



The Abbey Message

Subiaco
Abbey

Jubilees and joy

Ed. Note: Father Raphael DeSalvo celebrated 60 years of ordination on May 31; Father Sebastian 50 years as a priest on May 28. A brief biographical sketch and personal reflections by these two monks follow.

Fr. Raphael DeSalvo was born to Anthony and Josephine (Rossi) DeSalvo at Center Ridge, AR, on October 7, 1919, and was baptized Louis James. His earliest memories include that of going to Sunday Mass in a horse-drawn buggy, and of working with his father on the farm and in the vineyards. He recalls his father as a very hard-working man, who seemed to know how to do everything, and who expected his children to share in the work of supporting the large family. A traumatic memory is the death of his mother when she was only 36 and he was 14.

Louis came to Subiaco that same year, where two cousins, Father Christopher Paladino and Father Anthony Ros-

si, were monks. After high school, he entered the novitiate of the monastery, and recalls that the monastic community moved into the newly-completed Jewett Annex just after his entrance in 1939. After a “crash course” in theol-



Fr. Raphael DeSalvo & Fr. Sebastian Beshoner celebrate jubilees

ogy at Subiaco, he was ordained in 1945 and then went to Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology in 1948. Returning to Subiaco, he became Rector

of the seminary and also taught in the Academy for some 15 years. His career as an academic came to an end with his selection as head of the Abbey's mission foundation in Nigeria in 1963. When this foundation closed in 1967 due to

the Biafran civil war, he soon was appointed Prior at Subiaco, and in 1974 was elected as the fifth Abbot. In 1978 he was elected as Abbot President of the Swiss-American Congregation, in which capacity he served for six years. He resigned as Abbot in 1989 and has since served as pastor at Scranton, Prairie View, and Shoal Creek.

Asked about particular difficulties in his varied work, he replied that some responsibilities were harder than others,

but that he simply took up the task at hand, trusting in God's help, and did what he could do and what seemed right. He says that he maintained his
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The Pope and the Emperor

In 1809 Napoleon was trying to expand his sway in southern Europe by invading Italy and bringing the Catholic Church under his authority. The Pope at the time, Pius VII, had seemed to be open to the aims of the Emperor in modernizing Europe and ending some of the religious stalemates which had hampered movements of European unity. But though the Pope would yield to the Emperor on many points, there were issues he considered nonnegotiable, and this had brought the Pope into disfavor with Napoleon.

As a result, the Emperor began to subject the Pope to a series of indignities, extending finally to having the Pope abducted in Rome and on short notice taken away to Savona in northern Italy. The journey in a closed carriage (for secrecy) in the stifling July heat was grueling enough, but the 66-year-old Pope also had a urinary tract infection. Once during the first leg of nineteen hours a wheel came off and the carriage toppled over on its side.

Pope Pius VII was a kind and conciliatory person, but he had proved unexpectedly unyielding on certain demands affecting his spiritual authority and the independence of the Church. Napoleon thought that by isolating the Pope and taking him out of his accustomed surroundings in the Vatican, Pius VII would soon come around. The Emperor took away the papal servants and made the Pope do his own laundry and housecleaning, and suggested he might raise a garden for his food. The Pope's day became one of silence, prayer, and manual labor.

Much to his frustration, Napoleon found out that the Pope liked his new lifestyle. It took him back to his days as a Benedictine monk. He had made his vows as Brother Gregorio at the Abbey of Santa Maria del Monte in Cesena in 1758 and later taught in Rome, living at the

Abbey of St. Paul Outside the Walls, before being made a bishop by Pope Pius VI in 1787. The more the Emperor tried to humiliate and isolate him, the more peaceful and resolved the Pope became.

During three years of this exile, the Pope yielded on several matters to imperial pressure, but he would not let the Emperor cross certain boundaries involving the appointment of French bishops and other critical Church rights. Napoleon sent complicit Bishops and Cardinals to change the Pope's mind, but Pius held firm. Again in 1812 the Emperor had him taken away suddenly,

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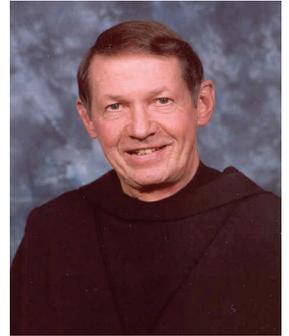
this time secretly for fear of a popular uprising in the Pope's favor, to Fontainebleau in France, where his predecessor Pius VI had died in exile and where he would be closer to Napoleon's power center in Paris.

In the Russian campaign of 1814 Napoleon suffered the first of the crushing blows which would drive him from office and send him into his own exile. Under pressure from all sides, he released the Pope and allowed him to return to Rome. Pius, who had been criticized by hardliners during the five years of exile as too lenient with the

Emperor and by conciliators as too rigid, was now vindicated. By being supple and yielding on secondary issues he had protected the Church and the papacy from a worse suppression, and by standing firm on essential issues he had preserved the rights of the Church for the future.

Soon after Pius VII returned to Rome, members of Napoleon's family came there seeking asylum, because they were being hunted for punishment along with the Emperor. The Pope saw to their protection and care, and when Napoleon was imprisoned and sent into exile, he made an appeal through official channels for just and humane treatment for the fallen Emperor.

Abbot Jerome Kodell, OSB



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April

The three wisteria arbors put on an impressive display in early April. Finally, after years of conflicting advice about pruning, someone got it right and we were treated to clouds, cascades, waves and breakers of this pinkish-purple flower of the pea family. The drooping clusters of flowers spring suddenly from the vine before any other foliage appears, giving an ethereal effect. Near the Abbey campsite on Lake Dardanelle, wisteria grows wild in large trees. For a time it appears that purple clouds have become snagged or beached in these treetops. Brother Francis, whatever you did this year, do it again!

