THE NATURE OF BENEDICTINE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:
DO WE CREATE A UNIQUE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT?

Consider "environment" broadly to include the classroom, library, campus, community, dining hall, residence halls, liturgical spaces, athletic facilities and the activities and relationships that we cultivate therein.
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Welcome to Saint Vincent College and to the eighth annual Benedictine Pedagogy conference! The theme for this conference is in the form of a question: Do we create a unique learning environment? To answer this question, we have a number of panel sessions and presentations devoted to describing the uniqueness of our learning environments.

The panel discussions will be presented by faculty, staff and administration from a number of Benedictine and non-Benedictine institutions. They will delve into topics such as Benedictine hospitality in admissions, the nature of Benedictine education from both a historical and contemporary perspective and the role of service learning and ecumenism in a Benedictine environment. These panels will allow participants to engage in an active dialogue with the presenters on these important topics at our Catholic, Benedictine institutions.

In addition, individual speakers will present topics ranging from Catholic, Benedictine energy (incorporating the many meanings of energy) to the nature of our learning environments (both physical and structural). As with the panel discussions, these presentations are meant to provoke ideas and discussions.

For our keynote address, we are pleased to have Margaret Steinfels, a founding co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture and former editor of Commonweal magazine. The title for her address is "A Benedictine and a Jesuit Walk into a Bar: Not a Joke!"

As with previous Benedictine Pedagogy conferences, there are no breakout sessions. Rather, all participants will be able to attend all presentations and panel discussions and will thus be able to engage in the many conversations regarding our Benedictine educational environment. Additionally, there are numerous breaks and pleasurable activities planned throughout the conference. There are displays of Benedictine art and documents at both our art gallery and in the main venue, the Sir and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion. These include a viewing of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible, which was the first Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press.

On Thursday evening, participants can enjoy "Heroes," the first play in the 2014 Saint Vincent Summer Theatre schedule. Also on Thursday evening, participants can view two Benedictine-related art shows in the Saint Vincent Gallery in the Robert S. Carey Student Center. On Friday evening, we have a choral concert by the acclaimed Saint Vincent Camerata. Participants will have the opportunity to attend liturgy of the hours (morning, noonday and vespers) in the Saint Vincent Basilica, as well as Mass in the Mary, Mother of Wisdom Student Chapel.

The principal venue for the conference is the Sir and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion, which was completed in 2013. It not only houses the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing, but it is also used for many campus activities such as choral concerts and our academic research conference. Most recently, it served as the location for Sixtieth Annual Convention of the Catholic Theology Society.

Thank you for attending the eighth annual Benedictine Pedagogy conference. We hope that you find the conference engaging and stimulating.

The Saint Vincent College Planning Committee:
Ms. Alice Kaylor
Dr. Timothy Kelly
Dr. Steve Gravalle
Fr. Nathan Mansch, O.S.B.
The Benedictine Pedagogy Conference

CONFERENCE PURPOSE AND HISTORY

The Benedictine Pedagogy Conference was conceived by a sub-committee of the Center for Mission and Identity (CMI) advisory board at Benedictine University. After trying many venues to discuss and implement ideas from the applications of Ex corde Ecclesiae and the Association for Benedictine Colleges and Universities (ABCU) reports and discussion papers, we felt isolated with what we were doing and how well we were doing it and began to question what other Benedictine schools were able to do or if they were doing anything at all. After having many on-campus discussions about our Catholic and Benedictine mission and identity in connection with the ABCU Hallmarks and their place in our academic community, we decided it was time to include others in the conversation. Hence the First Annual Benedictine Pedagogy Conference was scheduled in May-June 2007.

After the success of the first conference, an advisory team comprised of faculty and administrators from Benedictine University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Vincent College and Marmion Academy who attended the conference, were brought together to talk about the future of such an enterprise. Now in its eighth year, the conference has been an avenue for innovation, collaboration, sharing and camaraderie among faculty, staff and administrators from Benedictine colleges, universities, academies and high schools. The two-day conference consists of presentations and discussions of the many and varied ways in which we incorporate our similar, yet unique, Benedictine concepts, values and traditions into the operations of our respective institutions. Our hope for this conference is that we find common ground for discussion and to develop new possibilities for us all to use. And, as Benedictine scholars, we delight in sharing our unique and timeless charism that was developed by St. Benedict fifteen centuries ago.

