

TIDINGS

THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE/MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

Institute Discusses The Liturgical Legacy of Pope John Paul II

TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY of his death, The Liturgical Institute brought together scholars to discuss the liturgical legacy of Pope John Paul II, addressing his significant impact on the renewal of the liturgical life of the Church. Conference speakers were selected from proposals submitted in response to a call for papers and were selected based on their scholarly merit, topical relevance, and a desire to give voice to both established scholars and newer voices of the “John Paul II generation.”

His Eminence **Francis Cardinal George**, of Chicago presented the keynote address on the topic of his doctoral dissertation, John Paul II and Liturgical Inculturation. **Christopher Carstens**, Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, addressed the topic of John Paul II’s program for the New Millennium, which presented the liturgy as the primary encounter with Jesus Christ. **Tim O’Malley**, a graduate student in theology at the University of Notre Dame, addressed John Paul’s liturgical catechesis, looking at the liturgical content found in his audiences.

James Keating, Associate Professor of Moral Theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum, explained John Paul’s view of the Eucharist was a source of moral conversion. **Peter Huff**, the T.L. James Chair of Religious Studies at Centenary College of Louisiana, addressed the liturgical dimension of interfaith dialogue during John Paul’s pontificate, particularly his development of ritual for interreligious contexts.

Brian Butcher, a graduate student in Eastern Christian Studies at the Sheptytsky Institute at Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Canada, examined John Paul’s writings and

interest in liturgy of the Eastern Churches. In a first for the Liturgical Institute, a husband and wife each presented papers: **Carmina Chapp**, Assistant Academic Dean at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, presented “Sacrificial Self-Offering in the Liturgical Thought of John Paul II,” while her husband **Larry Chapp**, Professor of Theology at DeSales University, addressed “Liturgical Consummation” as a



Speakers for the Liturgical Institute’s “Liturgical Legacy of Pope John Paul II” conference join with the Liturgical Institute faculty and staff.

hermeneutical key to the late pope’s theology. **Pamela Wiitala** joined John Paul’s theology of the language of the body with liturgy as the language of the Church. **Rev. Joseph Fessio, SJ** of Ave Maria University wrapped up the conference by comparing the theology of Popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II.

Since the event commemorated the death of John Paul II, the conference included a memorial Mass for the repose of his soul and the singing of the Office of the Dead using Gregorian tones from the forthcoming *Mundelein Psalter*. Event participants included pastors and academics, clergy, religious and laity. One pastor used the conference as an opportunity for parish formation, bringing his entire pastoral staff.

The conference extended the mission of the Liturgical Institute, combining prayer and education joined to the heart of the Church. We welcome you to attend our upcoming conferences listed inside! †



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This newsletter reports on the activities of the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, and features information about the Institute’s events, faculty, and students. We welcome your comments and ask you to share this information with others who might have an interest in the mission of this program.

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Fr. Douglas Martis, a priest of the Diocese of Joliet, holds an S.T.D. with a concentration in Sacramental Theology from the Institut Catholique de Paris and a Ph.D. in History of Religions and Religious Anthropology from the Sorbonne.

From the Director

THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES! Three students have recently received diplomas in liturgy and have been added to the rolls of the alumni of the Liturgical Institute. Next year we expect that twelve will graduate. As we make final preparations for Summer Session 2006 we await more than 30 new and returning students. In addition, this summer's Sacred Music Retreat will be an opportunity for bringing together good theology, our rich musical heritage, and Catholic spirituality.

We welcome our returning choirmaster Fr. Samuel Weber, OSB, who will team up with our music director, Ms. Linda Cerabona. Mr. Chris Carstens, Dr. Lynn Boughton and Fr. Robert Schoenstene who are regulars on our faculty will be joined by Deacon Owen Cummings and Fr. Eugene Morris. Their expertise will be met by the enthusiasm and energy of our students for a profitable summer session.

As we look back on the events and progress of this year, we recognize that this is an exhilarating time to be associated with the world of liturgical and sacramental studies. Particularly compelling is the work of ICEL and the preparation of the English language edition of the *Missale Romanum*. The scholarship and deep pastoral concern of the translation group have been inspiring to watch. We are convinced of

the importance of good translations, not only so that they faithfully represent the content and theology of the original, but also that the sophisticated richness contained in the beautiful prayers can be preserved, communicated and passed on to future generations. The orations in the Proper of Saints are richly biographical, the texts for the Proper of Seasons manifest a development offers a comprehensive whole, the entrance and communion antiphons reveal the Church's own thinking for each liturgical celebration. We see, as did the pioneers of the liturgical movement, the valuable treasure for theology, spirituality and prayer contained in the liturgy.

