



Father Chaplain's Corner Fr. Zachary Povis

Several weeks ago I gave a conference on the difficult topic of the Divine Indwelling: the manner in which the Father, Son and Holy Spirit come to dwell in the souls of the just who have been transformed by grace (see John 14:23). As this is a fairly complex topic, the Sisters had many insightful questions and we engaged in an extended theological discussion. After the class was finished and the Sisters were departing, I asked Sr. Mary Catherine if she thought perhaps the subject matter had been too difficult. She assured me that she did not think so and suggested that I might think of the Sisters as “simple theologians.”

I’ve continued to ponder that phrase over the last few months. There is, I believe, a way in which God invites all of us to be “simple theologians,” according to our own vocations. In His priestly prayer, Jesus asks the Father to draw all people to Himself “that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3) Our vocation will determine the specific manner in which we respond to this invitation to know God, but the call to seek a deeper understanding of our faith is common to all vocations. We are all called to be “simple theologians.”

The Italian Doctor of the Church, St. Anselm, defined the science of theology as “faith seeking understanding.” By the gift of faith, God elevates our intellect to grasp divine truths which are inaccessible to natural reason alone. The work of theology then, whether through reading and study or meditation and prayer, is to speak to God about these truths, deepen our understanding of them, and incorporate them into the way we live. God does not reveal the Truth about Himself just so that we can file it away and forget about it. No, He wants us to ponder Him, to hunger to know Him more intimately, and to allow the Truth He has revealed permeate every aspect of our lives.

Now this doesn’t happen automatically, even for the “simple theologian.” It takes effort and it requires us to make intentional time in our lives for praying with and considering what we believe, or, more precisely, Who we believe. In the midst of the noise that is so characteristic of our modern culture, the God who loves us is inviting us to seek His face after the manner of a “simple theologian:” to put everything else aside for a time and simply “be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

LOOK TO THE
LORD AND HIS
STRENGTH; SEEK
HIS FACE ALWAYS.

-PSALM 105:4

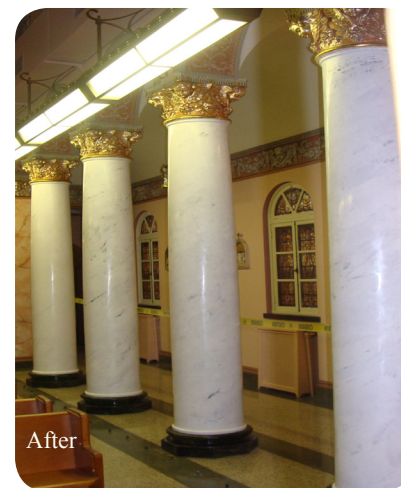


Before

Mt. Grace
Chapel

**The chapel
repainting
is finally
finished! The**

pillars were the last to be repainted and were completed in January 2019. The work needed a specialist. Sister Mary Catherine was able to get in touch with the company that specializes on the work process called “marmorino”. This process uses materials to create realistic impression of white marble. Now, the pillars look good as new! We invite you to visit the chapel to see for yourself.



After

Chapel opens daily at 5:30 A.M.
to 6:25 P.M.

Daily Mass 7:00 A.M.
Vespers & Benediction:
Weekdays 5:00 P.M./
Sundays 4:00 P.M.

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**"Come, says my heart,
'seek God's face';
your face, Lord,
do I seek!"**

Psalm 27: 8

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MOUNT GRACE HAPPENINGS



**Fr. Thomas
Krosnicki, SVD**

Our Dedicated Chaplains!

Mt. Grace was privileged to have had Fr. Tom Krosnicki, SVD as the community's chaplain for almost 7 years, December 2011-October 2018. He moved on for his new missionary mandate on October 31, 2018. Equally blessed, the Sisters welcomed Fr. Zachary Povis on November 1 as the new Chaplain. Father Povis was ordained four years ago in the Archdiocese of St. Louis after completing his theological studies in Rome. May both of them receive grace upon grace as they continue to fulfill their ecclesial roles with fidelity, devotion and dedication!

**Fr. Zachary
Povis**



BLESSED WITH
DEDICATED CHAPLAINS

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE



above: Sr. Mary Catherine; The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt - States; Sr. Regina Marie



right: Sister Maria Clarissa with Judge Ronnie L. White

Sister Regina Marie and Sister Maria Clarissa acquired their American Citizenship at the Naturalization ceremonies they attended on December 7 and November 9, 2018, respectively.

OUR EVER FAITHFUL ADORERS OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



Gratefully and joyfully, **Sister Mary Bertha** celebrated her 94th birthday on January 19, 2019



Sister Mary Cordula turned 90 on January 25, 2019. At supper time, Sister shared with the community: "I cannot thank God enough for the love and graces He has bestowed upon me over the years. I likewise thank you dear Sisters for your greetings and prayers!"

GOLDEN JUBILEE



Celebrating Fifty Years of vowed life is by itself a perfect reason to give thanks to the Most Holy Triune God for the love, protection, guidance He has bestowed over the years. This is how our Golden Jubilarian continues to feel months after her November 17, 2018 Jubilee Celebration had taken place. Sister Mary Benigna was so grateful for the turn of events, attributing the memorable day of her jubilee celebration to God's ever abiding love manifested in the prayers and love extended to her by her family, friends and fellow Sisters. The Jubilee Mass was meaningfully celebrated by the Most Reverend Mark Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis with four other priest con-celebrants. Bishop Rivituso in his homily expressed his profound appreciation for the sublimity of Sister Mary Benigna's vocation as a constant witness of God's love in the world.

VISITS



The Most Reverend Bishop Edward Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass at Mt. Grace Chapel on January 2, 2019, a day before his 32nd Sacerdotal Anniversary. He joined the community for breakfast after the Eucharistic celebration.



Betenora Bako Liba, Brian Junkes, Boromeo Shwe Pyi Soe, Cruz Enrique Colunga, Roger Kyaw Thu, Vincent Tri Nguyen, Wilken Fevrier, with Fr. Fransiskus Magung, SVD

Before entering their 30-day retreat, **the SVD Novices of North American Province**, Techny, U.S.A. along with Fr. Francis, SVD came to Mt. Grace for a visit.