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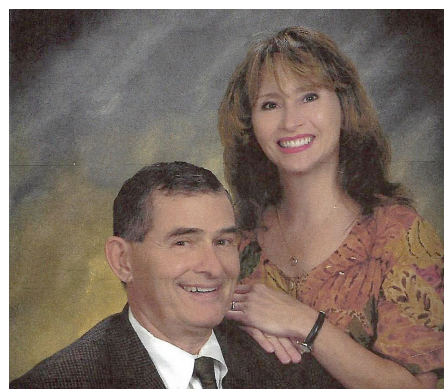
Abbey Announces New Capital Campaign

As this issue of *The Abbey Message* appears in your mailbox or on your computer screen, Subiaco Abbey is formally launching a new capital campaign with the theme: ***Legacy from Tradition—Onward Together.***

Our plan includes projects for both the Abbey and Academy for facility upgrades, monastic welfare, tuition assistance for Academy students and their families, a modern classroom building for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics as well as improvements to the athletic facilities. An outline of the goals was given in the last issue and is recalled on page 5.

This effort will be building on the success of the last campaign, ***Continuing the Tradition***, which achieved all its goals and helped the Abbey strengthen its position for the future, especially in providing a health care endowment and an education fund for the monks. This new campaign will take us a step further in enabling us to develop our ministries and our environment to meet the needs of a new day.

This campaign will be led by co-chairmen and women who have a deep love and appreciation for the practice of Benedictine traditions. We are blessed to have Dr. Donald Yandell, Class of 1958, and his wife Karen, and Charles Anderson, Class of 1976, and his wife Jan, as co-chairs for the campaign. Additionally, Fr. Jerome Kodell, Class of 1957, and Steve Schmitz, Class of 1991, who was chairman of the previous capital campaign, will serve in the role of honorary chairmen.



Karen and Donald Yandell
Class of 1958



Jan and Charles "Chuck" Anderson
Class of 1976

The monks and staff at Subiaco clearly understand that an endeavor such as we are undertaking must be a community effort to be successful. Our mission has been a joint effort from the earliest days. The history of the founding of Subiaco tells us that settlers in this community came to Fr. Wolfgang Schlumph the day after his arrival in 1878 to hear the gospel and pray together. And in his first sermon he announced the concerted effort of monks and settlers to build a church and to establish homes for all. From the beginning we have been in it together.

The traditions that have been established along the way, including the ministries of prayer, hospitality, and the education of young men, are the basis for the legacy of Subiaco. You who have heard our message, prayed with us, and answered the call from God to partner with us in the journey helped create this living legacy we call Subiaco. We confidently ask your prayer and support as we take this new step together in the name of the Lord.

Abbey Capital Campaign Projects

Facility upgrades, welfare & education

	Projected
• Education for young monks	\$500,000
• Water tower restoration & remote monitoring system	\$150,000
• Campus-wide signage	\$ 80,000
• Church flat roof repair	\$200,000
• Handicap entrance to Choir Stalls	\$ 70,000
• Coury House & Health Center chiller replacement	\$ 80,000
• Interface HVAC -- Coury House & church system	\$ 60,000
• Update & upgrade high voltage loop	\$180,000
• Paving & parking area improvements	\$250,000
• External monastery door protective locking mechanisms	\$ 30,000
• Elevator –Health Center- refurbish/restore	\$200,000
• Replace dumbwaiter- monastic refectory	\$ 90,000
• Campus-wide technology	\$250,000

Academy Capital Campaign Projects

Advancement program (marketing) \$ 100,000

Tuition Assistance Quasi Endowment \$2,000,000

Academic Facilities \$3,420,000

- Wardlaw Hall remodel
- Main Building Classrooms
- Flat roof repair/ Conversion of some dorm rooms to classrooms
- Alumni Hall remodel/ conversion to STEAM Bldg
- Update labs, technology & equipment & remodel classrooms
- Performing Arts Center upgrades
- Flooring & curtains, HVAC, flat roof repair

Athletic Complex Improvements \$1,715,000

- Football field & all-weather track; swimming pool; HVAC gym; baseball field upgrades



Corpus Christi

In the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke tells us that after the Ascension, there were only about 120 Christian believers (Acts 1:15). For the previous six weeks or so these 120 had been on an emotional rollercoaster, experiencing the desolation of the Passion and Death of Jesus, followed by the immense joy at seeing the Risen Lord. Then there was the comforting presence of Jesus for an additional 40 days, but then he was gone again, taken up into heaven at the Ascension. At the last supper, Jesus had said that he was going away, but that “I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always” (John 14:16). They could not understand at the time what Jesus meant. And the statement, “I will not leave you orphans,” (John 14:18) is an echo of the comforting words at the end of St. Matthew’s Gospel, “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

The other Advocate, the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and the Acts record the change this made in the actions of the first members of the Church. But how did Jesus fulfill his promise to be with us always? I propose that Corpus Christi—the Body of Christ—is the answer.

“Just as manna in the desert strengthened and nourished the Israelites on their journey, so also the Eucharist strengthens and nourishes us on our pilgrim journey.”

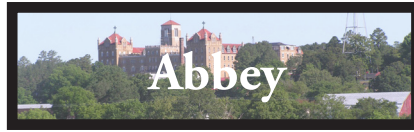
St. Paul tells us that we are the members of the Body of Christ, and Jesus is the Head (Colossians 1:18). And Jesus has said “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) Jesus is present to us in the gathering of the believers, but also in the scriptures we read, and the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, which is our sacramental participation in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Jesus’ death makes reparation for the original sin of Adam and Eve. Our believing in Jesus Christ empowers us as adopted sons and daughters of the Father and his sacrifice opens for us the gates of heaven.