The post-conciliar experience has shown us the absolute necessity of liturgical catechesis. The advent of a new Missal affords us the opportunity for renewed efforts at unveiling the liturgy's depth, meaning and beauty. It also reminds us of the urgent need for well-trained people, ready to help the faithful understand and embrace this gift to the Church. In developing its plans for the future, The Liturgical Institute is deeply committed to finding ways to help the Catholics better understand and pray the liturgy. We are dedicated to serving the needs of the Church and to helping bishops and bishops' conferences in their role as chief liturgists and as guardians of the Church's prayer.

This issue of Tidings contains news of the marvelous things that have been happening here. We invite you to join us. ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE

✚ June 25-30, 2006 **Sacred Music Retreat**

Rev. Jordan Kelly, OP leads a guided retreat designed specifically for church musicians. Daily Mass and sung divine office, skills sessions on chant, organ, choral direction, and hymnody as well as discussion of the deep sacramental nature of music. Instructors Rev. Samuel Weber, OSB, Mr. Matthew Walsh, Rev. Robert Schoenstene, and Rev. Richard Wojcik. Enrollment is limited.

✚ September 17-19, 2006 **Pride of Place: Gregorian Chant in the Liturgy**

Led by Dr. Edward Schaefer, Professor of Music at Gonzaga University, the conference will offer discussion of the place of chant in the liturgy, as well as instruction in parallel tracks for both beginners and advanced singers.

✚ October 25-27, 2006 **Heaven on Earth: Building or Renovating Your Catholic Church**

A theological and practical conference on how to envision the church building as a sacrament of heaven. Includes sessions on thinking of architecture sacramentally, choosing a good traditional architect, finding craftspeople, acoustics and music, the nature of the image, fundraising, and a beginning-to-end walkthrough of a church project.

✚ November 10, 2006 **Preaching Advent and Christmas**

A one-day workshop for priests and deacons on preaching for the Advent and Christmas seasons with popular speaker and prolific author Deacon Owen Cummings, Regents Professor of Theology at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon.

For more information call 847.837.4542 or visit www.liturgicalinstitute.org

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP, Leads Workshop on “Profound Preaching”

AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORT to bring the renewal of the liturgy to the entire Church, the Liturgical Institute sponsored a one-day preaching workshop entitled “Profound Preaching: Mediating the Beautiful Encounter with Christ through the Spoken Word.”

Led by Dominican Father Peter John Cameron, Professor of Homiletics at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC author of *To Praise, To Bless, To Preach: Spiritual Reflections on the Sunday Gospels*, and founding Editor of *Magnificat* magazine. The workshop addressed both the practical and spiritual aspects of beautiful and effective preaching.

With nearly 150 priests and deacons in attendance, the day opened with sung morning prayer in the seminary’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Cameron began the workshop by reminding the attendees that preaching is a saving force, arguing that the words of sacred Scripture create an “inner capacity” to receive the action of the Holy Spirit. The

scriptures, he said, were not merely “about” Christ, but are a means of making faith in him actual and effective in the life of the Christian. Preaching, therefore, is properly considered sacramental.

The conference included four sessions, the first entitled “Preaching and the Liturgy” which placed proclamation of the Gospel and preaching within the ongoing work of redemption found in Catholic liturgical practice, mediating the encounter with Jesus Christ. The second session, “Lectio: Preparing the Mind and Heart,” emphasized the need to read scripture prayerfully, treating the readings to be preached as *lectio divina*. He recommended that preachers take small amounts of time each day to read and meditate upon the meaning of scripture so as to have understood and internalized the material before Sunday’s preaching.

After the singing of midday prayer, Fr. Cameron continued with “Doctrinal Preaching,” claiming that today’s preaching should in fact address issues of doctrine, following the norm that “people will live the Truth once they are led to love the Truth.” Preaching should demonstrate the reasonableness of the faith, and engage the imagination of the hearers. The final session of the day was entitled “Preaching the Readings of Cycle B,” in which Fr. Cameron invited the participants to consider practical strategies and ideas which could be put to use in their own parishes. †



Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP offers theological and practical instruction on preaching.