PREVIOUS CONFERENCE THEMES AND LOCATIONS:

2007  The Nature of a Benedictine University:  Benedictine University
       Do We Really Teach Differently than Other Academic Institutions?
2008  How Do We Express Ourselves as Particularly Benedictine?  Benedictine University
2009  Orienting New Members to Our Benedictine Learning Communities  Saint Vincent College
2010  Stewardship and Sustainability  Saint Vincent College
2011  Haustus: The Challenge of Hospitality  Saint Anselm College
2012  Serving the Common Good  Saint Anselm College
2013  Keeping “Benedictine” Alive: Embracing Change in Benedictine Education  Benedictine University
       The Nature of Benedictine Colleges and Universities:  Saint Vincent College
       Do We Create a Unique Learning Environment?

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CONFERENCE THEMES

Maintaining the Benedictine charism with declining monastic and increasing lay presence.

Sustaining focus on our Catholic traditions and Benedictine heritage while welcoming diversity and inclusivity.

Allowing academic freedom and promoting academic excellence while staying true to the expectations of Catholic and Benedictine higher education.

Revitalizing the mission and purpose of a Catholic and Benedictine Education.

Developing and sustaining our mission through service learning and learning communities.

Using the Rule as a pedagogical tool.

Incorporating the Benedictine Hallmarks throughout the institution for formation, evangelization, curricular integration and development.

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6:15 am   Morning Prayer
          Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica

7:30 am   Mass
          Mary, Mother of Wisdom Student Chapel

8 am      Breakfast
          Community Center Dining Hall

SESSION II  - Friday, June 6, 2014, The Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion—E 104

9 - 9:30 am   Welcome
              Br. Norman Hipps, O.S.B

              Learning in and about the Dupré Science Pavilion
              Dr. Caryl Fish

9:30 – 10:30 am   American Benedictines: Who is our Founder and is there a “Benedictine” Charism of Higher Education?
                   Fr. Nathan Munsch, O.S.B.

                   Forming a Learning Community Founded on the Wisdom
                   of the Rule of Benedict
                   Abbot Timothy Wright, O.S.B.

10:40 – 11:10 am  Describing Benedictine Unique Learning Environments:
                   A Qualitative Research Study
                   Dr. Jean Thornbrugh

11:20 am – 12:20 pm Answering the Call: A Vocation in Academia
                     Dr. Eric Kocijan

                     Liberal Arts Colleges in Comparative Perspective
                     Dr. Timothy Cuff
                     Dr. Dennis McDaniel
                     Dr. Anthony Serapiglia

12:30 – 12:40 pm  Midday Prayer
                     Science Center Atrium

12:40 – 1:30 pm   Lunch
                     Science Center Atrium
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1:30 – 1:45 pm  Welcome
Dr. Frank Luparello Lecture Hall
Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, O.S.B.

1:45 – 2:45 pm  Keynote Address
Dr. Frank Luparello Lecture Hall
"A Benedictine and a Jesuit Walk into a Bar: Not a Joke!"
Margaret O'Brien Steinfels

2:55 – 3:45 pm  Benedictine Higher Education: The Pathway to Success
Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion
Dr. Timothy Collins
Dr. Thomas Mehigan
Dr. Alicia Cordoba Tait

3:55 – 4:45 pm  Service Learning with a Benedictine Vision
Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion
Mrs. Kelly King
Fr. Nathan Munsch, O.S.B.
Ms. Sara Hart

5 pm  Vespers
Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica

5:30 pm  Picnic
Garden by Monastery entrance
(Rain location, Fred M. Rogers Center)
Hosted by Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B. and the Monastic Community

7:30 pm  “Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs” Concert
Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica
Saint Vincent Carnebata Scholars
Fr. Stephen Concordia, O.S.B., Director
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SESSION III - Saturday, June 7, 2014, The Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion—E 104

6:15 am    Morning Prayer
           Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica

7:30 am    Mass
           Mary, Mother of Wisdom Student Chapel

8 am       Breakfast
           Community Center Dining Hall

8 am       Executive Committee Meeting
           Metten Room

9 – 10:15 am Benedictine Ecumenism
Dr. Patrick Flynn

Interfaith Approaches to Civic Engagement
Dr. Arshia Khan

Hospitality: Openness to the Other
Fr. Tom Hart, O.S.B.

10:15 – 11:15 am Evangelizing the Academy:
Infusing Benedictine Values Beyond Campus Ministry
Ms. Mary Collins
Dr. William Hisker
Dr. Nancy Rottler

11:15 am – 12:30 pm Wrap-up Session

12:30 pm   Lunch
           Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Margaret O’Brien Steinfels, B.A., M.A.

"A Benedictine and a Jesuit Walk into a Bar: Not a Joke!"

Biography

Conference attendees may know Margaret O’Brien Steinfels from various aspects of her accomplished career. She is currently a regular contributor to Commonweal magazine, for which she contributes a blog as well as columns to the print edition. Until very recently she served with her husband, Peter, as the founding co-director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture, a position that she held for about a decade. The Center focuses on the intersection of faith and contemporary culture.

