



# Nova et Vetera

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## Msgr. Kevin McCoy Directs Capital Campaign as Msgr. James Checchio Becomes New Rector

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Chairman of the NAC Board of Directors, announced to the students and faculty on December 12, 2005 that the Capital Campaign for the College needed special full-time attention if it was going to succeed. The Board of Directors decided that the best person to promote the campaign would be the rector. But a rector needs to be with the students and staff. The answer was to appoint a new rector to replace Msgr. Kevin McCoy and ask him to travel the USA making the many contacts and attending all the meetings involved with a \$25,000,000 campaign.

The appointment became effective on January 16, 2006. Msgr. McCoy has moved to Washington, D.C. and assumed the new position of Executive Director of the College's "Vision for the Future" campaign. Msgr. McCoy is a priest of the Diocese of Sioux City. Ordained in Rome, on July 25, 1981, he returned to the Casa for graduate studies, receiving an S.T.D. from the Alfonsiana in 1986. After serving eleven years as Chancellor of



**New rector blesses Msgr. McCoy in a traditional  
NAC departure ceremony from the chapel steps.**

the Diocese of Sioux City, he returned to the College in 1998 to be the Director of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education. He served as the Vice Rector for Administration for one year and was appointed rector, July 1, 2001. Therefore, he has experienced every phase of the College's Mission.

The new rector, Msgr. James Checchio, is an alumnus of the Class of 1992. He was ordained a priest on June 20, 1992 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden, New Jersey. He returned to the Casa and earned an S.T.D. from the

Angelicum. In June of 2003 he was awarded an M.B.A. from LaSalle University, Philadelphia. The NAC Board of Governors appointed Msgr. Checchio the Vice Rector for Administration for a five year term starting on August 1, 2003 and he served in that position until being named rector.

Archbishop O'Brien Stated: "Our Board of Governors is convinced he will carry on the successful policies of Monsignor McCoy in preparing priests for service in parishes throughout our United States and several other countries."

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### Statistics:

Active Alumni	2181
2005 Dues Paid	1107
2006 Dues Paid	375

Updates to Mailing List since July 2005 1249

### Archdioceses With Most Alumni:

New York	63
Washington	59
Boston	57
Brooklyn	49
Philadelphia	47
Detroit	47

### Best % of Paid 2005 Dues:

Las Vegas	2 of 2
Shreveport	2 of 2
Salina	3 of 3
Salt Lake City	4 of 4
Lafayette	12 of 13
Erie	12 of 15
Rockford	14 of 18
Rochester	11 of 16
Buffalo	22 of 28
Miami	17 of 26
Hartford	22 of 33
Brooklyn	30 of 49

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Dear Brother Alumni,

Thus far, *Vision for the Future*, the Capital Campaign for the Pontifical North American College has met with great success. Throughout the past year we have been meeting with Bishops across the United States to gain their support for this vital initiative. We are grateful to all who have made commitments to date, especially the twenty-one arch/dioceses who are supporting the Campaign at the Ambassador and Steward levels.

As this phase of the Campaign draws to a close, we plan to reach out in a concerted effort to the alumni and laity in 2006. Whether your Rome experience is from the seminary, the Casa or the Institute, we consider each and every alumnus to be equally important to the ongoing life of the College. For this reason we have been scheduling alumni receptions around the country so that we can personally update you on our plans to ensure the College's future and personally tell you how you can be a part of that. For those of you who have already attended an event, we thank you for participating and supporting this effort for the benefit of our *alma mater*. If we haven't yet been to your diocese or a neighboring one, we look forward to seeing you soon.

As for our outreach to the laity, I still believe that in some ways the North American College is the best kept secret among the laity in the United States. However, we're trying to change that every day and *Vision for the Future* is just one effort among others. As we travel around to meet with the laity identified by the Bishops and alumni, it is gratifying to hear of their desire to learn more about the College and their willingness to support our national seminary. By year's end, we hope to have the Pontifical North American College in the hearts and on the minds of a greater number of laity who will in turn spread the exciting news amongst their friends and family.

If you know anyone who might be interested in supporting the College and its Campaign efforts, please don't hesitate to call me, 202-541-5421, or drop me a note with the names of potential prospects. My address is:

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Or email me at [kmccoy@pnac.org](mailto:kmccoy@pnac.org).