Speaking of spring flowers, visitors to the new Mount Magazine State Park Visitor Center confirmed that the earliest-blooming white flowers we see in the woods around here is serviceberry. The ranger's presentation said that the name recalls the use of the showy white blooms in the Easter services in pioneer times, before the days of florists and forced Easter lilies.

Like everyone else, we were glued to the media coverage of the death and funeral of Pope John Paul II, the preparations for the conclave, and the election and installation of Pope Benedict XVI. Father Harold commented that the very positive coverage made him proud to be a Catholic. It certainly was a "teachable moment" for our students and for all people of good will. Of course, the choice of "Benedict" as the new Pope's name is a particular joy for Benedictines. We pray that Pope Benedict may emulate the wisdom, prudence, and gentle strength of his namesake.

The Narens brothers, Pete and Jim, from Texarkana, volunteered on the Abbey farm this month to help build new fences. Their time was limited, and so the farm crew put in long hard

days, dividing pastures with new fences, clearing out and re-doing old fence rows. Pete and Jim, Father Nicholas, Brothers Tobias and Louis came in for supper exhausted and scratched. You don't mess around with barbed wire all day without getting cut a few times. We are really blessed by the blood, sweat—I don't know about tears—of so many people who continue to help the Abbey Angus operation to be successful.

With the sale of the Corpus Christi Abbey property finalized, Brother Matthew O'Meara arrived at Subiaco on April 20. He had been watching over the property at Corpus Christi until the deal closed. Brother got the last unclaimed renovated room here at Subiaco. He has been working on the farm and, more recently, on the maintenance of the Abbey vehicles. A newcomer like Brother Matthew spends a year in discernment and probation, after which he and the community can make the arrangement permanent.

Jumping ahead, two other Brothers visited in June, also looking for a place to continue their religious life, following the dissolution of their home monastery. This has got to be very painful, and we invite prayers for these "displaced monks."

April ended with some record low temperatures (26° at Deer, AR). Brother Jude drove the boat for a student outing to the lake in a heavy jacket and gloves! Teenage boys can be very hardy when play is the object.

The computer system crashed so we were without internet and e-mail for some days in late April. Reactions to such a horror range from nonchalance to smugness to helplessness, and each person judges their reaction as the only sensible one. So far, this has only led to good-natured bantering at table and recreation.

May

It was 38° on May 1, yet the swimming pool opened on May 4, with a water temperature of 55°. A few hardy bodies (their souls must have been AWOL) braved the conditions on opening day.

Father Raphael collapsed during the morning Mass at Shoal Creek. He had finally succumbed to several circulatory and nerve problems. After a short hospital stay, he has been convalescing in the Abbey Health Center, and various monks are taking his place at St. Scholastica's. He arose from his sickbed to celebrate the Jubilee Mass honoring him on the occasion of his 60th anniversary of ordination, both at Shoal Creek, and again on July 3 at a similar celebration at his home parish in Center Ridge, AR. He definitely is a "people person" and does not like to



Fr. Raphael & Abbot Jerome at celebration

disappoint those who have prepared a party for him.

Strangely, just before Fr. Sebastian's Jubilee celebration at his home parish (St. Joseph in Paris), he too was suddenly laid low with pancreatitis. His celebration of 50 years of ordination was cancelled. He is getting around pretty well again and tells us that gallstones (which is what it turned out to be) are no fun. He had planned on a fishing expedition with his brother to

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the Gulf of Mexico just after the parish celebration. Hopefully both will be rescheduled. He always brings back ice chests full of fish from his vacation trips.

On May 9th, the Academy hosted its first-ever Grandparents Day, which drew about 150 proud grandparents. A recurring question was “Why haven’t you done this before?” We surely will.

Bishop Peter Sartain gave the commencement address at the inner court graduation exercises on May 21. This was a very talented group of young men who commenced their next stage of life, and they strode off purposefully to get on with it.

After graduation, there were three full weeks before the monastic retreat. This unusual hiatus provided a wonderful quiet space, without so many obligations. Monks tend to get too busy like the rest of society, and need some “down time” too. Several took the opportunity to go on vacation; others relaxed locally at family outings or private solitude days; still others shifted from a “school mode” to farming, grounds, and garden tasks.

June

It had been getting rather dry, so we were happy to begin June with an all-day rain. This was followed by a down-pour of 2.55 inches on June 6. Many nearby areas did not receive these rains, so we are sitting pretty and praying for “rain where it is needed.”

On June 3, Brother Mel was arranging furniture in the Coury House addition in time to show it off during the Alumni Reunion the first weekend of June. He invited Father Mark to conduct the very first official function in the facility, a meeting in one of the nicely-appointed private conference rooms.

The next week the priests of the diocese of Little Rock used the large meeting space for conferences and liturgies.

Then the monastic community got to use it for their annual retreat. The addition will be dedicated in September, but will be well broken-in by then.

Construction wound down to a few final touch-ups and clean-ups in June. The cranes and the construction trailer moved out after a stay of about 18 months. A few workers are still hauling debris, spreading topsoil, and repairing damaged sidewalks and curbs. We got used to seeing and hearing some of the workmen, and hope that they will return as friends and visitors.

Brother Joseph Kohler’s blackberries produced in a big way this year! He put in a row of cultivated Kiowa variety berries along the bottom fence row of the vineyard. Evidently they like it there! At last count the total picked has gone over the 200 gallon mark. Father Hugh and Brother Adrian have been his chief assistant pickers, with Father Mark brought in to get at the back side, between the row and the fence. Most berries have been frozen for future use, but we’ve enjoyed fresh berries, cobbler, and a steady supply of jelly.



Br. Joseph Kohler, Frs. Hugh and Mark bring in the blackberries.