The Contribution of American Benedictines to the Liturgical Movement

ON FEBRUARY 9, 2006, THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE WELCOMED Rev. Joel Ripinger, OSB, monk of Marmion Abbey in Aurora, Illinois as part of the Hillenbrand Distinguished Lecture series. As the author of *The Benedictine Order in the United States: An Interpretive History* (Liturgical Press, 1990), Fr. Ripinger was uniquely qualified to instruct students, faculty and guests on “The Contribution of American Benedictines to the Liturgical Movement.” Ripinger began with a short introduction to the European roots of the Liturgical Movement, a fertile period of liturgical renewal which began in the early nineteenth century and found its apex of official recognition in the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Fr. Ripinger concentrated particularly on the American Benedictines and the Liturgical Movement, beginning with Virgil Michel, OSB, a monk of St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville who studied in Europe, bringing back the liturgical ideas of the European scholars and monasteries. Upon his return to the United States, Michel founded Liturgical Press and the famed liturgical journal *Orate Fratres*, now known as *Worship*. Ripinger continued to introduce other figures active in the Liturgical Movement including Alcuin Deutsch, Benedict Bradley, Godfrey Diekmann, Reynold Hillenbrand and Frowin Conrad. In a vigorous question and answer session, Ripinger reflected on the continued influence of the Movement after the Second Vatican Council.



Rev. Joel Ripinger, OSB speaks as Hillenbrand Distinguished Lecturer.

Institute Students Have Audience With Cardinal Arinze

ON A RECENT VISIT TO ROME, three Liturgical Institute students met with Francis Cardinal Arinze, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.



Institute students meet with Cardinal Francis Arinze in Rome. (l to r): Fr. Ben Reese, Cardinal Francis Arinze, Fr. Ignatius Yeo, Fr. Cosmas Aina.

Frs. Ben Reese of Peoria, Ignatius Yeo of Singapore, and Cosmas Aina of Nigeria were spending a school holiday in Rome when they thought they might stop in and visit Cardinal Arinze, who had visited the Liturgical Institute in the summer of

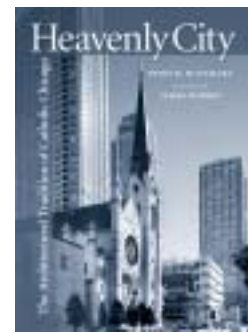
2005 as a Hillenbrand Distinguished Lecturer. Much to their surprise, they were welcomed in for an hour-long visit in which Cardinal Arinze explained to them how it can be detrimental to the Church if priests do not follow the liturgical norms of the Church.

“At first he thought we were there to make complaints about liturgical practice in our countries,” said Fr. Ignatius. “But then he learned we just wanted to say hello and express our desire to serve the Church’s liturgy as the Church desires and he was very welcoming. He told us that he was pleased with the work of the Liturgical Institute and knew it very well.”

Cardinal Arinze expressed his gratitude that the Liturgical Institute students would take their learning back to countries throughout the world, and gave them a signed copy of *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, the 2004 instruction on the Eucharist issued by his congregation. His Eminence urged them to emulate Archbishop Raymond Burke of Saint Louis, a strong supporter of the Liturgical Institute, who he praised for instructing the faithful hosting conferences and lectures on liturgy. †

Heavenly City Nominated for a Benjamin Franklin Award

THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE IS PLEASED to announce that *Heavenly City: The Architectural Tradition of Catholic Chicago*, a special project of the Institute, has been nominated a finalist for a



Benjamin Franklin Award given by the Independent Book Publishers Association for editorial and design merit. Authored by Institute faculty member Denis McNamara and edited by Kevin Thornton, head of the Institute’s Hillenbrand

Books imprint, *Heavenly City* showcases 68 of Chicago’s Catholic churches with high-quality color photography by James Morris, scholarly yet accessible historical text, and art direction by Anna Manhart of Liturgy Training Publications. For ordering information see www.ltp.org.

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Fr. Dennis Lyle makes his Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity on becoming the new Rector/President of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary as Fr. John Canary looks on.