Please know that the Board and I are grateful for your continuing support of the College

Sincerely,  
Msgr. Kevin McCoy

# Alumni News

**Msgr. Charles B. Motsett** (PEORIA, CLASS OF 1931) writes: "I am 98. Am I the oldest alumnus still living? I was one of Rockne's assistant managers." Editor's response: "Yes, Msgr., you are the oldest alumnus still living."

**Msgr. Joseph W. Baker** (ST. LOUIS, CLASS OF 1952) was promoted to Prothonotary Apostolic on May 9, 2005. He retired from the pastorate on 07/01/2005 and continues in tribunal work begun in 1956!

**Msgr. Thomas Duffy** (WASHINGTON, CLASS OF 1954) retired from Blessed Sacrament Parish on 06/01/2005 after 24 years as pastor. Msgr. Moved into residence at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Washington and is chaplain at Sibley Hospital.

**Rev. J. Thomas Finucan** (LA CROSSE, CLASS OF 1956), **Rev. Eugene Gunning** (SCRANTON, CLASS OF 1956) and **Msgr. Richard Mahowald** (SIOUX CITY, CLASS OF 1956) all celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination (12/19/55) together in Rome.

**Msgr. Thomas Hadden** (RALEIGH, CLASS OF 1959) was invested as Knight of the Holy Sepulcher on 10/15/2005.

**Rev. Thomas Sutherland** (DETROIT, CLASS OF 1961) is "Senior Priest" of Archdiocese of Detroit.

**Msgr. James R. Tracey** (CAMDEN, CLASS OF 1961, CSM CLASS OF 1966, ICTE CLASS OF 1997) was recently elevated to Prothonotary Apostolic.

**Cardinal-designate William Joseph Levada** (CLASS OF 1962)



On the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI announced that Archbishop Levada will enter the Sacred College of Cardinals at the consistory on March 24, 2006. Because of his seniority and because of his position as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal-designate Levada will be the first to receive the red hat. More news will appear in future issues of *Nova et Vetera*. When he was appointed by the new pope to head the "Holy Office", Archbishop Levada was the subject of a major article in the Spring 2005 *Nova et Vetera*. The entire North American College Community joins the American Catholic Church in prayers of support for our honored alumnus of the seminary class of 1962.

For a biography, go to: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Joseph\\_Levada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Joseph_Levada)

**Rev. Doug Brewer** (NEW ORLEANS, CLASS OF 1963) reports that he is OK and in his third temporary residence after Hurricane Katrina. His temporary phone c/o St. Henry Parish is (504) 891-6359. He writes: "Pray for us – we are just starting the very long road to recovery. Thanks."

**Mr. Edwin Schroeder** (PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE, CLASS OF 1963) at the 2005 Florida State University homecoming was named the "Class of '66" Award winner, recognizing a non-Florida State University College of Law graduate who has rendered distinguished service to the Florida State University College of Law and to the Community.

**Rev. Lawrence Richardt** (INDIANAPOLIS, CLASS OF 1963) is now a part-time member of the Spiritual Formation Staff at St. Meinrad Seminary.

**Most Rev. James A. Griffin** (RETIRED BISHOP OF COLUMBUS, CSM CLASS OF 1963) is now serving as Distinguished Professor of Theology at Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio.

**Msgr. Lawrence Purcell**, (SAN DIEGO, CLASS OF 1966) 01/01/05 was appointed pastor of The Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe, CA.

**Rev. Thomas Sas** (HARTFORD, CLASS OF 1975) reports that he is "getting it back" after surviving a stroke on April 29, 2005. He is still at St. Ann Church in Avon, CT.

