



# THE RAVEN



2015 - 2016 SCHOOL YEAR - SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

The “**On the Hill 5K Run/Walk**” ran on September 12. Fifty-some seminarians, co-workers, staff, and their families came to participate or cheer. Sunny and 53 degrees made for a glorious day. As the participants gathered Patrick Gilbreath (Mobile) worried, “In Mobile there are no hills...literally! So I’m a little worried about that.” The participation T-Shirt wasn’t much help with its slogan, “Oh, no, this isn’t the Hill. This is the Hill is to get to **THE HILL.**”

First-timer Michael Davis (Little Rock) was eager to get started, “I’m not one of these guys that just gets the shirt and doesn’t *DO IT.*” Vinnie Gilmore (Indianapolis), last year’s winner, considered a new competitor who was seen running the route earlier that morning. Br. John Mark Falkenhain, O.S.B. led the group in prayer before the start. Joey Dunbar (Mobile) caused quite a stir showing up 30 seconds before the start. The scenic course wound around the campus passing some notable landmarks like Monk’s pond and the chicken house.



Jill Memmer, Wellness Coordinator, organized the event. Kirt Prospère (Barbados), Seminarian Wellness Coordinator said, “I’m trying to get more guys out of their rooms and doing some stuff.” Saint Meinrad’s Director of Health Services, Ann Rohleder was heard to remark after the event, “They are all winners.” Results:

- #1 **Antonio Marchi** (Glenmary) time of 16:44
- #2 Vinnie Gilmore (Indianapolis)
- #3 Garrett Braun (Evansville)
- #4 Novice Peter Szidik (Saint Meinrad)
- #5 Dr. Kevin Schemenauer (Faculty)

*(In the interest of full disclosure Dr. Schemenauer was pushing a runner’s stroller with his son!)*

# Meet the...

## ...STAFF

## ...SEMINARIAN

How many siblings do you have?	One brother, one sister	Three sisters, two brothers
What was your first real job?	Cashier at a discount store	Landscaping, once the owner through a shovel at me
How many years of school have you completed?	Twenty-six	Seventeen
Were there any courses in college were you felt you struggled?	Philosophy	Physics
Was there any class you went into hesitant, but ended up liking?	Homiletics	Web Design
Name one quality of one of your favorite teachers?	Passion for the subject	Humility
If someone were to take you to your favorite places to eat, where would you go?	Bridges' Barbecue	The Greek House
Do you have any hobby?	Walking in the woods	Piano
What was one of the last novels you read?	"The Boston Girl"	"That Hideous Strength"
If you had to watch television, what type of program would you pick?	Do I have to watch TV?	EWTN
How many countries have you stepped into not including airport stops?	Sixteen	Three
Reading or writing?	Reading	Reading
Can you remember the gist of any homily in the immediate past?	"Wisdom with a capital W"	"Puzzles remind us to have patience with the process of formation"
Is there any Bible story/passage, past or present that draws you in?	Acts 2:43-47	1 Peter 5:7
Where were you born?	Lincolnton, North Carolina	Midwest City, Oklahoma
Comfort food or fasting?	Comfort Food	Both



If you think you know either the identity of the Staff or Seminarian, send one email to [jpfister@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:jpfister@saintmeinrad.edu) and be entered in a drawing for an UnStable Pizza. Subject Line: Meet the...staff or seminarian *and* your guess. One entry per student -- deadline 9/29/15. Identities and winner in the next Raven issue.



# Basketball Training and Fun Start Early



Pick-up basketball is down at the St. Martin Center Gym above the UnStable every Tuesday and Thursday at the end of the seminary day. These practices are essential for the success of the Basketball team as they prepare for choosing our representatives for the inter-seminary tournaments held each school year at Mundelein Seminary at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake near Chicago and the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

The Ravens suffered a setback in last year's tournament play when one of the star point-guards, Patrick Friend of the Diocese of Little Rock, suffered an injury during gameplay. Andy Hammeke of the Diocese of Salina, the athletics coordinator, says there is great optimism with this year's prospects coming out with some awesome Midwest height, specifically from the Diocese of Evansville, Lafayette in Indiana, and Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Hammeke encourages everyone to participate in the pick-up games because it builds the potential team members skills to play with a wide variety of players from the barely legal to the pro. Exercise will also give the seminarian better rest and might relieve some stress from our hectic and sometimes heavy academic load.

