Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to Drs. Bryan Massingale and Andrei Orlov, who have been promoted to professor effective August 20, 2012, and to Dr. Ulrich Lehner, who has been promoted to associate professor with tenure effective the same date.

Consecration of Archimandrite Alexander [Golitzin]

Saint George Cathedral will be the site of the episcopal consecration of Archimandrite Alexander [Golitzin] as ruling hierarch of the Orthodox Church in America’s Bulgarian Diocese Friday through Sunday, May 4-6, 2012.

The celebration of Vespers at the cathedral will be on Friday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. During Vespers, Archimandrite Alexander will make his profession of faith before the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops. A reception will follow in the cathedral hall. At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah and concelebrating hierarchs will be greeted at the cathedral entrance, after which the Consecration Divine Liturgy will commence. A banquet will follow in the cathedral hall. Great Vespers will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. At 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 6, Bishop Alexander will serve the Divine Liturgy. A brunch will follow in the cathedral hall.

After pursuing doctoral studies at Oxford University, during which time he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos, and receiving his D.Phil. in 1980, he returned to the US, where he was ordained to the diaconate in January 1982 and to the priesthood two years later. In 1986, he was tonsured to monastic orders. He served OCA missions in northern California and headed the Diocese of the West’s mission committee. In 1989, he accepted a teaching position in the Theology Department of Milwaukee’s Marquette University, a position that he holds today. Concurrently, he was attached to the city’s Saints Cyril and Methodius Church.

The Bulgarian Diocese includes 19 parishes and missions and one monastery. Additional information concerning the consecration, banquet, housing and transportation has been sent to all parishes of the Bulgarian Diocese and will appear on the diocesan web site. Questions may be directed to Saint George Cathedral at 419-662-3922.
Undergraduate Award

Marquette senior Theology major Brian Bajzek is the winner of this year's Dennis Doherty Award, which honors the Marquette student who, during the current academic year, has written the best paper of those submitted within the broad area of moral response generated by religious faith and tradition. This award is conferred annually by the Department of Theology and was established as a memorial to the late Dr. Dennis Doherty, a long-time moral theologian at Marquette.

Bajzek won the award for an essay submitted in Theo 4290- C. S. Lewis as Christian Thinker, in fall 2011. The essay was entitled "Interplanetary Instruction on Faith," and it explored the question of moral transformation as portrayed in Lewis’s Space Trilogy.

Bajzek, who is especially interested in systematic theology, has also been admitted to the Marquette University MA Program in Theology for the next academic year. And he is one of a group of exceptional students who will be inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the Theology Honors Society, next month.

Graduate Awards

We congratulate the following students who are a credit to Marquette University

Andy Alexis-Baker has received a Raynor Fellowship for academic year 2012-2013.

Eric Vanden Eykel has received a Schmitt Fellowship for academic year 2012-2013.

John Volk has received a Lonergan Post Doctoral Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year at Boston College, which was awarded by the Lonergan Institute at Boston College. It includes a stipend and housing. Volk’s research project is to write a book on Lonergan’s soteriology, based on his dissertation, with the intent to include additional material on a) pneumatological implications of Lonergan’s soteriology, b) implications for inter-religious dialogue, and c) implications for developing the category of 'social grace.'

Darren Henson has won the first annual CHA Graduate Student Essay competition for the seminar paper he wrote for Dr. Lysaught’s class last semester entitled "A Toward A Theology of Palliative Care: Faith, Reason, Praxis, and Love.” In this paper, Mr. Henson seeks to address a bi-lateral suspicion of palliative care often expressed by both physicians and Catholic theologians. He employs John Paul II’s Fides et Ratio and the recent pronouncements on palliative care by Benedict XVI to begin to sketch a theological argument for the importance of palliative care. Not only will Mr. Henson receive a cash prize for this paper, but he has also been invited to present the paper at the annual CHA Theology and Ethics Colloquium in March, a conference attended by many of the ethics leaders in Catholic healthcare.