**Rev. R. Walker Nickless** (ORDAINED FOR PHEONIX, CLASS OF 1973)



58 year-old, was named 7th Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City. Attended the Gregorian University, ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver on August 4, 1973 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Denver. His first assignment was as Assistant Pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 1973 to 1977, while also serving as Assistant Vocation Director for Seminarians from 1974 to 1977. Bishop Nickless was named Pastor of the Shrine of St. Anne Parish in Arvada in 1980. From 1988 until 2001, Bishop Nickless served as Vicar for Clergy and Seminarians, as well as Chair of the Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement Committee and Co-chair of the Continuing Education Committee. In 1996, he was nominated a Prelate of Honor by Pope John Paul II. . He was ordained as the 7th Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City on Friday, January 20, 2006 at the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Sioux City by Archbishop Jerome Hanus of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

For a complete biography, go to: <http://www.scdiocese.org/bishopindex.html>

**Msgr. David Slubecky** (BUFFALO, CLASS OF 1973) was appointed Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo.

**Msgr. William P. Fay** (BOSTON, CLASS OF 1974) on 11/15/2005 At the Fall Bishop's meeting, Msgr. Fay completed a five-year tem as General Secretary of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He was succeeded by Msgr. David Malloy.

**Rev. John Mericantante** (PALM BEACH, CLASS OF 1975) is adding on an additional 12,000 square feet to his Free Clinic with more dentist offices.

**Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan** (ALLENTOWN, CSM CLASS OF 1977) was appointed (07/01/05) Rector and Vice President of The St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Msgr. Kevin Irwin** (NEW YORK, CSM CLASS OF 1977) was recently named Dean of School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

**Rev. Michael Clay** (RALEIGH, CLASS OF 1979) received the Bishop's Medal (04/2005) for outstanding service in the diocesan and national Church in the areas of vocations, RCIA, and pastoral ministry.

**Msgr. Francis X. Blood** (ST. LOUIS, CLASS OF 1979) previously a Chaplain of Honor to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, was named a Prelate of Honor by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI on May 9, 2005. Msgr. Blood is the Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Archdiocese of St. Louis.

**Rev. Nicholas Gengaro** (NEWARK, CLASS OF 1981; CSM CLASS OF 1988) serving as Chaplain to Seton Hall School of Law, was named (2004) as a charter member of the Board of Visitors at Seton Hall School of Law.

**Rev. David R. Choby** (ORDAINED FOR NASHVILLE, CSM CLASS OF 1981)



58 year-old, was named 11th Bishop of Nashville. Episcopal Ordination and Installation on Monday, Feb. 27, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville with Archbishop Thomas Kelly of Louisville, Ky., as the main celebrant. "I am truly honored and humbled by this appointment," Father Choby said. "I will do my best to respond to the confidence that Pope Benedict places in me." Father Choby, 58, is a native of Nashville and is currently serving as diocesan administrator and pastor of St. John Vianney Church in Gallatin. He is only the second priest of the Diocese of Nashville to be tapped as its bishop; the others have all come from outside the diocese. For articles about Bishop Choby and his ordination and installation, go to the Nashville diocesan website at: [http://www.dioceseofnashville.com/article\\_choby-bishop.htm](http://www.dioceseofnashville.com/article_choby-bishop.htm)

**Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas** (ST. MARON OF BROOKLYN, CLASS OF 1982, CSM CLASS OF 1992) Episcopal ordination was celebrated 12/12/2005 by Bishop Gregory Manseur at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon in Brooklyn, NY.

**Msgr. David Malloy** (MILWAUKEE, CLASS OF 1983) was elected General Secretary of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), succeeding Msgr. William P. Fay.

**Msgr. Robert P. Hundt** (LA CROSSE, CSM CLASS OF 1984) was recently named a monsignor

**Rev. Randolph Calvo** (ORDAINED FOR SAN FRANCISCO, CSM CLASS OF 1986)



54 year-old, was named 7th Bishop of Reno. Episcopal Ordination and Installation was on February 17 in Reno with recently named metropolitan Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco presiding. He was elected and served as president of the Canon Law Society of America in 1996. Since July 1, 1997, he has been the pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Redwood City, California, a culturally diverse and multi-ethnic community. He has been dean of the southern San Mateo County Deanery, a lecturer in Pastoral Studies at St. Patrick's Seminary and an instructor for the Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. For a biography of Bishop Calvo, go to the Reno website at: <http://www.catholicreno.org/history.htm>

**Rev. Gregory Gordon** (LAS VEGAS, CLASS OF 1987) founding pastor of newest parish in the Las Vegas Diocese, St. Francis of Assisi, Henderson, NV, and parishioners celebrated groundbreaking on 11/27/2005, First Sunday of Advent with Bishop Joseph A. Pepe presiding.