The Church is the Body of Christ, and the bread and wine, transubstantiated by the words of the Christ that are said by the celebrant, becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. When we receive this sacrament we share the life of Christ and he shares our life. St. John records the promise of Jesus, “the man who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (John 6: 56). Our sharing in the Eucharist therefore makes us holy.

Just as manna in the desert strengthened and nourished the Israelites on their journey, so also the Eucharist strengthens and nourishes us on our pilgrim journey. Repeated association with Christ in this Sacrament molds us and makes a more exact imitation of Jesus; it inclines us toward greater acts of charity and motivates us to help others in their need just as Jesus did. Repeated association with Christ in this Sacrament makes us less likely to commit mortal sin, and it can bring us forgiveness for our less serious sin. Finally, the Eucharist is our pledge and promise that, as we believe, and live our lives following Jesus’ example and teachings, and die faithful in our practice, we will share eternal life with Him and His Father in heaven.



Abbot Leonard Wargley, O.S.B.



Abbey Journal

By Fr. Mark Stengel, OSB

June

The first event of the summer—the school-year summer, that is; not the one from summer solstice to autumnal equinox—is Alumni Reunion. The second is the Monastic Retreat. This year's retreat was given by a saint! Well, that's jumping the gun just a tad. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen cause for canonization is underway, but it's not yet a done deal. But he certainly is dead, so our retreat by His Grace should provide one of the miracles needed for his cause. Actually, here's the deal. Several weeks before our retreat dates, Abbot Leonard informed the community that our scheduled retreatmaster could not come. So the Abbot had to do some scrambling. Somehow he came across the tapes from a retreat that Bishop Sheen gave here in 1971. Forty-eight years later, some of us heard him again.



Bishop Fulton Sheen and Fr. Herbert Vogelpohl

The only thing I remember from the living Bishop nearly 50 years ago is that his bags had not arrived with him. So he entered for the first conference, with a "Life is Worth Living" sort of flourish, but dressed in a Benedictine habit! It caused quite a sensation. This time around, the audio quality was poor, and the community exhibited an admirable stoic patience, along with some helpless snoring. Actually, the Bishop had some good material, such as his take on the traditional religious vows. He presented poverty, chastity, and obedience not as three great big sacrificial gifts that a religious gives to God, but as three great big wonderful gifts that God gives to us. A worthwhile spin on things.

The historic crests along the river broke all records, and overtopped or breached several levees, including the local McKane bottoms levee. A parishioner had backed-up floodwater rise into a barn and to the sill of a broiler house with 20,000 birds inside. Then suddenly, overnight, the water level fell by eighteen inches. The levee had finally burst, allowing water to surge into thousands of acres of bottom-land, temporarily lowering the crest. As the river slowly fell, the interior pressure on the levee caused a break and the flood rushed back out into the river channel. So the bottoms drained, but letting gaping holes both above and below.

July

A Jesuit friend, Fr. Bill Oulvey, now of Denver, visited for his annual retreat. He was in Belize when Subiaco monks served there, and has remained in touch. He told us that the snowpack in the Rockies was up to seven times greater than normal, and so now, in the summer melt, tremendous amounts of water are coming down out of the mountains. The headwaters of the Arkansas are just southwest of Denver, and so the river has remained high all summer. Any heavy rain downstream pushes the river out of its banks again, as has happened twice already since the great flood in late May and June. We have had those heavy rains, with about ten inches in July and August, three times the average. The Abbey has some areas with automatic sprinklers, and these operate even in the midst of a deluge. But there has been no need for dragging hoses around, moving sprinklers, remembering (and often forgetting) to turn them off again. The north grounds—what Br. Francis calls "the Abbot's back yard"—has remained lush and green all summer, without a drop of supplemental watering.

New yard man Keith Kremers has kept the mowers humming. Usually there is a mid-to-late summer lull, as the yards get dry and the grass turns brown. Not this year! Keith seems to have a penchant for getting into wasps and yellowjackets. Luckily, he is not severely allergic. Fr. Mark managed to get bitten by a scorpion. He immediately sucked the finger puncture and got most of the poison out. His finger did not swell and only tingled for some hours.

Fr. Elijah has been home for the summer. He has to return to Rome briefly in October. Father immediately went to work in various aspects of monastery life and ministry, and back to his passion for documenting Subiaco history. His parents gave him a fancy metal detector. It is able to "memorize" the signal from specific objects and then zero in on the desired object, ignoring reflections from common sources, such as nails. With this device, he and others located a number of coins near the

original building sites and at the spring above the sites. Some of the coins discovered were as deep as fourteen inches, and in amazingly good condition after nearly 150 years of burial. The coins—two French, two German, one Italian, and an 1838 U.S. penny, are displayed in the monastery recreation area. The penny, with a Liberty head, is between the size of a quarter and a modern 50-cent piece.

During the reorganization of the archives, Fr. Jerome discovered, on the back of an envelope, the minutes of an emergency chapter meeting held on the morning after the great fire of December 20, 1927. The minutes record decisions about where the monastery and the parish can have weekday and Sunday Masses, what parts of the Academy will continue, and what to do about the Masses that had been requested and a stipend given, seeing that the record book of these was lost to the fire. Another discovery was a list of “important events” of each year, as recorded by monks in the 1970s. The 1971 list included “the disappearance of ‘the picture’.” Now no one recalls what that picture was. Perhaps someone who left the monastery absconded with it. If so, you may safely tell us now what it was with no fear of repercussions. The statute of limitations has expired.

