in Springfield, Illinois, where Fr. Aaron's sister Rosemary was dying. Fr. Aaron had just lost his mother three

weeks before, so the blow was especially hard. No sooner had he returned, when Abbot Jerome's own mother, Clara, died on October 2nd. We invite your prayers for the four monks who have lost a parent in the past two months, and of course for their dear ones.



Upcoming Retreats and Events at Coury House

November 2005

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| 5 | Abbey Retreat League Bazaar |
| 5-6 | Hoelzeman Liturgical & Architectural Conference |
| 11-13 | Little Rock Scripture Studies Leaders |
| 18-20 | Matt Talbot Retreat |
| 18-20 | John Brown University Honors Program |

December

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| 2-4 | Dan Egan Retreat |
| 10 | Advent Day of Recollection |
| 31- Jan.1 | New Year's Evening of Recollection |

January 2006

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| 8-13 | Connected in Christ |
| 13-15 | Serenity Retreat |

February

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| 3-5 | Diocesan Knights of Columbus |
| 10-12 | Diocesan Council Black Catholics |
| 19-20 | Vince & Joyce Lammers (Our Lady of Good Counsel) Retreat |
| 24-26 | St. Louis Parish Men, Memphis, TN. |

Coury House Weekend Retreat rates include two nights and six meals.
A shared room: \$95. Private room: \$130. Married Couple: \$175.

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and special groups are available upon request.

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