## Saint Meinrad Pizza Cook-Off

Friday evening September 11 found all the seminarians down at the UnStable for a "Pizza Cook-off." The competition was fierce as the cooks flexed their creative muscles concocting some fine culinary innovations. First time judge Deacon Chris Boutin (Mobile) gave his thoughts on the seminarian judge honorific, "People ask me all the time about what the highlight of ordained ministry is and now I can say being a judge for the 'Pizza Cook-off' is one of them." The winner of the "Pizza Cook-off" was James Harding (Lexington). I asked Deacon Boutin if Harding's Pizza received his vote. "Harding is the one I chose because it was candied bacon. You could put candied bacon on a shoe and sell it." Apparently the other judges felt the same way.

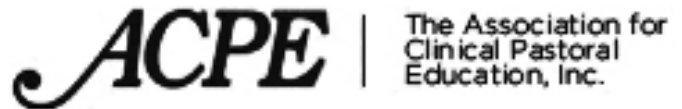
# Chaplaincy Application Process for Summer 2016 Begins

Thirty seminarians from Saint Meinrad participated in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) this summer. The Association of Clinical Pastoral Education accredits institutions that offer clinical pastoral education programs. Chaplain interns learn about ecumenical pastoral care in institutions through interactive ministry to clients, loved ones, staff, and peers. In addition to ministry, students complete a rigorous educational program that teaches pastoral care, human interaction, skills for understanding self and others, and professional ethics and conduct.

Each diocese set their policy about when in formation (typically I Theology and II Theology), where a seminarian may complete the CPE program, and where the student will live over the summer.

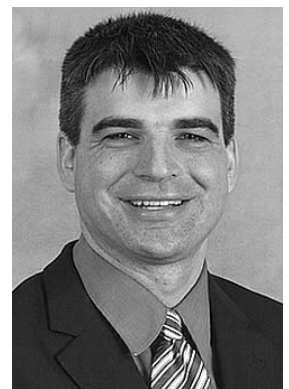
The application process is extensive and includes forms, essays, applicant history, interview, and medical information. Many programs have a limited number of spots available and sometime insist on diversity in the interns accepted.

Seminarians begin by speaking to their vocation director for guidance. Then visit your Saint Meinrad Moodle page where you will find a section dedicated to CPE where you will find information, links, and an application form that is submitted to any site you're considering. Sr. Kateri Visocky, FSE, Associate Director of Pastoral Formation is your contact at Saint Meinrad. Sister Kateri oversees the program and required documentation is submitted to her office upon completion of the program. Contact or visit Sister after checking out your Moodle page if you have further questions. A proactive seminarian planning on C.P.E. for the summer of 2016 will begin the application process with an accredited institution this semester.



## Professor Pet Peeves

Every so often in the Raven, the Mader Center would like to offer some examples of professors' pet peeves, so that they might be avoided, making everyone happier in the end.



### The 25-cent word

One professor reported not liking the misuse of sophisticated vocabulary in students' writing. The professor affectionately called these words 25-cent words, and stated, "they are easy to identify as coming out of thesaurus instead of the writer's working vocabulary, because they are often imprecise and misused." There is nothing inherently wrong with being sesquipedalian (using big words), but as you can see, sometimes ideas can be clearer with plain speech.

-Jeff Jenkins, Director, Mader Learning Center

## OVERHEARD: “Pizza Part of Good Human Formation!”



Not Pictured: Photographer

September 9<sup>th</sup> a pizza outing aimed at human formation caravanned south towards the Ohio River. All enjoyed a good time. Deacon Chaz of the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau is the self-proclaimed ‘apostolic nuncio’ of Chicago’s Pizza. For the past five years, Deacon Chaz leads seminarians on an apostolic visit to nourish a healthy appetite for fun, fellowship, and joy that finds fruition in Tell City. Up to twenty seminarians at one time have made the pilgrimage to the pizza parlor. Do yourself a favor when Deacon Chaz sends an email invitation and join in this opportunity to work on some growing edges of your formation.