August

Early in August, the repainting of the metal of the east fire escape was completed. Maintenance man Mike Beeton had begun this job two years ago, but soon was pulled off to other more pressing jobs, and only now got back to it. First, a summertime student worker powerwashed the entire structure. Next came the sandblasting of the rusting metal framing of the stairs. This required special scaffolding to get at the underside of the stairs. Then Mike primed the metal with roller and brush. Lastly, he spray painted the final coat. This final step gave the impression of some avant-garde art installation. A blue, four-story tall vinyl sheet kept the flying paint confined to the stairwell and, I suppose, kept disruptive breezes out, during the application. For several days, the great blue flag undulated gently and produced a special effect of light and color inside.

New Vocation Director Br. Raban organized a “Monastic Immersion” experience for three young Academy graduates. These three participated in all monastic activities, including Morning Prayer at 5:45 a.m. each day. That surely does not conform to the preferred schedule of college-age young men. But they were present every morning. They worked with many monks in all kinds of tasks during their stay, and surely got a good sense of what monks do all day. It was a good experience for us, and I hope for them, whatever their future will be.

Grape picking got underway on the morning of August 12, which turned out to be one of the hottest days of the summer, with a heat index of 110°. Many friends and neighbors came to help, so that by 10:45, we had finished picking the Ives variety. Then all retired to the tap room for a refreshing drink of Abbey Amber or Abbey Stout, along with cheese and crackers. A few pickers returned in the afternoon, and a crew finish with the Niagara the next morning. So it was a very poor harvest of poor quality grapes. Br. Basil will have to add extra sugar, but he says that we will have (barely) enough to supply us with table wine. Grapes need adequate water, but they can’t tolerate consistently wet weather. Especially in the final weeks of ripening, grapes need sunshine and dry breezes to ward off mold and fungus diseases and to develop the proper sugar content. This picker did a lot of sampling, and hardly found any sweet grapes.

Some of our helpers in the vineyard were six Cistercian monks from Vietnam. One had spent several weeks here, working on his English language skills, before enrolling in a program at Saint Louis University. The other five are students at St. Johns University, where Fr. Reginald did his theology studies. There were seeing a bit of the United States and visiting Fr. Reginald before returning to their studies at St. Johns. We were amazed to learn that Cistercian communities in Vietnam are bursting at the seams with new members. Our visitors spoke about the hundreds of recruits in their monasteries, both in former South and North Vietnam. It was refreshing to see and hear of their vibrant communities, where the Church is flourishing. May the tide soon turn in our country too!



Br. Joseph Koehler, OSB, '58 displays grapes from the harvest

The Charioteer of the Virtues

By Fr. Jerome Kodell, OSB

A striking and unexpected figure catches one's attention in the section on the cardinal virtues in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: the vision of a charioteer guiding a chariot pulled by three horses. The three horses are the cardinal virtues of justice, fortitude, and temperance, and the charioteer is the fourth virtue, prudence. Prudence is the "charioteer of the virtues," or in the form of its ancient Latin title, *auriga virtutum* (Catechism, 1806).

This may be surprising in light of the general impression of prudence: overcautious, easily shocked, head in the clouds, maybe even nose in the air. The attitude is captured in the derivative "prude."

"A chariot out of control is headed for disaster no matter how high-bred the horses."

But the virtue indicated by the ancient *prudentia* is better translated by what we know today as wisdom. St. Thomas Aquinas called *prudentia* "right reason in action." Contemporary English has the word jurisprudence, which the dictionary defines as an application of the law "marked by wisdom."

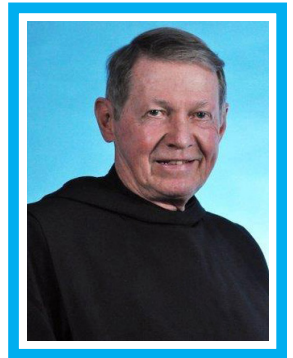
We can understand how the other virtues need to be guided by this wise charioteer. As excellent as they are in themselves, without a vision of the whole field they may be narrow-minded and do great harm instead of good. If applied over-strictly or without full knowledge of the context, justice may create new injustice.

A child can be corrected without being beaten. Fortitude with its courageous strength needs to know the pitfalls and hazards before going forward. It's better to be a live chicken than a dead lion. Without the guidance of wisdom, temperance may be insisted on and applied very intemperately and harshly, leading for example to ill health.

A virtue is a habit of doing right in a particular area of life just as a vice is a habit of doing wrong. Some virtues are strong in us by inheritance or upbringing, but they may grow stronger or weaker depending on our effort and the presence or absence of grace. Wisdom, the charioteer guiding the other virtues, may reveal itself at any time of life but is associated with age because it grows with life experience. The seeker said to the Master, "O Wise One, how did you become so wise?" "Wisdom comes from good judgment." "And how do you get good judgment?" "From experience." And how did you get experience?" "From bad judgment."

Closely related to virtues are what we call talents, natural abilities of intellect, personality, and body. The importance of the charioteer of the virtues is more easily appreciated when applied to talents. The daily news brings us regularly stories of people of iconic talent on stage and screen, in sports, in politics, in the professions, whose lives are a mess. This may be due to events beyond their control, but often it is because of distorted values and judgments. Timely pulls on the reins from a wise charioteer might have made all the difference. A chariot out of control is headed for disaster no matter how high-bred the horses.