Samantha Miller has won the John Wesley Fellowship, which will provide funding for her for the next three years.

Kellen Plaxco has declined a Smith Fellowship in order to accept a Fulbright Fellowship to study at KU Leuven, in Belgium, for the 2012-2013 academic year. By conducting a close reading of Didymus’ texts with attention to his sources, Plaxco intends to reconstruct how the Platonist tradition influenced Didymus’ theory of participation. A Fulbright fellowship will allow him to spend the 2012-2013 academic year working at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven’s Faculty of Philosophy where he will analyze texts and archival documents essential to his research on Didymus under the direction of Prof. Gerd Van Riel, a leading specialist in ancient philosophy and director of the Leuven Centre for the Study of the Transmission of Texts and Ideas in Antiquity, the Middle Ages and Renaissance (Lectio). In addition to Prof. Van Riel’s expertise in ancient philosophy, the combination of Profs. Peter Van Deun and Joseph Verheyden’s knowledge of the Byzantine textual tradition makes Leuven a unique place to explore thoroughly the historical context of Didymus’ thought.
Faculty Publications


Faculty Activities

Dr. Joshua Burns presented “The Synagogue of Severus: Spacing Divine Authority in Imperial Rome.” Picking Up the Pieces: Refiguring Jerusalem and Rome in Late Antiquity, Symposium at the University of Texas at Austin, March 26, 2012.

Rev. Robert M. Doran, S.J., presented “Rehabilitating and Transposing the Theorem of the Supernatural: A First Instalment,” at the West Coast Methods Institute, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, April 14, 2012; delivered the homily at the funeral of Frederick E. Crowe, S.J., renowned Lonergan scholar, at Regis College, University of Toronto, April 17, 2012.

Rev. Thomas Hughson, S.J. delivered the 11th Annual Chiodini/Fontana Lecture at Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI on February 8, 2012. The title was, “Love and Citizenship: Catholics in an Election Year” and the focus was on love for the common good internal to citizenship, understood in light of Thomas Aquinas on love.

Fr. Hughson and Rev. Canon Dr. Martyn Percy co-presented “Dialogue Beyond the Ecumenical Movement,” during ’Assisi 2012, Where We Dwell in Common: Pathways for Dialogue in the 21st Century’ 17-21 April 2012 in Assisi, Italy. The co-presentation by an Anglican and a Catholic accepted some postmodern criticism of ‘progress’ and applied that to ecumenism. The focus was on unofficial, not necessarily authorized, practical friendships between churches that takes place in members supporting other churches’ projects and mission, including education. Hughson appealed to Aquinas’s analysis of friendship as triadic: one friend, external goods sought for another, the other friend.


Massingale Attends President’s Breakfast

Dr. Bryan Massingale is pictured above, back row, third from left, at the 2012 White House Easter Prayer Breakfast.
Graduate Presentations


**Eric Szatkowski** presented “The Dark Side of Digital Technology: Internet, Cell Phones, and Social Media” to Holy Trinity Parish West Bend: Faculty and Staff, January 19; St. Matthias Students, Milwaukee (5th – 8th grade), March 21; St. Dominic Parish Students (6th – 8th) and Parents, Brookfield, WI, March 29.


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Alumni News

Fordham University has appointed **C. Colt Anderson** (Ph.D., Marquette University, 1998) as dean of the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education (GRE), effective July 15, 2012. [More...]

**Sr. Dawn M. Nothwehr, OSF** (Ph.D., Marquette University, 1995) has been appointed to be the ‘Erica and Harry John Family Professor of Catholic Theological Ethics’ at the Catholic Theological Union Graduate School of Theology and Ministry in Chicago, IL.

**Thomas Wetzel** (Ph.D., Marquette University, 2006) has accepted the positions of Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, and Coordinator of the Religious Studies Program, starting this fall, at Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Upcoming Events