**Rev. Girard (Jerry) Sherba** (RALEIGH, CSM CLASS OF 1987) was invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher on 10/15/2005.

**Rev. David Tokarz** (MOBILE, CLASS OF 1991) serves on the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission and is part of an ecumenical project sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary and Center of Theological Inquiry – “The Pastor-Theologian Project.”

**Rev. William Kelly** (BOSTON, CLASS OF 1988, CSM CLASS OF 1995) After finishing a ten-year assignment as Spiritual Director at St. John's Seminary in Boston, Fr. Kelly was named Director of Clergy Support and Ongoing Formation. He continues his work as President of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors.

**Rev. Robert J. Rippy** (ARLINGTON, CSM CLASS OF 88) was appointed on 02/2005 as Rector of the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA.

**Rev. Albert Kenney** (PROVIDENCE, CLASS OF 1994) was appointed Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary.

**Very Rev. Terence E. Hogan, S.L.D.** (MIAMI, CSM CLASS OF 1995) was named North American Director of the Patron of the Arts in the Vatican Museums by Vatican Governorato Cardinal Szoka and continuing as rector of the St. Mary Cathedral in Miami.

**Msr. Robert O. Morrissey** (ROCKVILLE CENTER, CSM CLASS OF 1995) was honored by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI and made a member of the papal household with the title of monsignor on 12/2005.

**Msr. Richard W. Gilles** (LA CROSSE, CSM CLASS OF 1999) was named, on 09/14/2005, a Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI.

**Rev. Roger J. Landry** (FALL RIVER, CLASS OF 1999) Fr. Landry writes: “In June, 2005, Bishop George Coleman named me executive editor of our diocesan newspaper (The Anchor) and parochial administrator of one of the most stunningly beautiful parish churches in the country. See for yourself:” [www.saintanthonynewbedford.com](http://www.saintanthonynewbedford.com)

**Rev. Phillip J. Brown**, (BALTIMORE, CLASS OF 1999) in January 2004 was appointed Dean of the School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University. In July 2004 he was promoted to Associate Professor of Canon Law; in December 2005 became member of the Society of St. Sulpice.

**Rev. Msgr. Joseph A Tracy** (PHILADELPHIA, CSM CLASS OF 2000) was named a Prelate of Honor 06/05.

**Rev. Jonathan Meyer** (INDIANAPOLIS, CLASS OF 2003) was recently named (02/2006) Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

**Rev. Daniel Hanley** (ARLINGTON, CLASS OF 2005) was featured in a recent Washington Post article about his involvement with “Pub Ministry.” For the full article go to: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/22/AR2006022200142.html?referrer=emailarticlepg>

# In Memoriam

## **Msgr. Thomas E. Madden** (ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN, CLASS OF 1933)

Born: 11/27/1907 in Butler, son of James and Mary (Cypher) Madden

Ordained: 10/30/1932 at the German Chapel in Rome by Cardinal Marchietti

Domestic Prelate: 1955 by Pope Pius XII and Prothonotary Apostolic in 1962 by Blessed Pope John XXIII

Assignments: Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona; 1934 First Editor of the Catholic Register; Parochial Vicar, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Creson; Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine Parish, St. Augustine; Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Johnstown; 1972 Rector of Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament; 1987 retired. In 1942 he served during World War II in North Africa and Italy until 1946. He received the Purple Heart after being wounded in the battle of Monte Casino. He served as Chancellor, Vicar General, Consultor, Censor of Books, Examiner of Junior Clergy, Scout Chaplain, Pro-Synodal Judge, and Chairman of the Commission of Church Music and three times Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese during Episcopal vacancies.

Funeral Mass: 10/28/2005 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, celebrant

Committal: Altoona Cathedral Crypt Chapel

*Obituary:* For the full article printed on the occasion of Msgr. Madden's funeral, go to the Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Newspaper at <http://www.ajdiocese.org/tcr.html> and ARCHIVE, 11/14/2005

## **Bishop James J. Hogan** (ALTOONA – JOHNSTOWN, CLASS OF 1938)

Born: 10/17/1911 in Philadelphia

Ordained: 12/08/1937 in the chapel of the North American College by Bishop Ralph Hayes for the diocese of Trenton, NJ