Wise mentors serve as our charioteers as we grow to maturity, and as we grow wiser ourselves we realize the usefulness of having the help of wise friends all through life. Paul and Barnabas made a great team during their early missionary journeys. Paul's exuberance tended to make him rash. Barnabas was his mentor and got him out of many scrapes. He had to slow Paul down at times, but as a result Paul's chariot got where it was supposed to go.



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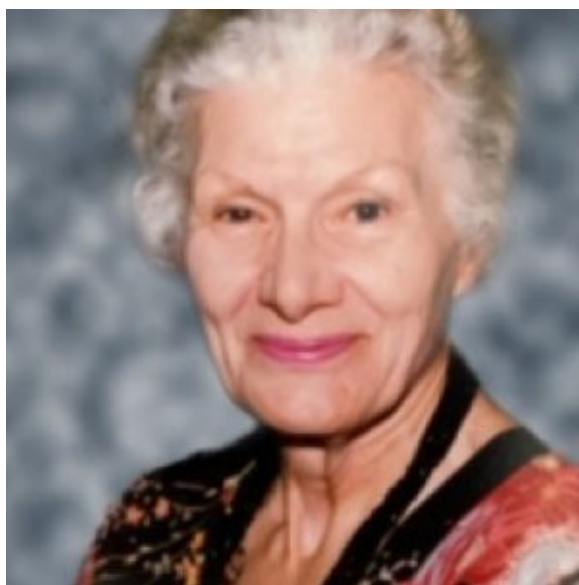


Katharine Lyle Mudd (1925-2019)

When Katharine Mudd died in El Paso, TX, on July 1 at age 94, she completed a long history of friendship and support of the monks of Subiaco Abbey dating back to the 1940s. She assured that her support would continue long into the future by remembering the Abbey generously in her will.

Katharine Lyle grew up on a small farm near Mena, AR, the seventh of ten children of Harry and Ella Julitta Lyle, and received her early sacraments and Catholic training at St. Agnes Church in Mena.

She encountered the first major obstacle in her life when she contracted tuberculosis at age 20. Her response to this challenge demonstrated the indomitable spirit which would characterize Katharine for the rest of her life. It was also this development which would bring her into contact with Subiaco Abbey and begin the lifelong friendship between her and the monks.



Katharine Lyle Mudd

Katharine became a resident of the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium located at Booneville. At the time Booneville did not yet have a Catholic Church, but Catholics in the sanatorium were ministered to by priests from Subiaco Abbey, 30 miles away. Katharine would never forget the attention and kindness of Father Bede Mitchel, OSB (1899-1982) during her time in the sanatorium, and would continue to express her appreciation by regular gifts to the Abbey after his death until the end of her own life.

When her health was stabilized and she was able to leave the sanatorium after three years, Katharine attended business college and earned the degree which would open the door to a long and distinguished career in civil service. She married Randall Mudd and shared with him a life in military service which led them finally to Fort Bliss in El Paso. They had one son, Dwight, who was killed in a tragic accident at age 21. Randall died in 2002. Katharine continued to be active in Assumption Church near her home in El Paso, and continued to work at Fort Bliss until her retirement. She was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service at that time.

Katharine is survived by two sisters and a large family of devoted nieces and nephews, who expressed their love and admiration for her at her funeral in El Paso on August 8. The Abbey was represented by Fr. Jerome Kodell, former Abbot, and Glenn Constantino, Procurator of the Abbey.

Brother Irenaeus Professes Final Vows

One of the most important events of the year was the Solemn Monastic Profession of Brother Irenaeus Petree, OSB, on August 31.

We were not able to cover his profession in this issue because it coincided with the due date for final copy and we felt we could not do it justice; but we intend to devote a full scale article to his Solemn Profession in the next issue.



Br. Irenaeus Petree, OSB



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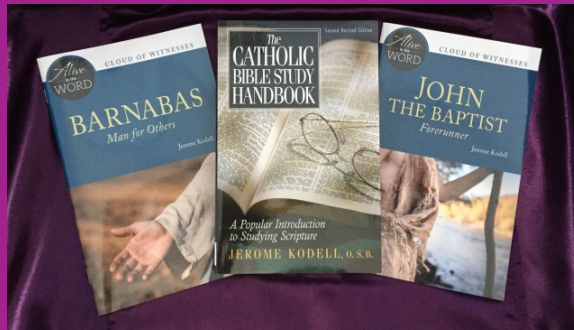
Job's Tears Rosary

Handmade from seeds of Job's Tears Plant grown at Subiaco

by Fr. Richard Walz

Wooden Rosary Box

with Blessed Virgin
by Br. Jude Schmitt



Biblical Publications

by Fr. Jerome Kodell



Artisan Candles

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hand poured by Br. Basil Taylor
Choice of scents



Christ Crucified



Nativity

by Br. Jude Schmitt



Last Supper



Wood Ornament

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Other items such as jelly and all-natural soap are available at the
Corry House and Country Monks Brewing gift shops at Subiaco.

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Let us join you in praying for your needs. Prefer to email? Please direct your requests to:

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Join Fr. Jerome for The Passion
Play at Oberammergau, Germany,
September 5-12, 2020.