Brother Adrian has turned into the main gardener the past several years. His beets and sweet corn were big hits at the dinner table, and now the tomatoes are coming in. Father Abbot Jerome keeps his hand in the tomato production, and Fathers Richard and Bruno are tending their habanero pepper plants. Articles in the Catholic Digest and Southern Living magazine recently touted their famous habanero “Monk Sauce.” Sales spiked. Maybe there will be room in the bodega (warehouse) for this year’s production after all.

Sister Mary Reuter, OSB, of St. Benedict Monastery in Saint Joseph, Minnesota, conducted our annual retreat. This is only the second time that we’ve had a female retreat director. A certain monk was wondering beforehand whether another monk would have problems with this. Fortunately, in her second conference, she quoted the poet e.e. cummings, thus winning over the monk in question, who is also a big fan of the poet.

She spoke simply and with conviction about finding God in “ordinary time,” which comprises the bulk of liturgical time and personal time.

Then followed Subiaco Summer Camp, with about 145 boys registered. There were no special crises, disasters, or storms this year. The all-volunteer staff ran it like a well-oiled machine.

Monks who did not venture to the west side of campus would hardly have known that Camp was going on, except for the incessant clacking of the



Sr. Mary Reuter, OSB

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equilibrium in his demanding roles by striving to be faithful to the ordinary religious duties of a monk and priest, especially the Divine Office and daily Mass. He has found the demands of obedience and poverty challenging, but asserts that the willing acceptance of these counsels leads to a very rewarding life, full of blessing, surprises, and a deeper sort of freedom than that of simply “doing one’s own will.” He advises young people to face squarely the temptations of the world, to realize that the following of Christ entails some “giving up,” but that what one receives back is far greater. He says to anyone considering the religious life or a priestly vocation: “Go to church regularly; keep learning more about your faith.”

Fr. Raphael has always enjoyed travel, and appreciates the opportunities he had as Abbot President to see many parts of the world. He cites especially his trip to our sister city of Subiaco, Australia, and a visit to Singapore, where he took rolls of illegal pictures before anyone advised him that this was forbidden. (He kept the pictures.) He is at ease in all situations, ready with jokes and friendly banter, and so he enjoys himself and people enjoy him wherever he is.

A sample of his humor: recently several family members were visiting in his room in the Abbey Health Center. Boisterous laughter indicated that Fr. Raphael was at his best. He and a brother were comparing their degrees of baldness. Fr. Raphael, who is rather “smooth” on top, said with a wink: “You know that baldness is the sign of an intellectual.” A brother with more hair chortled: “Hah! It only means that the hair roots kept hitting something hard, finally gave up, and fell out.” Fr. Raphael roared!

Father Sebastian Beshoner was born in Paris, Arkansas, on October 7, 1930, the son of Carl and Theresa (Eckelhoff) Beshoner. He was christened Charles Joseph, taking his middle name from the parish church, just across the street from the family home. The entire family, which came to number 12 surviving children, attended daily Mass, and young Charles began serving Mass at about the age of five. St. Joseph Church was always staffed by Subiaco monks. Fr. Sebastian credits the pastor of his boyhood, Father Edward Chrisman, as being the formative influence on his vocation. He wanted to follow the example of this “good pastor.”

After high school at Subiaco Academy, just six miles from his home, he entered the novitiate of the monastery in 1949. He made his first profession and became “Sebastian” on September 16, 1950. Five years later, on May 28, he was ordained a priest. Now he has completed fifty years of priestly ministry, and pauses to reflect and to celebrate.

Fr. Sebastian’s responses to interview questions return again and again to two central themes. The first of these is his sense of openness to the Spirit of God as the guiding principle for his journey through life. He says: “Let God have the reins and you will end up where He wants you.” A corollary principle is that the will of God becomes manifest in the will and decisions of one’s religious superior. Experience has shown him that by such openness and trust God’s will is known, and is accomplished, and so God is glorified in all things.

Fr. Sebastian is currently recovering from a severe bout with gallstones, which prevented the scheduled celebration of his ordination anniversary. In his setback, as in his remarkable re-

covery from a stroke in 2001, he is the epitome of a man at peace with himself. There is absolutely no “wailing and grinding of teeth.”

Father’s choice of hobbies reflect and perhaps contribute to his quiet, peaceful nature.

He is an expert at needlework, and no pattern or project is too daunting for him. He crochets small doilies, and full-size tablecloths, all with complex designs and intricate needlework. He delights equally, it seems, in beginning a massive piece, stitching at it daily for six months or more, and in completing the work. During his 8-year pastorate at St. Benedict’s here in Subiaco, he painstakingly landscaped the raw highway cut through the sandstone ridge next to the parish school and hall. He converted an ugly scar into a showpiece of rockwork, with multiple levels and terraces, niches and alcoves, which he then filled with shrubs, vines, and flowers. The area is not as well-maintained now, but remains a showpiece and lasting testament to his patience and sense of beauty.

Asked for words of wisdom from an “elder,” he offered these two: “How short is time; use it well.” And “Develop openness to the Spirit of God working through you and your superiors.”



This I believe

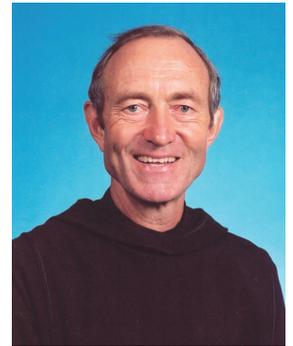
National Public Radio featured a series of radio essays this Spring with the overall title “This I Believe.” Politicians, scientists, poets, and churchmen gave trenchant summaries of their most deeply-held beliefs. The series was gripping because the statements seemed so real, so genuine. The speakers were not spouting jargon, mouthing platitudes, speaking for the sound bite on the evening news. The series was encouraging because the speakers actually believed specific ideas, facts, and doctrines.