Papal Chamberlain: 1948 by Pope Pius XII; Domestic Prelate in 1954

Episcopal Ordination: 02/25/1960 at St. Mary Cathedral

Assignments: 1938 Doctoral Studies in Canon Law at Catholic University, Washington, DC; 1941 Assistant Chancellor, Diocese of Trenton, NJ and Assistant Pastor at Cathedral of St. Mary; 1953 Pastor, St. Catherine Parish in Spring Lake, NJ and Chancellor of the Diocese of Trenton and Officialis and Delegate for Religious; 1957 named to diocesan College of Consultors; 1959 titular Bishop of Philomelium and auxiliary Bishop of Trenton; May 23, 1966 named sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona – Johnstown; October 17, 1986 first Bishop of Altoona Johnstown to resign as ordinary

Died: 06/14/2005 at Garvey Manor Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg

Funeral Mass: 06/22/ 2005 at Altoona Cathedral, H. E. Justin, Card. Rigali, celebrant and Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, homilist

Committal: Altoona Cathedral Crypt Chapel

*Obituaries:* For two full articles printed on the occasion of Bishop Hogan's funeral, go to <http://www.ajdiocese.org/tcr.html> and then to The Catholic Register, ARCHIVE, 07/11/2005

## **Rev. Stanley E. Luehrmann** (CINCINNATI, CLASS OF 1954)

Born: 06/02/1928 in Cincinnati

Ordained 12/19/1953 in the North American College Chapel in Rome by Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor

Assignments: 1954 Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Visitation Parish, Mack, and teacher at Elder High School; 1959 Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Cincinnati and continuing at Elder High School; 1964 Associate Pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish, Dry Ridge, continuing at Elder High School; 1966 also appointed Spiritual Director of the Junior Curia of the Legion of Mary; 1968 Associate Pastor at Holy Angels Parish in Cincinnati and full-time faculty member at St. Gregory Seminary; 1969 Administrator at St. Ann Parish, continuing at St. Gregory Seminary; 1972 Administrator at St. Martin Parish, St. Martin and chaplain for the Ursuline Sisters of Brown County; 1974 Dean of the St. Martin Deanery; 1979 Pastor of St. Teresa Parish, Cincinnati; 1985 appointed Parish Priest Consultor; 1987 Pastor,

St. Mary Parish Hillsboro, where he served until his death.

Died: 07/17/2005 peacefully while on vacation at Lake Cumberland

Funeral Mass: 07/21/05 at Our Lord Christ the King Church, Cincinnati, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, celebrant

Burial: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Hillsboro

*Obituary:* Go to: <http://edit.cincypost.gannettonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050720/NEWS01/507200357>



**Rev. Richard Henry McGrath (COVINGTON, CSM CLASS OF 1955)**



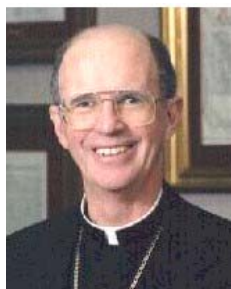
Born: 02/20/1927. Ordained: 06/03/1949 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, KY by Most Rev. William T. Mulloy

Assignments: 1950 Covington Latin School Faculty and Assistant, Blessed Sacrament Church, Ft. Mitchell, KY; 1952 Chaplain, Area Boy Scouts; 1953 Doctoral Studies, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome; 1955 Doctoral Studies, Angelicum University, Rome; 1956 Assistant, St. Anthony Church, Bellevue, KY and Chaplain and Faculty at Villa Madonna College, Covington, KY; 1963 Chaplain, Holy Family Home, Melbourne, KY; 1968 Chaplain, St. St. Anne Convent, Melbourne, KY; 1974 Chaplain, St. Joseph Heights, Ft. Wright, KY; 1985 Pastor, St. Matthew Church, Kenton, KY; 1987 Administrator, St. John Church, Wilder, KY; 1993 Chaplain, Good Shepherd Sisters Pelletier, Ft. Thomas, KY; 1997 Retired and Administrator of St. John Church, Wilder, KY.