Happening only every ten years, this international expression of faith will be a rare opportunity to share in deepening your faith in the redemptive passion of Jesus Christ at a place which has been hallowed by religious commitment for almost 400 years. **Space is limited.**

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Subiaco Abbey Columbarium

Through their ministry of prayer and hospitality, the monks of Subiaco offer the opportunity for a peaceful and spiritual final resting place. The Subiaco Abbey Columbarium is a repository for the ashes of people who have been cremated. For more information, we invite you to contact Glenn Constantino, Procurator at:

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Explore Planned Giving

Our confidential website has tools to help you plan your support of Subiaco and the other charities you love. Simply go to our webpage www.countrymonks.org and click on Support Us and then go to Planned Giving. The site is interactive with gift planning calculations.

You will find up-to-date information on:

- Including Subiaco in your will
- IRAs/Retirement Plans
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If we can be of any help please let us know!

Contact Glenn Constantino or Fr. Jerome in our planned giving department for more information on creating your lasting legacy.

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2019 Subiaco Academy Desert Southwest Tour

The 2019 Subiaco Academy Desert Southwest Tour hit its 10-year mark as the Grand Canyon National Park celebrated its centennial year. Roy Goetz remarked: “There is something awesome and at the same time comforting to know that when we look over the edge we are seeing the same view seen 100 years ago, or even 10,000 years ago. Grand Canyon truly is timeless. The excursion has evolved over the years and now includes 7 national parks and monuments.”

Three faculty members (Roy Goetz, Heath Spillers, Robert Pugh), and 10 students (Sam Keyton, Evan Keenan, Matthew Weidman, Connor Phillips, Nevin Furr, Jude Simmons, Jacob Kay, Adam Donaldson, Ethan Spillers, Devyn Subramanian), traveled on the 2019 tour.



Academy hires Marketing & Enrollment Manager



Dr. Marion Dunagan

Dr. David Wright, Headmaster of Subiaco Academy announced the hire of Dr. Marion Dunagan on July 1 as Director of Marketing and Enrollment Management. An Arkansas native, Dr. Dunagan grew up close to Fayetteville, where her mother was a professor at the University of Arkansas and her father a saddle maker. She recalls her first paid job was cleaning out chicken houses in the hot Arkansas summer, which helped to ensure a deep appreciation for and commitment to education.

Dr. Dunagan has worked in higher education doing marketing, enrollment management, and institutional research. In her most recent position prior to coming to Subiaco, she served as an Assistant Dean at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, focused on enrollment management and marketing for business graduate programs. She has also been employed at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith as the Vice-Chancellor for Enrollment Management and the Director of Institutional Research. She holds a BA in Medical Anthropology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Summa Cum

Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and a MA in English Literature and EdD in Workforce Development/Adult Education, both from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

A convert to the Catholic faith, she joyfully entered the Church in 1999 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wilburton, Oklahoma. Her first knowledge about Subiaco Academy came when her daughter began attending Immaculate Conception School in Fort Smith, Arkansas, never dreaming that she would have the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful place. Passionate about students and having unwavering faith in their potential, Dr. Dunagan proclaims her mission is to help parents, students, and others discover Subiaco Academy and understand the opportunities available here to help young men find just what they are capable of accomplishing. With a significant background in institutional research, she plans the use of data strategy, institutional branding, messaging tactics, and recruiting events as well as social, print and web-based media to drive and retain enrollment. She invites everyone to contact her at mdunagan@subi.org or phone 479-934-1095 to discuss ways to assist in the advancement of Subiaco Academy.

New School Year

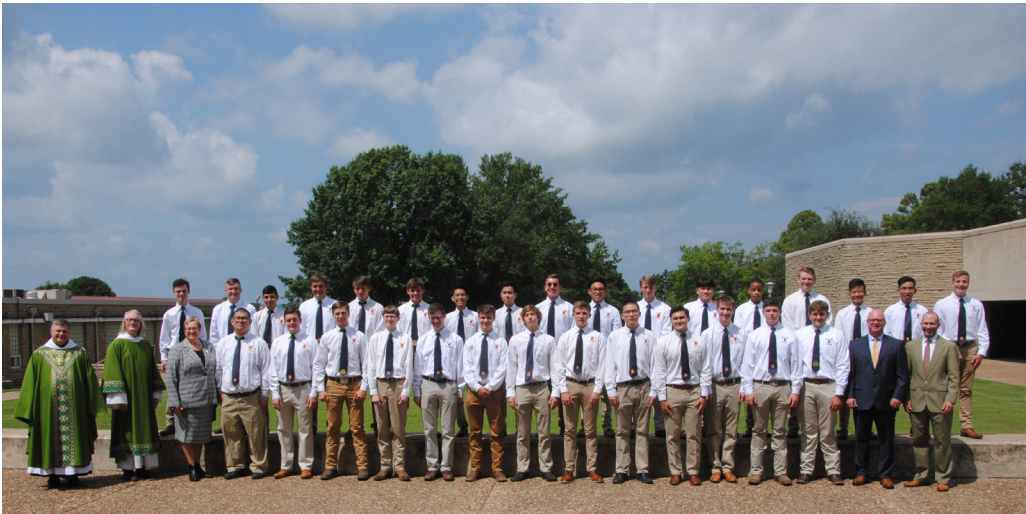
The 2019-2020 student body numbers 149 students from 13 states and 6 foreign countries (China, Curacao, Korea, Mexico, Turkey, and Vietnam). The states represented are Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Day students number 63. The student body is comprised of 30 seniors, 43 juniors, 35 sophomores, 22 freshmen, 13 eighth and 6 seventh grade students.