Belief in anything implies a disbelief of its opposite. This does not mean that a strongly-held belief must be imposed on another, or that the one who holds a divergent belief is fair game for mockery or persecution. Competing beliefs cannot all be true. The clear statement of what one believes to be the truth is the

basis for any investigation of the validity of competing claims. Progress toward understanding is thwarted by saying “It doesn’t make much difference.” or “I’m really not sure about anything.” or “Let’s ignore our differences and see where we can agree.” or “That’s your truth; this is my truth; so we are even.” Such statements trivialize the truth and paper over differences which will not go away just because they are swept under the rug.

The Abbot’s article tells about Pope Pius VII’s unyielding stance toward Napoleon’s attempt to usurp Church and Papal authority. Pope Benedict XVI is calling the Church to state clearly and act firmly on what we believe, as though it made a difference. The two jubilarians featured on page one say without equivocation what they believe to be essential to the life of a monk and priest.

Perhaps we should each compose our own essay “This I Believe” and then act as if we truly do believe.



Fr. Mark Stengel

Academy Literary Symposium to honor Heat-Moon

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 the afternoon of 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 commu-

nication. 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.



Bishop Sartain calls graduates to life of leadership

Forty members of the Subiaco Academy class of 2005 graduated in ceremonies May 21, 2005. The Graduation Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Abbey Church preceded the Commencement Exercises beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Inner Court of Subiaco Abbey. Fr. Aaron Pirrera, O.S.B presented diplomas to the graduates in the ceremony in the Abbey quadrangle. Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, provided a simple message during the 118th commencement address: "Genuine leadership is determined neither by market share, nor by publicity, nor by power, nor by Gallup poll, but by the quality of the heart; and it is understood only by the one willing to learn the meaning of the word 'sacrifice.'"

Arkansas students receiving medals for excellence included: Drew Piechocki of Ft. Smith (mathematics), Jack Willems of Searcy (social studies), Jacob Post of Morrilton (religious studies), Matthew Sharum of Ft. Smith (highest scholastic average), Erik Jakobs of Alma (Americanism), Jeff Sharum of Ft. Smith (application to studies), Paul Marsden of Charleston (English), Chris Gattis of Ratcliff (Latin), Chad Komp of Paris (Coury Athletic Trophy), Andy Koch of Scranton (visual art), Jeff

Rehm of New Blaine (Pereyra Award for Unselfishness), Michael Strobel of Scranton (science), and Mark Kiefer of Paris (instrumental music).

Medals for excellence were also awarded to Michael Gaskell of Canton, OH (composition and publishing), Ernesto Saldivar of Houston, TX (campus activities), Thomas Lucier of Carrollton, TX (choral music), Cody Randall of Wilson, NC (foreign languages), Antonio Grubisic of Osijek, Croatia (good character), and Daniel Miller of Arling-

ton, TX (religious activities).

Jack Willems of Searcy is the valedictorian and Jacob Post of Morrilton is the salutatorian of the class of 2005.

Significant statistics about the 2005 graduating class include: 13 of the 40 grads have received full 4-year college scholarships. The average ACT composite for the 15 honor graduates is 27.5. The average ACT composite for the 40 seniors is 24.8. Twenty-five members of this class will attend Arkansas colleges.



Commencement speaker for the 118th graduating class was Bishop Peter Sartain (center) of the Little Rock diocese.

New administrative positions announced

Administrative changes mark the 2005-06 school year. Abbot Jerome Kodell and the Board of Trustees have approved a new organizational structure for the administration of Subiaco Academy.

Fr. Aaron Pirrera, who for the last four years has served as headmaster, will be superintendent of the school. The duties of this new position include overall oversight of the Academy operations,

development, recruiting and admissions.

Mr. Mike Berry, former assistant headmaster, will be headmaster. His duties include overseeing the daily operations of the academy, which include business, discipline and personnel matters. Mr. Berry has worked at Subiaco Academy for 7 years in the roles of football coach, baseball coach and history teacher.

Fr. Timothy Donnelly will continue

as academic dean while Mr. Greg Timmerman has been named dean of men.

Another new position was created by the Board of Trustees. Jim Pat Mills was named regional representative. In this position, Mr. Mills will recruit students in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Mr. Mills grew up in Texas and attended school in the Clarksville area.



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Top honor graduates recognized

The valedictorian for the graduating class of 2005 is Jack Willems and the salutatorian is Jacob Post.

Willems, son of Michael and Cathy Willems of Searcy, was accepted by Notre Dame and Washington University, but he plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a full scholarship. Willems was nominated as a finalist of the National Merit Scholarship Program and a Bodenhamer Fellow at the University of Arkansas.

With 20 other students in Arkansas, he was selected as an Arkansas Times Academic All-Star based on standardized test scores and an essay. As a result, he was featured in an Arkansas Times

article. He received \$250 and was invited to the Arkansas Times Academic All-Star Banquet in Little Rock.

Post, son of Peter and Bernadette Post of Morrilton, obtained an excellent score on the ACT and earned a Governor's Scholarship for his county and the Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. As a junior, he won the Fr. Clement's Scholarship for excellence in math and science.

Other honor graduates are Michael Strobel, Jeffrey Sharum, Erik Jakobs, Thomas Lucier, Gustavo Flores, Hunter Spears, Brandon Copsy, Paul Marsden, John Cauldwell, Stephen Short, Mark

Kiefer, Chad Komp and John Gourlay. To be an honor graduate, a student must achieve a 90 percent cumulative grade point average.

Distinguished Governor's Scholars are Erik Jakobs, Jack Willems and Stephen Short. The recipients will receive up to \$10,000 per year in college. A Distinguished Governor's Scholar must score 32 or above on the ACT.



Service, achievements honored

by Andy Koch

The fifth annual Awards Assembly was held to recognize students and staff who contributed to the success of another school year. "We have had a beautiful thing - in Fr. Herbert's words - happening this year," said Mrs. Chandra Rush, the college counselor, at the annual awards assembly which was held May 13.

The Distinguished Service Award is given each year to a staff member who contributes to the daily operation of the Academy. Mrs. Gerry Sprick of Subiaco won the award for her five years of service in the maintenance department.