Died: 09/25/ 2005. Memorial Mass: 10/01/2005 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, KY

Interment: at St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, KY. Obituary: For a free "Lives Remembered" article: In Cincinnati Enquirer, Go to <http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050930/NEWS0104/509300423/1077/rss02>

**Most. Rev. Joseph P. Delaney (FORT WORTH, CLASS OF 1961)**



Born: in Fall River, Mass. 08/29/1934. Ordained: 12/18/1960, in Rome for the Diocese of Fall River.

Assignments: He came to Diocese of Brownsville in 1967. Four years later he was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Brownsville. In Fall River he served as assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and teacher and chaplain of James Coyle High School, both in Taunton. He was also assistant superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Fall River. While assigned to the Diocese of Brownsville, Delaney served as assistant pastor of St Jude parish in Pharr, Texas, and Our Lady of Sorrows in McAllen. He was later pastor of both Good Shepherd and Christ the King parishes in Brownsville. He was also appointed superintendent of schools and co-chancellor of the Brownsville Diocese as well as chief judge of the diocesan tribunal.

Episcopal Ordination: as the second bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth on September 13, 1981, by Archbishop Patrick Flores and retiring Fort Worth Bishop John J. Cassata.

Died: in his sleep 07/12/2005.

Funeral Mass: 07/18/2005, celebrated by Bishop Kevin Vann at Fort Worth Cathedral. Burial: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth

Obituary: <http://www.fwdioc.org/default.aspx?ID=143>

**Rev. Joseph "Jack" Denning (DAVENPORT, CLASS OF 1961)**



Born: 07/06/1935 in Houghton, IA. Ordained: 12/18/1960 in Rome

Assignments: Parochial Vicar for St. Mary, Albia, St. Patrick, Clinton, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf. He served as Pastor for St. Mary, West Burlington, Sacred Heart, Newton, St. Wencelaus, Iowa City, St. Joseph, DeWitt, St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport and Church of the Visitation, Camanche. Rev. Denning retired from Camanche July 1, 2004. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, Loras Assembly #260. His Diocesan responsibilities were the Priest Personal Board, Marriage Tribunal of Second Instance Judge, Dio. Consultor, Presbyteral Council, Cath. Messenger Board, and served as Vicar for the Vicariate of Iowa City. Died: 09/30/2005 in his home in Davenport, surrounded by his family

Funeral Mass: 10/04/2005 at St. John Parish, Houghton, IA. Burial: St. John Cemetery, Houghton, IA

Obituary: <http://www.hmdfuneralhome.com/> Then go to "Obituaries" then to "View Obituary Archive"

**Rev. Gerald H. Krebs (ERIE, CLASS OF 1964)**

Born: 02/19/1938; Ordained: 12/18/1963

Assignments: 1965, teacher at Venango Christian High School and Parochial Vicar at Oil City; 1970, Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist, Erie; 1978, Pastor at Holy Cross in Falls Creek; 1983, Pastor at St. Patrick, Erie; 1992, various diocesan offices and chaplaincies; 2004, retired. Died: 05/25/2005

**Msgr. Robert P. Hickey (NEW YORK, CLASS OF 1966)**



Born: 1941; Ordained: 12/18/1965

Assignments: Msgr's sister writes: "My brother returned ... to serve in work with the elderly, with youth, and in several parishes in the NY Archdiocese, along with helping to spread the formation of Antioch Youth Groups ... throughout the US, Australia, P.N.G He was in his 15th year of serving as Pastor of St. Mary and St. Andrew Church, Ellenville, N.Y., when he died suddenly and peacefully in his sleep the morning of 10/17/05. He had for about eleven years, been working with limited mobility due to consequences of Post Polio Syndrome, however his seal was not limited by his body!"

Funeral Mass: 10/2005, Cardinal Egan

**Rev. Wiatt A. Funk** (NASHVILLE, CLASS OF 1969)



Born: 01/29/1943 in Norfolk, VA to Andrew and Julia Funk  
Ordained: 12/20/1968 in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome by Bishop Francis Reh  
Assignments: 1969 Professor at Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga and Part-time Associate Pastor, St. Jude Parish; 1971 Associate Pastor, Holy Ghost Parish, Knoxville and Professor at Knoxville Catholic High School; 1975 Chairman, Diocesan Liturgical Commission; 1976 Pastor, Notre Dame Parish, Greenville and Director of Kingsport Deanery CYO; 1982 Pastor, Good Shepherd Parish, Newport; 1984 Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Murfreesboro. He also served on the Presbyteral Council, Diocesan Priestly Life and Ministry Committee and was a member of the College of Consultors.  
Died: August 11, 2005 at Adams Place, Murfreesboro  
Funeral Mass: 08/16/2005 at Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville with Rev. David Choby, Diocesan

Administrator, celebrant. Burial: Calvary Cemetery in Nashville

Obituary: Go to: <http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=OBITS> and type "Funk and Wiatt" in the Search Engine.