Thirty-eight Academy students are “legacy” students, i.e. have close relatives who attended Subiaco Academy. Naturally we are happy and proud to greet sons, grandsons, nephews, and brothers of our fellow alumni. Students who have participated in Camp Subiaco are also represented in significant numbers.



Class of 2020 Ring Ceremony



Thirty members of the Class of 2020 participated in the Ring Ceremony during the August 18 Mass opening the academic year. Fr. Patrick's homily called the seniors to be countercultural and follow a life of faith. Dr. Wright's address to the congregation emphasized the senior ring's connection to faith, character, scholarship, and brotherhood.

Dr. Wright, Academy Headmaster, noted to the members of the class these words: “May

the ring help you to be an integrity-filled man of high character. In this, your final year on campus – be a strong leader, a kind, patient, and empathetic brother to your fellow students, especially those who might need your positive and caring compassion. You see – the ring does not make you the entitled bearer of good fortune, standing, or luck. Instead the ring should remind you of the positive impression that you can make as a respected member of the senior class.”

Mercy Clinic open at Subiaco

Mercy Clinic Primary Care at Subiaco was blessed by Abbot Leonard on August 13, 2019. Providers Jason Richey, MD, Ella Cureton, APRN, and Kim Hertlein, APRN will be on-site to provide treatment to students, faculty, and monks Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-12 p.m.



Leadership Retreat

The few days before registration, a number of upper-classmen gathered at Subiaco for an intensive leadership retreat designed to give those students tools to help support their brothers at Subiaco. The content of the retreat was built around Chapter 7, "Humility," from St. Benedict's Rule, and it used *Humility Rules* by Augustine Wetta, O.S.B., as the framework to break apart the twelve steps of the chapter. Participants recognized the flexible content as an effective avenue to build relationships on the hill. They also applied that content to the sports and activities in which they were involved, learning how to more effectively serve others. Surrounding the conferences, the students participated in all of the prayers of the monastic schedule. Br. Raban, the facilitator of the retreat, expressed how proud he was of the work and enthusiasm of these young men.



Arkansas Interfaith Conference Choir Camp 2019

One hundred twenty-seven adults and young people from eleven cities in Arkansas and five other states participated in the Arkansas Interfaith Conference Choir Camp 2019 at Subiaco during the week of July 21-27. Five religious denominations were represented. Instruction in choral music, handbells, and art were being offered to all campers. Parents were invited to attend the liturgical service in the Abbey Church Saturday, July 27, and the Broadway show by the young performers in the Performing Arts Center immediately after the Saturday picnic lunch. This was the 31st consecutive year that Subiaco Abbey and Academy has hosted this group at Subiaco.

Lou Trusty Celebrates 50 Years at the Academy

Mrs. Lou Trusty was honored by faculty and employees at the August 13, 2019, Back-to-School Social. She began her 50th year serving at Subiaco Academy as Registrar and Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Trusty estimated that she had ordered senior rings for 2,700+ Academy students and sent out innumerable transcripts, report cards, and correspondence to parents. Other professional tasks accomplished by Mrs. Trusty include preparations for parent weekends, registration, and the program for the graduation ceremonies. She has worked under thirteen headmasters during her years at Subiaco. Dr. David Wright, Academy Headmaster, in congratulating her and thanking her for the many years of dedicated service, noted that "Lou is a special person, and she has impacted so many lives."





20 Years as Camp Director

At the close of this year's session 2, **Pat Franz '78** was recognized for his service of 20 years as the Director of Camp Subiaco. Abbot Leonard presented the award to him at an assembly with the 2019 campers looking on. **Perry Trachier '87** presented Pat with a couple of framed pictures and spoke about his years of working camp with Pat. Expressing his appreciation, **Charlie Kremers '78** also gave recognition to Pat.

Pat Franz was an Alumni Board member and while attending a reunion business meeting in 1991, the monks of Subiaco Abbey announced that they would no longer be running Camp Subiaco. During the meeting, Pat rallied the alumni to take over Camp Subiaco and run it. In 1995, Pat became a Camp counselor.

In 2000, Pat realized a need for improvement to the organization of Camp Subiaco for the safety of the campers and the stamina of the volunteers. Pat became the Director of Camp Subiaco with **Mike Mangione '82** as his Assistant Camp Director. At this time, Camp Subiaco was one week and had well over 140 campers. Pat stated that "Camp in 2000 went smoothly even as a transitional year."

By the year 2006, Camp Subiaco was hosting 186 campers, 16 teams, and was exhausting their resources. Rooms, vehicles, and volunteers could not keep up with this number of campers for one week. That is when it was decided that Camp Subiaco needed to become a two-session camp. In 2007, Camp Subiaco changed to two one-week sessions. Camp also experienced a change in the personnel of the Assistant Director position. Subiaco Academy alumnus, **Gerhart Thompson '81**, stepped into that position.

Pat credits his longevity as Camp Director to very good camp volunteers and an amazing core team. He always says that Camp Subiaco could not run without them. "I am overseeing adults, alumni, and friends of Subiaco who are overseeing well over 200 campers. These alumni and friends need vision and direction, but they also need to have fun and enjoy Camp just as the campers do." Pat has learned through the years how to guide the Counselors and C.I.T.s (Counselor-In-Training). "The position of Camp Director is a lot of work upfront, but then Camp takes on its own nature."