New Rector at Mundelein Seminary

THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE IS PLEASED to announce the appointment of Rev. Dennis Lyle as the next Rector/President of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. Fr. Lyle replaces Rev. John Canary, who was recently named Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Lyle was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1991 and holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Accademia Alfonsiana in Rome, specializing in moral theology. “I am grateful for the work of the Liturgical Institute and the way Fr. Douglas Martis has developed the curriculum,” Fr. Lyle said, adding, “the Liturgical Institute continues to make a significant contribution to the University of St. Mary of the Lake.” The Institute looks forward to working with Fr. Lyle for years to come.

Msgr. Robert Dempsey Discusses Liturgical Law

AS PART OF THE HILLENBRAND DISTINGUISHED Lecture Series, the Liturgical Institute welcomed Msgr. Robert Dempsey to speak on “The Moral Obligation to Follow Liturgical Law.”



Monsignor Robert Dempsey addresses the Liturgical Institute students and guest on “The Moral Obligation to Follow Liturgical Law.”

Dempsey, who is pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Church in Northbrook, Illinois, holds a doctorate in Moral Theology from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome and served as the editor of the English-language edition of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*.

Dempsey began his lecture by discussing the pre- and post-Conciliar approaches Catholics have taken to the obligation to follow ecclesiastical law in light of the American tendency toward individualism, in which law tends to be foreign to the interior domain of moral values. His lecture then addressed three main questions on ecclesiastical law: What was the teaching before Vatican II? What did the Council say about the obligation to follow ecclesiastical law? How has the post-Conciliar period understood the issue?

In the pre-conciliar Church, Dempsey argued, moral obligation was related to law, and the

participation ordered by God existed in two societies, civil and ecclesiastical. Since ecclesiastical authority was understood to have come from God given by Christ, it was binding on members of the Church under penalty of moral fault.

Dempsey argued that the Second Vatican Council said little on the issue of the obligation of law, but presumed that what the Council could not address would be held according to the traditional teachings of the Church. Citing *Lumen Gentium*, *Dignitatis Humanae*, *Veritatis Splendor* and the 1985 Extraordinary Synod of Bishops, Dempsey argued that ecclesiastical law still binds in conscience because the Catholic conscience is formed by the teaching of the Church. And since liturgical law is, in fact, law, Catholics are bound in conscience to obey liturgical norms.

Dempsey then continued with a survey of varying post-Conciliar opinions regarding ecclesiastical law before explaining how one reads the terminology of instructions for different options in the liturgical books so as to avoid both liturgical fundamentalism and rubrical laxity. To conclude Dempsey referred to Pope John Paul II's *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, which asked for liturgical norms to be followed as a “quiet way” of showing love for the Church. †

Hillenbrand Books Announces

Confirmation: The Baby in Solomon's Court, Revised and Updated

Rev. Paul Turner



This book presents seven models of confirmation: Christian Initiation of Adults, Chrismation, Protestant-Anglican Churches, Catholic Initiation, Confirmation of Children, Adolescent Confirmation, and Persons in Danger of Death. The chapter presentations cover how each model developed and how each model interprets the meaning of Confirmation. This new edition is an updated and revised version of the widely read 1993 publication. Revisions include:

- Recent developments in other Christian Churches, especially in regard to the catechumenate
- Recent thinking on the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church in light of *Dominus Iesus* and recent research
- Discussions in light of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

“This book is the most inclusive and accessible introduction to confirmation and its mutations in all the major churches east and west... it scrutinizes both strong and weak points in the ‘seven models’ of confirmation now current. It should be required reading for pastors, catechists and directors of religious education.” — Aidan Kavanaugh, OSB

“His book, if as widely read as it deserves and then acted upon, could be a giant step toward revitalizing confirmation.” — National Catholic Reporter

Scenes from the Liturgical Institute



(left to right): Conference speakers Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ and Dr. Carmina Chapp discuss the liturgical legacy of Pope John Paul II; Institute students and faculty visit the "Saint Peter and the Vatican" exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum; Sr. Rosemary Essef, OP asks a question of Cardinal George.



(left to right): Institute student Fr. Tony Bico charges up the crowd at the Mundelein Seminary basketball tournament; Fr. Dan Deutsch and parish committee members from Holy Cross Church in Batavia, Illinois attend a Liturgical Institute conference together; Institute student Fr. Scott Ardinger competes in the Rock'Em Sock'Em Robots competition with faculty member Dr. Melanie Barrett at a seminary fundraiser.

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