Actual buffet (Not to scale)



Muchachos,

Este semestre nos estaremos reuniendo dos veces al mes para rezar las completas en Español. Les invito a que vengan a rezar y a cantar con vuestros hermanos este 14 y 21 de Septiembre. Nos reuniremos dentro del Practice Chapel en el tercer piso a las 8:30 de la noche. La oración dura 15 minutos-15 minutos orando con vuestros hermanos a Dios. Así que no falten! Les gustara, se los aseguro! Ta’ bien? Afuego!

-Kevin Panameño (Memphis)

# Catching up with...

## Father Mike Keucher

*Father Mike Keucher received his MDIV from Saint Meinrad in May of this year and was ordained shortly thereafter. His first assignment in the Diocese of Indianapolis finds him vibrant and joyful.*

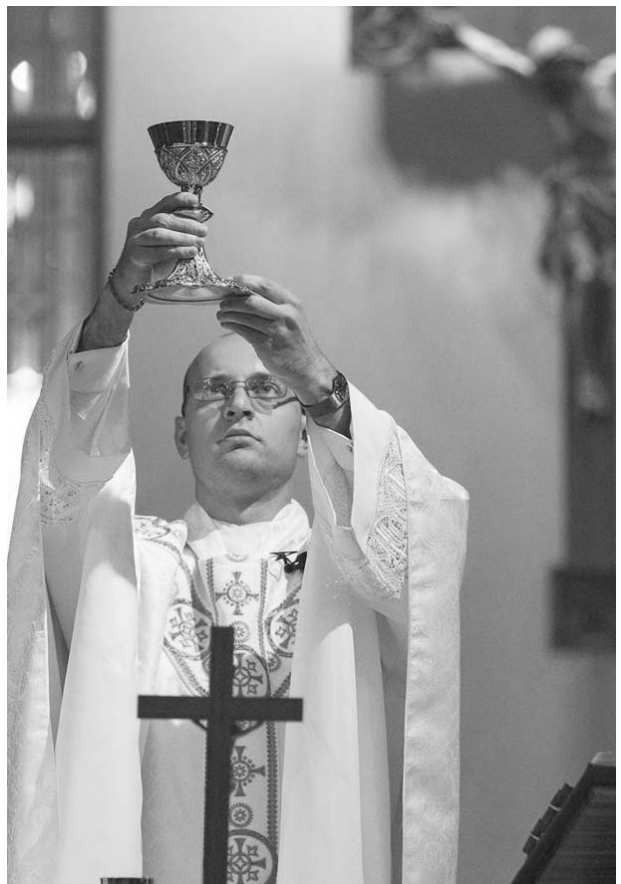
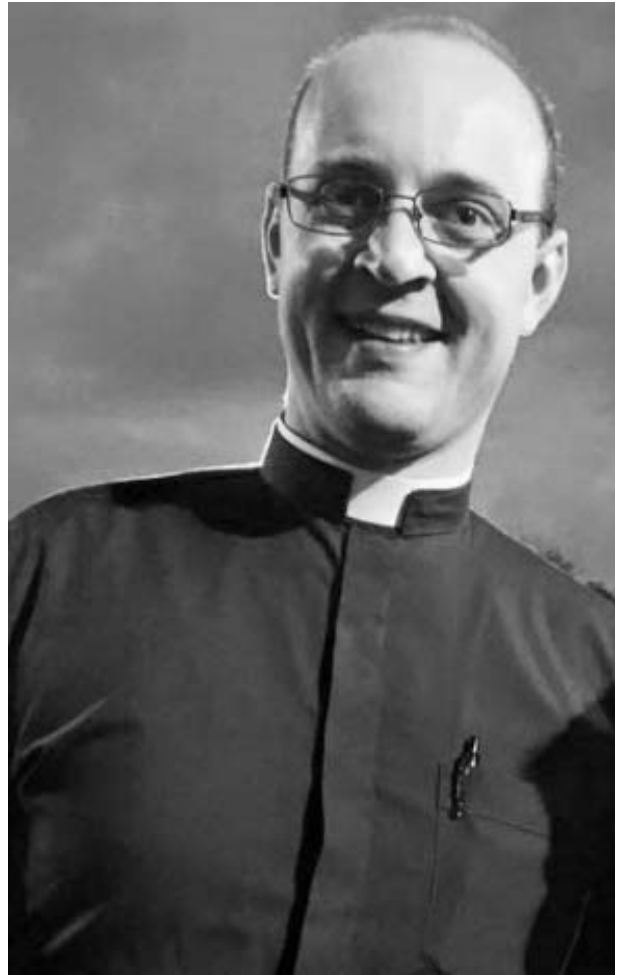
Today, I had the earlier of our two daily Masses. It is the lot of the new associate to always have the early Mass, but I have quickly grown to love it. I love preaching every day as it forces me to open the Scriptures and wrestle with them long enough to identify something useful. Per usual, I had a line of ten for confession after Mass.