Numerous awards were presented to students commending their hard work and dedication to study and excellence. Special recognition was noted for those

who volunteered and tutored. Some seniors recorded well over 100 hours of community service.

Presidential Education Awards were presented to 58 students in recognition of outstanding academic excellence and 12 for improvement in academics.

The National Honor Society, CASA Club, Student Council, choir, band, math students, Latin students, and journalism staffs were commended for their achievements throughout the year.

Seniors were recognized for their contributions to the academy through school, activities, sports, leadership and community service.



Executive branch selected

The executive branch of the 2005-06 Student Council was elected in early May. After speeches were presented by all running for a position, grades 9 through 11 voted for their choices.

Junior Andrew Eubanks won president of the Executive Student Council. Eubanks is a member of Blue Arrow, the National Honor Society and a three-year football player. He has also been on the honor roll since his freshman year.

Sophomore Holden Glass was elected vice president over three other candidates. He is a two-year member of the football team.

Sophomore Donald Goetz ran uncontested for secretary. Goetz is a member of track, Quiz Bowl, and band.

Appointed as treasurer was John Zagurski (class of 2007) and as parliamentarian Patrick Vollmer (class of 2007).



The Periscope, Subiaco Academy's student newspaper, is published nine times each school year. For the last two years, it has received excellent ratings by the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association.

If you would like to receive each issue of the paper, please send your address and \$10 to The Periscope, c/o Subiaco Academy, 405 N. Subiaco Ave., Subiaco, AR 72865.

Talent shines in tri-county art show

by Michael Stuth

Subiaco Academy hosted the third annual Art Show for Logan, Franklin and Johnson counties. The participating schools included Subiaco, Booneville, Scranton, County Line, Magazine, Clarksville, Lamar, Ozark, Paris and Charleston.

The art was displayed May 2 – 15 in the gallery of the Performing Arts Center. On Sunday, May 15, a reception was held in the PAC Gallery to recognize winners. Twenty-nine Subiaco students submitted 49 art entries to this annual art competition.

Several types of art were submitted, such as pen and ink, charcoal, pencil, 3-D, etc.

“I was disappointed that we didn’t get more awards in drawing, but 3-D did well. There were a variety of judges and taste so that spread the awards around,” said Mr. Wright, an academy art teacher.

The prizes were awarded in three categories: drawing, painting, and 3-dimensional. First, second, and third places are judged individually for each category.

Subiaco students did not place in two of the categories. The prizes for first, second and third place in 3-D went to Patrick Richards (11), Chad Komp (12) and Jose Yanez (10).

The judging of the art show took place May 9. The judges were brought in from outside the area. The art was judged on originality, creativity, attractiveness, style and control of the medium.

Two named to Schriver Award

The monthly Schriver Award honors a student for good behavior and attitude toward both students and teachers. The award recognizes students who set good examples for others.



Don Goetz

Donald Goetz, a two-year sophomore, is the winner for March. Goetz is in many activities such as track, quiz bowl, band and Student Council. His parents are Mr. Roy Goetz and Mrs. Cheryl Goetz.

The April recipient is Rodrigo Trevino; he is a two-year senior from Garza Garcia, Mexico. He is a member of the CASA club and the tennis team. Trevino also assists as a proctor on the second floor.



Rodrigo Trevino



Spring activities net awards

The Stock Market Game yielded profit for Trojans, thanks to John Beuerlein ('71) who donated \$1,000 as prize money to the top ten teams in the school. Drew Piechocki, Jeffrey Sharum, 1st-\$400; Dakota Turner, 2nd-\$200; Hayden McDonald, Chris West, Chad Komp, 3rd-\$150; Kyle Rudolph, Michael and Gabriel Becker 4th-\$100. The following were each awarded \$25: Jared Schluterman, Sean Maness and Nathan Willems, John Zagurski, Michael Gaskell, Quinton Schluterman, Gordon Kim, Juan De Jesus, Justin Alvarez.

According to Fr. Leonard Wangler, coordinator for the quarterly blood

drive for the Red Cross, 35 pints of blood were donated on May 3, the highest since 1992.

The Men’s Choir competed at the Catholic Schools Choral Festival at St. Joseph Church in Conway Thursday, May 5. The choir received highest ratings from the adjudicators.

Four members of the track team won their events in the district level and thereby qualified to compete at the state track meet held in Nashville, AR.

Those competing at state were Devyn Banas (9), Cody Schluterman (11), Ren Oslica (12) and Jeff Rehm (12).



The Class of '05 pulled through the competitive events to win the annual Field Day competitions, which were held Thursday, May 12.



Alumni

2005 Reunion views



Fr. Kevin McGrath, OSB of Cullman, AL, was the principal celebrant at the Reunion Mass

The Men of '75: Mark Rust, Kevin Konecny & John Sokoro



Kerri Franz presents gift to outgoing Auxiliary President Virginia Lisko



Kevin Konecny '75 & Fr. Richard '59 singing at Mass

Alumni camaraderie under the new tent



Sandusky, Berend, Vossler, and Arce represent the class of '85

Where are they now?

Major Arthur A. Didion '82 "I'm in sunny Kirkuk, Iraq. I'm the Civil Engineer commander in the Air Force and have roughly 1000 people under my command. In the last three weeks, we've had five rocket attacks, lost one plane and had five deaths. It's hot, dirty and full of flies."

David D. Geis '72 finished his 28th year teaching special education in the Fort Worth ISD and has retired from teaching. He wrote: "I have been blessed with making a difference in many students' lives, as was done for me at Subiaco."

Mark Christopher '72 compared his childhood fishing for trout at Roaring River (in Missouri) to settling "for dolphin fish now" in Australia.

The wedding of **Ben Davis '96** took place in Big Sur, CA, June 4, 2005.