**Rev. Anthony Diacetis** (ALBANY, CLASS OF 1970)

Born: 10/17/1944 in Albany, NY; son of Theodore J. and Conchetta Christiana Diacetis. Ordained: 12/19/1969 in Rome  
Assignments: 1970: Associate Pastor, at St. Mary's, Crescent; 1974 studies in Canon Law at Catholic University; 1977 Defender of the Bond; 1978 Vicar Judicial; 1982, Judge of the First Instance; 1982, Pastor of St. Mary's in Stuyvesant Falls; 1983-1984 President of the Canon Law Society of America; 1985, Chaplain to the St. Joseph Provincial House and Member of Diocesan Board of Consultors; 1989 Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Ballston Spa; 1994, Dean of Saratoga County; 1987 until death, Chaplain of New York Army National Guard. Died: suddenly on September 16, 2005.

Funeral Mass: 09/20/2005 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Ballston Spa, NY. Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery in Ravena, NY.

**Msgr. John J. McIlhon** (DES MOINES, FORMER FACULTY MEMBER IN 1970s)



Born: 06/06/1922 in Des Moines. Ordained: 02/21/1948  
Assignments: He served the Diocese of Des Moines in Granger, Woodward, Council Bluffs, Elkhart, Des Moines (Holy Trinity, St. Peter's and St. Pius X) and Defiance. He also taught at Dowling High School, the Drake Newman Center and at the North American College in Rome, Italy. Monsignor retired in 1989 but continued to assist at St. Pius X. Monsignor was an accomplished author of several spiritual books and a long time columnist for the Catholic Mirror.

Died: 02/13/2005 at Mercy Medical Hospital in Des Moines

Funeral Mass: 02/17/2005 at St. Pius X Parish in Des Moines. Burial: Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines

Obituary: Go to:

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**Rev. Martin E. Lavin** (RICHMOND, CSM CLASS OF 1972) Mail was returned in 2005 marked "deceased." Attempts to get further information were unsuccessful.

**Very Rev. Msgr. Murphy J. Bernard** (LAKE CHARLES, CSM CLASS OF 1982)

Ordained: 05/10/1952 in St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette

Papal Chamberlain: named on May 16, 1966 and Prelate of Honor on August 6, 1970



Assignments: 1952 Assistant Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Lake Charles; 1956 Administrator, St. Raphael Parish in Iowa and later Assistant Pastor, St. Margaret Parish in Lake Charles and chaplain at the Catholic Student Center of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in McNeese; 1962 Chaplain, Lake Charles Charity Hospital; 1970 Pastor, St. Bernard Parish in Breaux Bridge; 1972 Pastor Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Creole; retired in 1997. He served as Pro-Synodal Judge, Chairman of the Lake Charles Welfare Committee, Regional Newman Chaplain, Moderator of Pre-Cana Conferences, Chaplain for Catholic Daughter of America, member of the Priests' Senate, and Diocesan Consultor. In 1987 Msgr. Bernard was invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher.

Died 09/04/2005 in a Lake Charles Hospital

Funeral Mass: 09/08/2005 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole, Most. Rev. Jude Speyer, celebrant

Burial: Sacred Heart Church Cemetery



**Rev. Lawrence Michael Lott (MOBILE, CLASS OF 1990)**



Born: May 19, 1956

Ordained: 07/06/1990 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, AL

Assignments: Associate Pastor and Administrator at St. Maurice Parish in Brewton; Metropolitan Tribunal; 1955 full-time service as a Navy chaplain, stationed at Okinawa, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp, at Rota in Spain, and at New Orleans Naval Air Station where he was the Command Chaplain; 2005 Pastor, St. Philip Neri Parish in Belle Fontaine.