I then walked downstairs for a cup of coffee and some pleasantries with the staff. After 30 minutes, I went over to the school to make my usual classroom visits. I stop in each room for 2-5 minutes. I am teaching the younger students the New Testament song. When I walk into their rooms each day, I wonder if they think I'm God Himself. They chant "Fr. Mike" and wave their hands relentlessly. I ate lunch with the kids per usual, and grabbed a couple to help me lead the Angelus on the PA system.

Following that, I got in the car to anoint a fellow whose late wife I had anointed just two months ago. When I returned to the office, I met with a woman whose life had just fallen apart before her eyes. I listened and offered a prayer. Then I drove off to do a Spanish house blessing. I love the Hispanic ministry I am charged with leading here, despite my bad Spanish.

After that it was time to go to the Rancalli football game. I hate football but somehow love going to these games. Many of our young men are on the team. Tomorrow I have Mass, a 5K, a retreat, baptisms, and dinner plans. I cannot describe how thankful I am to be a priest and how much joy it brings me. It is something incredible that I get to call what I have just described an "average day."

-Fr. Mike Keucher



# UnStable News

The UnStable is a long-standing Saint Meinrad establishment, run by seminarians. A recent trip to the UnStable yielded a wealth of information for this reporter. Fact: Football and basketball rule on the big-screen television that is most-often tuned to ESPN. Fact: Pool is a favorite activity for many regulars. Fact: Pizza runs from a small cheese at a mere \$3.50 to \$12.50 for a five topping large pie. Wings, a favorite side, run \$3.00 for five. Pop is \$1.00 - domestic brew is \$2.00 and \$3.00 for imports. Call in for carry-out orders:

**(812) 357-6490.**

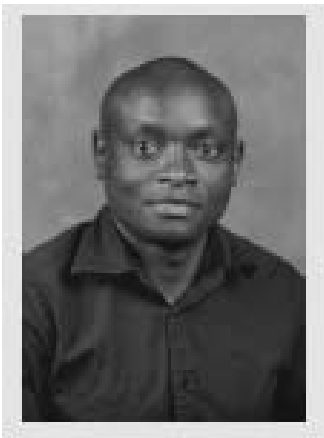
An anonymous source (bartender) stated, “Deacon James Brockmeier (Indianapolis) is the boss, Nate Brunn (Crookston) is the boss-in-training, and Father Anthony is the ‘Big Boss.’” Pressed for more information, the following tidbit was obtained, “...the latest is that two taps have arrived and will soon be flowing like the Ohio but better tasting and cleaner too!” I wasn’t quite sure what this means but all the patrons seemed to find humor in this news scoop.



Deacon Douglas (Indianapolis) feeds one into ‘Old Ironsides’

## The Final Word

Mission statement...



The Church is one, holy, Catholic and apostolic; it is Catholic because it is universal. This Geographical and demographic global span of our faith is a reality that still remains a goal, vision, and character of the church. The Church is therefore by nature missionary. To be sure, this mission is apostolic as it is also holy; it is a commission given to the apostles by Jesus Christ, the chief shepherd. We would be justified to say missions have the imprimatur of the Logos, the Divine Word who is Incarnate in the Church’s mission of the Gospel and Eucharist. Missionaries are therefore duty bound in the very nature of their vocation to cast the nets even deeper as fishers of men for Christ’s sake. The call to holiness is universal as the Church is universal and both presuppose that evangelization of the whole world is Christic.

-Patrick Muriithi, Glenmary Home Missioners