



St. Paul's Monastery News

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Message from Fr. Richard



The summer brings with it its own special lifestyle. A time that hopefully for everyone includes opportunities for rest and relaxation from the routine of the rest of the year. Everyone looks forward to "that vacation" no matter how long it is or where it is spent.

In the readings of the Liturgies of this time, we follow Jesus with his preaching and miracles and proclaiming the

Kingdom of God. The Liturgy reminds us that the Kingdom of God takes no vacation. We as disciples are called to witness to the Gospel at all times and all places. May your days spent with family and friends at shores or in the woods, seeing new sights or barbecuing in the backyard be enjoyable and refreshing for both body and spirit. May God's Kingdom of love be alive in your world.

Fr. John and 5th Steps

For years people in AA have come to the Monastery to "take their 5th steps." The "Fifth Step" is part of the AA Program which is like a general confession. The person making her or his "Fifth Step" has honestly examined their life, and shares their resentments, failures, and the way they have hurt others with another person, knowing that God can use others

as sources of healing in their lives. At times this "Fifth Step" is taken with someone in the AA Program. At times it is shared with a clergyman. Fr. John McMillan (ordained in 1956) has been hearing "Fifth Steps" for years in a kindly, fatherly, and understanding way. He has blessed many people in AA with his ministry.

Fr. John McMillan, C.P



Linda Kincel

Passionist Associates are individuals both men and women, who in a spirit of mutuality have chosen to bond themselves more closely with the mission and the spirituality of the

Passionist Congregation, Province of St. Paul of the Cross.

After at least a two-year period of discernment, orientation, formal acceptance, and formation, a covenant is made between the Passionist Associate and the local Passionist Community of Priests and Brothers. Once the initial covenant is made, each Associate is then

invited to re-covenant him or her self to the Passionist Community every year on the Feast Day of St. Paul of the Cross.

The Associates enter into this relationship centered on living the Gospel message in the spirit of the Passionist Congregation and the Charism of its founder, St. Paul of the Cross. The Passionists for their part invite their Associates to participate in some aspects of their life of prayer, community, and ministerial outreach. The Passionists also provide their Associates with the opportunities for ongoing faith formation in the spirit of the Congregation of the Passion.

Passionist Associates

In Pittsburgh the Passionist Associates meet regularly on a monthly basis for prayer, study, and business. In August the Associates will be traveling to West Virginia to learn about our Passionist ministry that goes on in Preston County, visit the parishes, and meet the people in Terra Alta, Kingwood, and Masontown.

-Linda Kincel

(Portions of this text have been adapted from the Policy on Association, Province of St. Paul of the Cross, May 2002; Linda serves as the Assistant Associate Director of the Pittsburgh Associates. The Local Passionist Associate Director is Fr. Don Ware, C.P.)

Fr. Mike's Crucifix

Fr. Michael Salvagna, C.P., coordinates our Province's two TV Mass Programs in New York City and Scranton, PA. Thru the Passionist Mass Program in Scranton, Fr. Mike is offering a beautiful crucifix for sale. The crucifix is 12 in. high and 8 1/2 in. wide. There is a separate stand about 6 in. wide and 3 in. high. The crucifix can be wall-mounted or stand alone in the stand. The crucifix costs \$45. For more information or to order email Fr. Mike at www.themass.org, or call at 1-800-THE-MASS (1-800-843-6277).



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www.catholic-church.org/stpaulsmonastery

Monastery Church

The Passionists dedicated our beautiful Romanesque Monastery Church in 1859. Since that time thousands of people have visited and worshipped at this sacred house of God. Following are some pictures of our Monastery Church statuary and recent events.



Close-up of one picture in Pope John Paul II's display.



Display commemorating Pope John Paul II (April 2005)

The "Pieta" statue (top left)

The "Crucifixion" (left)



Monastery Church on Easter Sunday 2005.



Easter Candle and Easter Water (2005).

Welcome Back Fr. Vincent and Br. Paul!



Fr. Vincent Segotta, C.P

St. Paul's Monastery welcomes our Fr. Vincent Segotta (ordained in 1977) back to Pittsburgh after serving five years in Parish Ministry at the Catholic parish in Kingwood, West Virginia, where Fr. Mark Ward, C.P., is the Pastor. Fr. Vincent will help with our local Monastery ministries, including the Retreat Center, the Monastery Church services, and the Passionist Nuns in Carrick. It's good to have Fr. Vincent back with us.

Br. Paul Morgan (professed in 1953), a native Pittsburgher, has returned to our Pittsburgh Passionist Community also. Welcome back Br. Paul.



Br. Paul Morgan



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