Died: 11/30/2005. Funeral Mass: 12/02/2005 at Little Flower Catholic Church, Mobile AL

Burial: Catholic Cemetery, Mobile, AL

Obituary: published 12/09/2005 in Mobile Arch. Catholic Newspaper, *The Catholic Week*

**Rev. David Donovan, S.J. (JESUIT SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR 19191 – 1995)**



Ordained: for the Archdiocese of Boston in 1968; entered Jesuits 1979

Assignments: Following ordination, he served at St. Joseph's Parish in Amesbury, MA for seven years and then was appointed Spiritual Director of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed Director of Spiritual Formation at the North American College in Rome in 1991 and served there for four years. Upon his return to the States, he served on the staff of the Center for Religious Development in Cambridge, MA before becoming Superior of the Jesuit Community at the Jesuit Urban Center in Boston, MA. From 1999 until 2004 he was the Provincial Assistant for Formation and Pastoral Ministries for the New England Province of the Society of Jesus. In 2004 he was appointed Rector of the Jesuit Community at Boston College High School in Dorchester, MA.

Died: December 12, at Boston Medical Center in Boston, MA.

Funeral Mass: at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, MA; Thursday, December 15, 2005.

Obituary: Go to [David Donovan, 65; was rector of BC High Jesuit community](#)

**Rev. Justin Martin (INDIANAPOLIS, CLASS OF 2002)**



Born: 11/23/1976

Ordained: 06/29/2002 in Indianapolis at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral by Archbishop Daniel Buechlein

Assignments: 2002 Associate Pastor, St. Luke in Indianapolis; 2004. Associate Pastor, St. Monica in Indianapolis; 2005 Administrator, Our Lady of the Springs, French Lick, IN and Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King, Paoli, IN

Died: 07/17/2005

Funeral Mass: 07/22/2005 at St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, IN, celebrant was his uncle, Msgr. Fredrick Easton (INDIANAPOLIS, CSM CLASS OF 1969).

Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN

We appreciate all the news, especially obituaries, provided to the *Nova et Vetera*. And we regret that we cannot afford to print and send by mail all the details of the countless years of service that our alumni have given to the Church. When providing news and obituaries, please continue to provide photographs, either “hard copy” or digital, and to include links to articles that can be accessed on line. Many of these details can be accessed clicking on the links in our new website. Check it out by going to:

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# *Your Invitation to Attend the Alumni Reunion in Denver*

North American College  
Alumni Association



2006 Annual Reunion  
Denver, Colorado

February 2, 2006  
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Your Excellency/Reverend Father:

One of the most endearing qualities of both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI is their love for the mountains. Reflecting on the beauty of mountains, Pope John Paul II once said, "We climb the mountain of the Lord with the spirit of one who knows how to contemplate the works of God...We try to recognize him in this stupendous view of peaks and valleys. 'Ad montes ut alta spectentur.'" (At Mount Cernivo, 1991).

I am privileged to serve as the honorary chairman of the 2006 Alumni Reunion of the North American College, to be held in Denver June 20-22. It is in the spirit of Pope John Paul II's words, therefore, that I invite you to the Rocky Mountains, to Denver, for this year's gathering of its alumni and friends.

The Denver and Colorado Springs alumni of the North American College and I are hosting this years reunion at the Hyatt Regency located at the Denver Technological Center. The reunion will begin on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. with the traditional informal mixer. It will conclude by mid-afternoon on Thursday, June 22, following a most assuredly informative and engaging "bum run." The cost of the three day reunion is \$225.

Enclosed with this information is a registration card and self-addressed envelope. Please return the card together with your payment of \$225 made out to *LOL-NAC Reunion* no later than May 30. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Hyatt DTC at the following number: 800.233.1234. Identify yourself as an attendee of the North American College reunion to receive the very favorable rate which the hotel has made available to us (\$139 a night). To receive these rates, reservations with the hotel must be made no later than May 30.

I began my invitation quoting Pope John Paul II. Let me conclude it by quoting the psalmist. "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (Ps. 133:1). It will be good to be with you for the days that you are here in Denver, to renew our priestly fraternity and ministry, and to pray for one another and the Church. I look forward to seeing you here at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in June.

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Denver  
Honorary Chairman, NAC 2006 Reunion

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6:00 PM Opening Mix  
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