John P. Williams, Ph.D. '75 is an Associate Professor and GCRC Core Laboratory Director at the University of Kentucky - Department of Internal Medicine in Lexington, KY.

Dale Schumacher '71 may entitle his next literary chef d'oeuvre "When I'm Reflecting."

Ricco Ardemagni '00, having recently completed his degree at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, will be taking a job in Philadelphia with General Mills.

Vincent Verfuert '60, after careers in the U.S. Air Force, in government service, and in the restaurant business in Baltimore, plans a move to the warmer climate of Arizona.

Thomas H. Scott III '90 and his wife Leslie had their third son May 31st. Griffin 5 and Elliott 2 are adjusting to the new addition. Thomas is attending college at night to work on a marketing degree, working full-time as Vice President of Scott Powerline & Utility Equipment, restoring 4 classic cars, and enjoying life's little pleasures.

Ryan and Kristen Gehrig '91 welcomed a new resident to their Bristow, OK, home – Alyssa born in late May 2005.



Tom Guanella '50 earned a hard fought victory in the 2005 Alumni Reunion doubles tournament.

Brigadier General William D. Wofford '67 of Conway was promoted to Major General (2 stars) at Camp Robinson, NLR, on Saturday, June 4, 2005. General Wofford began his military career when he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation from the ROTC program at Arkansas Tech University May 15, 1971.

Terrence Costello '75 works for GTx, Inc., a men's health Biotech Company which is working toward making drugs to prevent and cure prostate cancer. He's responsible for the animal based research which is required prior to drug testing in humans. Prior to his 3 years at GTx, Terry worked at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for ten years in their animal research program.

Pat & Kerri Franz '78 opened their hearts to a new granddaughter named Elizabeth Blayze May 4, 2005. Michael Franz '08 became not only an uncle but a godparent. The family had to go to Hawaii to see the new addition. Kerri states, "The sacrifices families have to make for each other!"

Larry Paladino '48 recalled recently to his nephew, Br. Tobias, two Subiaco Academy athletic highlights. He quarterbacked the 1947 Subiaco football team in the state championship game against Little Rock Central. Larry remembered pitching a no-hitter against Booneville for the Academy baseball team in 1948. He was grateful for the chance that Subiaco gave him to receive an athletic scholarship to the University of Central Arkansas where he played quarterback, became an all-conference baseball pitcher, and later played pro baseball. In recent years his accomplishments in amateur golf in New York, New Jersey, and Florida are noteworthy.



Steve Schmitz President

Steve Schmitz '91 will serve as the 2005-2006 Subiaco Alumni Association President. A graduate of Texas A & M University and former Grand Knight of Columbus of Gainesville Council #1167, he is the owner/manager of Tierra Real Estate, and President of the Cooke County Board of Realtors. He and wife Misty have one 5-year-old daughter Kenadie and one 4-year-old son Nicholas. He says, "I look forward to the next year. I have a goal of getting a class leader for each class who would verify contact information for their classmates."



Steve Schmitz '91



Alumni

Anniversary attendance amazes all at 2005 Reunion

Twenty-seven members of the class of '65 and twenty-two from the class of '55 made their presence known at the 2005 Reunion, June 3-5. **Bob Neumeier '65** and Jennifer Kaufman (wife of **Ron '65**) started off Reunion activities by beating 44 fellow golfers at the annual tournament at the Little Creek course. During the Saturday morning General Assembly, former Subiaco football coach Holton Primm praised his first Trojan team, the men of '65, for their success on the gridiron. Coach Primm was named an honorary Subiaco alumnus and his wife Hannah was named an honorary member of the Subiaco Ladies Auxiliary. Abbot Jerome, during graduation ceremonies in May, had named **Bishop Peter Sartain '70** an honorary alumnus. **Jim Hayes '75** and **Tom Guanella '55** continued the anniversary classes significant weekend achievements by winning respectively the hole-in-one and doubles tennis tournaments.

Friday and Saturday night festivities took place under the new orange and

blue tent (purchased with contributions by the Academy Parent Association, the Alumni Association, and several individual alumni). A Texas duo (guitar and bass), sponsored by Ryan Gehrig and the Alumni Association, performed Friday night.

The traditional Ladies Auxiliary brunch and the Alumni General Assembly took place Saturday morning. After the opening prayer, the pledge of allegiance, the abbatial welcome, and a stirring group vocalization of the Subiaco fight song, the assembled alumni heard a reading of the list of alumni who had died since the June 2004 meeting; then followed recognition of the monk jubilarians (Father Raphael—60 years ordained, Father Sebastian—50 years ordained, and Father Aaron—25 years professed). The anniversary classes were then recognized, followed by reports from Association Treasurer Don Berend, Academy Superintendent Fr. Aaron, Headmaster Mike Berry, Athletic Director Tim Tenclve, Football Coach Kenneth Stovall, Camp Subiaco Director

Mike Mangione, School Board Secretary Br. Ephrem, Alumni Board President Ralph Bock, and Abbot Jerome.

The 3 alumni scholarships were announced—the Fr. Christopher Scholarship to John Zagurski of Gainesville, TX, the Fr. Clement Scholarship to Andrew Eubanks of Paris, AR, and the Coach Maus Scholarship to Michael Gaskell of Canton, OH.

Elected and appointed to the Alumni Board were Pat Franz, Josh Tritt, Gene Schwartz, Dale Schumacher, Chris Guidry, and Mike Welch.



Ralph Bock '56 accepted the Distinguished Alumnus Award in the presence of his wife Carla and 4 earlier named Distinguished Alumni

Obituaries

Jack Reynolds '49 died April 29, 2005. He was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, an Arkansas Golden Glove boxing champion, a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock law school, the president of St. Vincent Infirmity Medical Center in Little Rock for 19 years. Jack is survived by his wife Dolores, one son, two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Charles Edward Henke '47 of Santa Ana, CA, died May 2, 2005. A retired electrician, current owner of Huntington Valley Tool Rental, he is survived by his wife Gladys, 3 sons, one daughter, and one sister.