For a decade and half before her work with the Center on Religion and Culture, Ms. Steinfels edited Commonweal, a lay Catholic magazine that focuses on political, religious and literary opinion. She also edited Church magazine and served as editorial director at the National Pastoral Life Center.

Ms. Steinfels has written or edited American Catholics and Civic Engagement: A Distinctive Voice (2003), American Catholics and American Culture: Tradition and Resistance (2004), and Who’s Minding the Children: The History and Politics of Day Care in America (1974). She has written for more than a half a dozen newspapers and magazines, including America (a Jesuit magazine similar to Commonweal) and the The New York Times.

Ms. Steinfels’ long and wise engagement with American Catholicism has led many concerned about the church in America to consult with her to better understand historical and current developments. The Cushwa Center for the Study of Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame invited her to lend her expertise to their project on Catholicism in the Twentieth Century, and the U.S. Catholic bishops asked her to speak on the clerical sexual abuse crisis at the June 2002 meeting in Dallas.

Though Margaret O’Brien Steinfels has lived in New York City for decades, she was raised in Chicago, where she attended a Benedictine High School and a Jesuit college. It is this lived experience of the two educational ethos that will inform her presentation at this year’s Benedictine Pedagogy Conference.
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Mr. Timothy O'Mara
Admission Counselor
Ms. Carly Meholic
Student
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Treat All Guests As Christ: Hospitality By Way of College Admission
Thursday, June 5, 2014
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Abstract
Chapter 53 of the Rule states that all guests should be received as Christ. This presentation will show how prospective students and families receive the Benedictine Hospitality by way of admission visits and contact.

Biography
A native of the Worcester, Massachusetts area, Timothy O'Mara completed his studies at Saint Vincent College in 2009 with a B.A. in history with a certificate in secondary social studies. While engaged in his studies, he worked for Maggs Bros. Ltd., one of the world's largest rare book and manuscript dealers, located in London, United Kingdom. Since finishing his studies, Tim has worked for Saint Vincent College as an admission counselor, recruiting students from the Maryland, Virginia, D.C. and Delaware areas.

In his spare time, Tim likes to pursue his many interests including the study of history and theology, as well as leisure travel and reading.

Dr. Cynthia Walter
Associate Professor, Biology
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Catholic Benedictine Energy
Thursday, June 5, 2014
3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Abstract
From a physicist's perspective, energy has no denomination, but from many other perspectives, energy is very much connected to the world views that guide human thought and action. Our Catholic, Benedictine schools are distinct because we choose to put spiritual energy into worship and intellectual energy into a curriculum rich with Catholic, Benedictine values. We should also consider what our use of physical energy teaches our students. Medieval cathedrals taught the faithful through the design of windows, arches and spires. In a similar way we can use our buildings to teach our students Benedictine values of stewardship and care, if we seriously examine our campus use of energy. Many improvements in energy use and local energy generation will bring short and long-term economic benefits. The primary reason to rethink our energy, however, is not economic; it is moral. For centuries, churches were built because the founders followed a moral desire to care for the souls in the parish. As we continue to build our campus community, we can make manifest Benedictine values in campus energy use.

Biography
Cynthia Walter learned to be an outdoor scientist in her back yard growing up in Chicago and the Minnesota farm fields surrounding Saint Olaf College where she earned a B.A. in biology in 1972. The University of Chicago biology program gave her the freedom to earn a doctorate in 1983 studying ecology in prairies and a tropical rain forest. Since 1983, she keeps learning new ways to apply ecological thinking to manifest Benedictine values of stewardship and care with her students in classes and research on campus and abroad and collaborations with colleagues in all the liberal arts.
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Mr. David Safin
Director of Multimedia Services
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA.
Four Voices
Thursday, June 5, 2014
4 – 4:45 p.m.

Abstract
Saint Vincent is a place that brings people from a variety of backgrounds into one place, as most colleges do. By interviewing a cross section of students representing this diversity, this video will provide a glimpse into how our Benedictine tradition has served them. Those interviewed will represent areas including campus life, campus ministry, international recruitment and athletics. They will also represent each of Saint Vincent’s four schools.

Biography
David Safin is the director of multimedia and a lecturer in communication at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. He produces promotional videos for the college and also teaches several video-related courses. Recently, he received a bronze Telly Award in the category of history for his work on the documentary, Fire and Ice: The Saint Vincent Fire of 1963. Safin has a bachelor’s degree in communication from Saint Vincent, a master’s degree in multimedia technology from California University of Pennsylvania, and a master of fine arts in film and digital technology from Chatham University. His thesis film, “The Birthday Present,” screened at the Steeltown Film Factory Short Film Fest, Chatham University’s Best of the MFA Series, and Downtown Film Night sponsored by Future Tenant and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership. He and his wife, Kate, reside in Manor, PA.