Pat mentioned that some of the blessings he has been able to see while serving as the Director of Camp Subiaco are alumni, young and old, coming back and reengaging with Subiaco. These alumni are leading campers and showing them what Subiaco is and could be if the camper decides to join Subiaco Academy. Camp gives them a Subiaco experience like no other!

At Camp Subiaco 2019, thirty-two alumni, monks, parents, and friends volunteered to staff the two weeks of camp. One hundred ninety-nine campers from nine states enjoyed one of the two camping sessions (June 16-22 and June 23-29) of Camp Subiaco. Boys, ages 9-13, arrived at Subiaco from Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Illinois, Minnesota, Wyoming, and Texas. Activities included fishing, swimming, water basketball, tubing, archery, go karting, riflery, canoeing, zip line, climbing wall, outdoor games, and outdoor camping. Traditional favorite camp activities are go karting and box hockey. Twenty-two Academy students served as counselors and/or counselors-in-training.

Congratulations on serving 20 years. We look forward to the next 20.



Pat Franz '78 takes a water break during camp activities.



Camp Dream Street

During the summer months while Subiaco Academy students are at home, the campus becomes quiet. No longer are the sounds of students playing basketball and tennis heard on the courts adjacent to the Fine Arts building. However, for a few weeks several summer camps have found a home at Subiaco. For two weeks, Camp Subiaco uses the campus and dormitories for summer activities. For a week, Subiaco hosts a choral camp. This camp uses the dormitories and the Performing Arts Building for the most part. In the afternoons, campers can go down to the pool and swim to cool off. Then for the past two years, Subiaco has hosted Camp Dream Street.

“Camp Dream Street is an Arkansas-based foundation dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of children since 1990. Serving children from birth through age 21 with cancer and the related blood forming diseases – including, but not limited to, aplastic anemia, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia.” (<https://www.wecarefound.org/index.html>)

This summer **Mike Kiefer '01** stepped into the roll as Director of Camp Dream Street. This is Mike's eighth year with Camp Dream Street. His first seven years he was a volunteer counselor who predominately focused on overseeing the youngest male campers. In 2019, he received a promotion to Camp Director, following the footsteps of one of the organizations founders, Maureen Didion.

Maureen Didion held a PowerPoint presentation at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith while Mike was finishing his senior year. Mrs. Didion's goal was to reach out to the psychology department for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the 2012 camp. Mike was on the verge of graduation and thinking forward when his girlfriend Kellie Franklin pointed out that this was a solid opportunity for them to give back to the community and add depth to their resumes. What they received was a life-altering week; both Kellie and Mike mark their calendar for the next year's camp. They joke and sigh at the end of camp, “Only 51 more weeks until we can see the kids again.”

This summer Camp Dream Street had several Subiaco Academy Alumni work as volunteers. **Evan Stringfellow '15** is the grandson of Maureen Didion. Evan grew up from an early age with Camp Dream Street being part of his life. This young alumnus does not care how big or small the job is nor what time of day it is. His dedication to the camp and the staff is unwavering. Doug Schlaefli (attended Subiaco his sophomore year), “The Camper Whisperer,” has the ability to get any campers attention and rein in their behavior into the desired energy level, with eye contact and hand signals alone.

Jeremiah Gieselman '10 is a former camper and volunteer. He was a camper from 2008 to 2011 and then returned in 2012 and 2013 as a volunteer. Jeremiah said, “The camp meant a lot to me because I was able to still have fun in ways I didn't with cancer at the time. I met others with cancer or illnesses too, and knew I was not alone. As a volunteer I was able to understand what the kids were going through more because I was once in their shoes and I was someone they could look up to.” Presently, after campers “graduate” at age 16, they are invited back to camp at 18 as counselors in training.

Making Camp Dream Street a family affair, besides the Subiaco Academy brothers helping, Mike's brother **Mark Kiefer '05** and sister Theresa Kiefer Taylor also volunteered. Mark used his art degree and led the campers through landscape painting. Theresa, a middle school teacher assisted in keeping activities and snacks on time like a metronome.

Camp Dream Street will be hosted at Subiaco again next year from July 5-12, 2020.

All expenses are paid for by the We Care Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds Camp Dream Street, the Family Program, and a scholarship program for campers following high school. The We Care Foundation is focused on improving and enriching the lives of children with cancer and related blood forming diseases. The organization relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses and corporate donations to make these programs possible.

If you would like to volunteer for Camp Dream Street or if you know of a child that would like to attend Camp Dream Street please contact:

Mike Kiefer Camp Director 479-782-8822
P.O. Box 3431, Fort Smith, AR. 72903
wecarefoundationfs@gmail.com



Sending Brothers Home

† **Ernest F. Buss '49** passed away April 1, 2017, in Owasso, Oklahoma. Ernest devoted his life to his friends, brothers and sisters and many nephews and nieces. He is survived by four sisters and many nieces and nephews.



Robert Schwartz '53

† **Robert "Bob" Schwartz '53** of Fort Smith, AR, passed away August 10, 2019. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, where he was involved in multiple activities as well as at St. Boniface. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Sebastian County Quorum Court for 24 years. Bob was an entrepreneur, owning Bob's

Sunnymede Drive-In and Bob Schwartz Native Stone Co. in Fort Smith. He is survived by his wife Martha; two daughters; four sons: Kenneth, **James '81**, Stephen, and Jeffrey; one sister; three brothers: **Eugene '56**, **Bill '63** and Mike; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



Richard Laws '54

† **Richard Tarvin Laws '54** passed away on July 23, 2019. Richard was a Marine and a part of the Marine Corps League for many years. He is survived by a daughter; a son; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

† **Norman Paul Neumeier '48** of Dardanelle died October 17, 2018. Survivors include a daughter; one son; two sisters; four brothers: **Gregory '52**, **Don '54**, **Raymond '61** and John; two grandchildren and one sister-in-law.