Robert Buss '49 died May 20, 2005, in Skiatook, OK. Buried in St. Scholastica Cemetery in Shoal Creek, AR, he is survived by three sons, Danny, Robbie, and Marty, five sisters, Margie Phillips and Dorothy Schwartz, Sophie Buss, Rose Wilson, and Cathy Marks, two brothers John and Ernest, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Louis J. Schroeder '35 died June 1, 2005, in LaGrange, TX. A businessman, realtor, and avid Houston Astro fan, he was heavily involved in civic affairs. He is survived by a sister-in-law, nieces and nephews.

John Jacob Hartz '70 died June 5, 2005. After a career as a medic in the U. S. Navy, John worked at the Stuttgart

Regional Medical Center and then for Charles (Dutchy) Papan and his father on their farm. He spent a good portion of his lifetime working with the youth of Stuttgart; he also worked with the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest. Survivors are his mother Betty Joe, four brothers—David, Jim, Mark and Michael, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation: 5–6 p.m. Tuesday at Turpin with rosary at 6 p.m. Funeral services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church at Slovak. Burial in St. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery.

Henry Paladino '47 died June 19, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II.



Development Director's Message

Many of you may remember last year's Lindsay, TX, picnic. All the proceeds from this annual parish fundraiser were pledged to Subiaco's Jewett Annex renovation project and in the end amounted to more than \$75,000.00!

You can well imagine that we were very grateful for this wonderful gift. Many of the monks here contributed examples of their crafts as prizes and auction items for the picnic to help make it a big success. And it certainly was a very big occasion!

This year Lindsay is having their annual picnic to support their parish, St. Peter's and their many needs. As a way of saying thanks, many of the monks here have again contributed examples

of their crafts to the picnic that will be held this summer. These range from a welded sculpture by Fr. Eugene to turned wooden bowls by Abbot Jerome and Br. Jude. Other items include calligraphy by Br. Ephrem and Fr. Hugh, a cedar chest by Br. Adrian, crocheted and knitted items by Br. Adrian, Br. José, Fr. Aaron and Fr. Sebastian. Br. Thomas and Jo Kastner have made gigantic peanut brittle patties and two cases of our famous Monk Sauce will be auctioned off. Framed artworks and photos by various monks and rosaries made by Br. Louis and Fr. Richard will also be available.

This is only a small way to say thank you, but it is a good way for us

to express our thanks to the pastor, Rev. Ronald E. Scheible, and all the people who supported the picnic and our renovation last year. We are grateful and have pledged our support for their picnic this year.

May God bless them for their generosity!



Fr. Richard Walz, O.S.A.

Read "A Quiet Getaway" page 31 in the June 2005 issue of *Southern Living*; the article begins: "Come to Subiaco, Arkansas, where cattle, monks, and self-guided strolls will relax and rejuvenate."

BEQUESTS

During the last year, Subiaco Abbey has received cash settlements from nine estates.

Margaret Z. Bachner;
Edward Dillon; Cecilia C. Gorrell
Louise Heinrichs; Gertrude Maus;
Dorothy Meagher;
Edward Mikes; Helen Myers; Joseph Schodl

Remember Subiaco in your will

Endowment to educational and religious institutions is often made by bequest. By remembering Subiaco in your will, you can help guarantee the future financial security of Subiaco Abbey and Academy. This form of "building for the future" is available to all friends of Subiaco Abbey, regardless of the size of their estate or their present financial responsibilities.

For all estate planning, our legal name is:

Subiaco Abbey

Development

Gertrude E. Konert

by Fr. Richard Walz

When I was the prior of Santa Familia Monastery in Belize, it was my privilege to get to know a number of people who were strong supporters of Subiaco and its mission in Belize. One such person was Gertrude E. Konert. She regularly sent a gift to Subiaco earmarked for "the mission in Belize."

Gertrude was born near here, in Scranton, Arkansas, and so from her earliest days had a connection to Subiaco. But most of her adult life was lived in Kansas City, Missouri.

Over the years Gertrude has been very generous to Subiaco and so it was only natural that I would want to pay her a visit if the opportunity came up. I had two opportunities to visit her since my return from Belize, the last coming just before Christmas, 2004. I remember bringing her a can of our peanut brittle and a bottle of Monk Sauce. Gertrude commented that she was not going to eat the hot sauce, but she had someone in mind who would enjoy it. But the peanut brittle would be perfect for her room and to serve to guests over the Christmas season.

Gertrude Konert died on May 8, 2005. I attended the funeral Mass at her parish and concelebrated along with Fr. Shea, the Redemptorist pastor there. In a eulogy given by a lawyer friend, John Gordon recalled his first impression, that she was a person who was straight with you. He found she was "straight with God, straight with people, straight with her faith."

He also described her as being "filled with gratitude." Gertrude was grateful for the gifts that God had given her and did not hesitate to share them. She supported her local parish church, the retirement home where she spent her final years, as well as Subiaco and its missions.

As in life, so also in her death Gertrude continues to be generous to Subiaco.

We recently received word that Subiaco was named in her will and will be a beneficiary of her estate.

Estate planning is one way that a person can not only take care of their own family and friends, it is also a way to take care of charitable interests that are important to you. My own mother died earlier this year and she had made it clear to all of us, her children that not only was she going to remember Subiaco in her will, she was also going to name her parish, Sacred Heart in Poplar Bluff, MO, to get an equal share with all the rest of us.

In many ways a charitable gift to Subiaco by will or living trust is an ideal way to give because the gift is given only after the donor no longer has need of it.

In the box on the previous page you will see a list of 9 names of persons from whom Subiaco has received bequests during the past year. Some of this money has gone toward operating expenses for Subiaco Abbey and Academy and student aid, but a significant portion of this cash has gone toward endowment of both the Abbey and Academy.

If Subiaco is one of your charitable concerns, and we certainly hope it is, we encourage you to think of including Subiaco Abbey and Academy in your estate plans. Gertrude Konert, as well as many others down through the years, have included Subiaco in their estate plans and it has made a major difference in our ability to carry on our work.



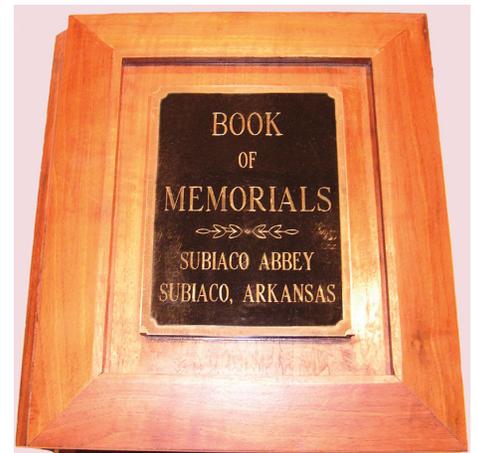
Gertrude Konert



Memorials

It is becoming a rather common thing for obituaries to suggest that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to a deceased person's favorite charities.

During the past several months we have been notified on several occasions that Subiaco Abbey and/or Academy was named as a favorite charity. We appreciate this and are thankful to those who contribute in memory of their loved ones. Here at Subiaco we enroll the deceased person in our Book of Memorials and remember him/her in our daily Masses and prayers. This book is kept near the St. Benedict chapel in our Abbey Church.



Book of Memorials at Subiaco Abbey

In the last issue of the *Abbey Message* we listed some 125 memorial gifts that were made during the three months preceding.

It is truly a wonderful way to remember our loved ones when we offer a lasting memorial in the form of a gift to Subiaco Abbey or Academy, where it will continue to support the works of Subiaco in the years to come.



Coury House blessing set for September 24, 2005

September 24, 2005, will be the date for the blessing of the new addition to Coury House. Final details are not yet in place, but we hope that many of you will be able to be with us that Saturday afternoon for the ceremony.

Most of the work has concluded and we are presently using the new chapel/meeting room [see picture below] for retreats and meetings. The Arkansas diocesan priests were the first to use the new facility and immediately after them

our Subiaco monastic retreat was held there.

In the picture to the right several Knights of Columbus volunteers are working on sidewalks and lighting on the exterior of the Coury House. A considerable amount of work remains in landscaping, but that will be done by Br. Francis and our grounds crew and will be taking place throughout the summer months.

Please note the date on your calendar and plan to attend the blessing of this new addition on Sept. 24.



New Coury House chapel/meeting room is already being used. Dedication is set for Sept. 24, 2005.



Knights of Columbus from Little Rock, Conway and Russellville added handicap accessibility to several sidewalks and installed wiring for lighting to be added later. Pictured above are [L-R] Alvin Lock, W. T. Thomas and J. O. Blaty.



Eucharistic Chapel in Coury House addition



Throughout history, one of the primary ministries of monks has been to intercede for the prayer needs of God's people. In our desire to better meet your prayer needs, Subiaco Abbey instituted the Prayer Hotline in

October 2004. This prayer line is open 24 hours a day, every day. One of the monks is available from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. daily in order to acknowledge and include your prayer needs in the daily prayers of the monastic community. At other hours

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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box hockey sticks. It is amazing how popular that game remains!

Summer began officially on the 21st, and with it came the first hot days, with highs around 95°. Our farmers are baling hay as fast as they can. The cattle look fat and content. The grounds and

pastures are green. Inside conditions are pleasant too, with the air conditioning (Thank you, Lord! Thank you, friends!). We each control the thermostat setting in our own rooms, and the Abbot has posted instructions for the common areas and the refectory. There

remain some disagreements about which doors should be opened or closed. Just so we remember the great blessing, even as we deal with the minor adjustments to an air-conditioned home. It is great!



Upcoming Retreats and Events at Coury House

- July 25–29: Calligraphy Workshop for Beginners. Br. Ephrem, Director.
July 31–Aug. 3: **Catholic School Principals Retreat, Diocese of Little Rock.
August 5–7: **Catholic Knights of America Annual Conference.
August 12–14: Beginning of School year for Subiaco Academy.
August 26–27: Leadership of Logan County Workshop.
Sept. 2–4: **St. Michaels Youth Retreat, West Memphis.
Sept. 9–10: Subiaco Arts Festival. Abbey Retreat League Bar-B-Q.
Sept. 11–16: **Connected In Christ. A retreat for Methodist Ministers.
Sept. 16–18: Benedictine Oblate Retreat.
Sept. 23–25: Abbey Retreat League Fall Retreat & Meeting. Dedication of Chapel, Conference Center.
Sept. 25–30: **Connected In Christ. A retreat for Methodist Ministers.
Oct. 3–6: **Positive Spirit Reunion.
Oct. 7–9: “Year of the Eucharist” Retreat.
K of C Retreat, Gainesville, TX. Fr. Nicholas Fuhrmann, Dir.
Oct. 14–16: Charismatic Retreat. Glory of Zion Prayer Community.
Subiaco Academy Board of Trustees Meeting.
Oct. 16–21: **Diocese of Tulsa Priest Retreat.
Oct. 21–23: A Retreat for Women. “Eucharistic Amazement.” Diocesan CCW Retreat, Diocese of Little Rock. All women invited.
Oct. 23–28: **Connected In Christ. A retreat for Methodist Ministers.
Oct. 28–30: Subiaco Academy Parents Weekend.
Nov. 4–6: Coury House Bazaar weekend.
** Special group retreat.

Coury House Weekend Retreat rates include two nights and six meals.
A shared room: \$100. Private room: \$150. Married Couple: \$195.

Rates for private retreats, days of recollection,
and special groups are available upon request.

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