† **Keith Allen Willems '91** passed away March 13, 2019. He worked as a farmer alongside his sister, Jessica, on their family farm that was handed down from their father, **Abe '65**. He was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Subiaco, the Knights of Columbus and was a volunteer fire fighter. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Karen; two daughters; his mother; one sister; and many nieces and nephews.



John P. Rowley '44

† **John P. Rowley '44** of Homewood, IL, died September 27, 2015. He graduated Subiaco Academy as the Salutatorian, and was then drafted into the US Army. He was Director of Public Affairs and Marketing for the United Way of Chicago for many years. John is survived by three sons and one daughter.

† **Major John "Jack" Latchem Leding, Sr. '58** died August 31, 2018. Jack joined the Air Force as an officer (2nd Lieutenant). He served in Vietnam and was later an instructor pilot. He was a private business owner for 20 years and a life-time member of Christ the King Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane; two sisters; two sons; three daughters; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

† **Thomas Joseph Shannon '58** died February 23, 2019, in Oklahoma City. He served his community and his church as a member of St. Charles for 50 years. Tom served on many boards including as a Subiaco Academy Alumni Board Member. He is survived by one son; three daughters; four step-sons and thirteen grandchildren.

† **Timothy A. Vogt '91** died January 27, 2019. Tim was Vice President of a home restoration company in Saint Louis. He attended Subiaco Academy for 2 years. He is survived by his parents; three brothers; and uncles, aunts and cousins.

† **Charles L. Reinhart '55** of Wheatley, AR, died August 17, 2019. He graduated with an Agriculture Engineering degree, moving to Wheatley in 1964, where he and his brother started farming their 1700-acre family farm. After retiring from farming he continued custom surveying for other farmers. He served as a volunteer fireman and was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy; their children **John '82**, **Charles '86**, and Lori; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings Mary, **Bill '63**, and Patricia.



Charles L. Reinhart '55



Coming Aside to Listen to the Lord

By Barbara Tinervia

Mark 6:31 Jesus said to them, "Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while."

I belong to a women's group that has come away to Subiaco for the past 21 years for a silent four-day retreat in Lent. The entire experience is deeply restful, a perfect opportunity to *"Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 46:10.*

The accommodations at Coury House are simple and pleasant. Our group generally prefers one person per room since we are on a silent retreat, but the rooms do accommodate two. The staff is very helpful and very friendly. The monks know that we are on a silent retreat, and they nod and smile with us. The kitchen staff feeds us so well that this can be a bit of a challenge for those who have given any food item up for Lent! The grounds provide plenty of restful locations to contemplate the beauty of God's creation.

The hospitality of the monks extends to welcoming their guests to come to the choir area in the Abbey church and participate in the Liturgy of the Hours as well as daily Mass. The rhythm of work and prayer is quietly encouraging, and we seek to learn how to bring some of that discipline back with us to apply to our everyday lives. Having the quiet of the countryside, with the background of the ringing of the bells calling all to prayer, and the mooing of the cows, brings a level of relaxation that reaches deep into our souls.

We arrange for two of the monks to come over to Coury House and hear Confessions. Their spiritual insights, gleaned from years of dedication to the Lord, are always helpful and appreciated.

I cannot imagine a better location to go on a retreat.

Barbara Tinervia, Tulsa Christian Mothers Lenten Retreat

Upcoming Retreats and Events at Coury House

October

- 4-6 Diocese of Little Rock Diaconate Retreat
- 9-10 Northwest District United Methodist Ministers Retreat
- 12-13 St. Joseph's Women's Retreat, Conway, AR
- 14-18 Priests Retreat, Diocese of Tulsa
- 18-20 Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Conference Committee Retreat
- 21-24 Dr. Gary Oliver, Pastor's Retreat
- 21-24 Mary Mother of God Women's Retreat, Harrison, AR
- 24-25 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Arkansas Retreat
- 25-27 Diocese of Little Rock Spanish Diaconate Formation
- 25-27 Pulaski Heights Women's Retreat
- 29-30 First United Methodist Church Staff Retreat, Conway, AR
- 30-Nov. 1 48 Hours with God

November

- 1-3 Our Lady of Victory, Purcell, OK
- 1-3 JBU: Tracy Balzer, Honors Staff Retreat
- 6-7 Christ of the Hills Methodist Church Men's Retreat, Hot Springs Village, AR
- 8-10 Subiaco Academy Parents Weekend
- 15-17 Diocese of Little Rock Spanish Diaconate Formation
- 15-17 Fellowship Bible Church Northwest Arkansas
- 23-24 Benefactors Days

December

- 6-8 Dan Egan Retreat
- 6-8 Lewis Family Reunion
- 13-15 Diocese of Little Rock Spanish Diaconate Formation
- 31-Jan.1 New Year's Evening of Recollection



All guests, either private or on group retreats, are welcome to join the monastic community for daily prayer and Eucharist.

For more information or for reservations, either call Coury House, 479-934-1290, or email us at couryhouse@subi.org.

Upcoming events may be found on our website, www.subi.org.