Br. David Kelly, O.S.B.
Director of Latimer Family Library
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Latimer Family Library Special Collections

Dr. James Triggs
Executive Director of The Saint John’s Bible Heritage Program
Saint John’s University.
The Saint John’s Bible
Thursday, June 5, 2014
4:50 – 5:05 p.m.

Abstract
Br. David Kelly will introduce some library holdings of special significance to the Catholic, Benedictine nature of Saint Vincent College.

Abstract
In 1998, Saint John’s Abbey and University in Minnesota commissioned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a handwritten, hand-illuminated Bible – the first to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. Completed in 2001, The Saint John’s Bible features calligraphy developed by Jackson himself, as well as lavishly decorated pages created by contemporary artists. The mission of The Saint John’s Bible is to ignite the spiritual imagination of people around the world of all faith journeys.

During the conference, one volume of the Heritage Edition – the Gospels and Acts volume – will be available to conference. The Heritage Edition is a fine art edition of the original manuscript and it represents the primary means by which people around the world can experience this historic work of sacred art. Created under the direction of Donald Jackson, the Heritage Edition is a work of art in its own right and its hand-touched illuminated pages are designed to be turned and enjoyed as a book – not as a museum piece behind glass.

Biography
Jim Triggs is the executive director of The Saint John’s Bible Heritage Program at Saint John’s University. Over the past six years, he and his team have worked with more than 70 institutions that have acquired the Heritage Edition. Jim is a graduate of Gonzaga University and University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management.
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Dr. John Smetanka
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Planetary Show
Thursday, June 5, 2014
5:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Biography
Dr. John J. Smetanka has been a member of the full-time faculty since 1997 and currently serves as the vice president for academic affairs and academic dean of Saint Vincent College, a position he has held since January 2008. Dr. Smetanka, a Latrobe native and Derry Area High School graduate, earned a bachelor of science degree in physics in 1989 from Carnegie Mellon, and a master of science degree in 1991 and a Ph.D. in 1997 in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of Chicago. In addition to teaching a wide variety of courses in physics, astronomy, geology and chemistry Dr. Smetanka has been involved in numerous projects and committees during the past decade at Saint Vincent. He held leadership positions in many of these initiatives, including service as chair of the Educational Policy Committee, Science and Theology Forum, the Lancy Scholars Program and remains director of the Honors Program.

Prior to joining the faculty at Saint Vincent, Dr. Smetanka served as vice president for research and development for On Target Mapping, a Pittsburgh-based software company specializing in the development of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Dr. Smetanka lives in Latrobe with his wife, Sharon, daughter, Lindsay, and two sons, Logan and Brent.

Br. Nathan Cochran, O.S.B.
Chair and Instructor of Fine Arts
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
"Schools for the Lord's Service – Benedictine Colleges and Universities," "The House that Wimmer Built: The American-Cassinese Congregation"
Thursday, June 5, 2014
7 p.m.

Abstract
The Saint Vincent Gallery is presenting two temporary exhibits in honor of the Benedictine Pedagogy Conference and the Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities meeting here at Saint Vincent this June. One is entitled "Schools for the Lord's Service – Benedictine Colleges and Universities" and features photographs of the campuses of all of the Benedictine colleges and universities in the Association. It will also include historical educational memorabilia.

The other is entitled "The House that Wimmer Built: The American-Cassinese Congregation" and features photographs of all of the monasteries of the congregation. Also on view are highlights from the permanent art collections, including paintings donated to Saint Vincent by King Ludwig I of Bavaria in the 1850s, the sacred relics collection, and artifacts owned and used by Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B. – the founder of Saint Vincent and the American-Cassinese Benedictine Congregation.

Biography
Coming from a musical background and family, Br. Nathan Cochran, O.S.B., participated in various choirs, orchestras and concert bands and was a soloist in musicals, operas and oratorios throughout Ohio. Before entering Saint Vincent Archabbey, he studied vocal music at the College of Musical Arts at Bowling Green State University where he was a student of Rex Eekum. He received a master of science degree from Pratt Institute with Pratt Honors in the theory, history and criticism of art, architecture and design. In addition to the Saint Vincent College Concert Series, he is the chair of the department of visual arts, director of the Saint Vincent Gallery and a lecturer in fine arts. In 2011, he was the first recipient of Der Projektentmacher Award of Saint Vincent College, given in recognition of creative initiative that has made a valuable difference to the campus community. He is known internationally for his work with the Blessed Emperor Karl of Austria League of Prayers for Peace Among Nations and has been awarded the Austrian "Signum Militiae" Civilian Medal of Honor presented by H.I.H. Archduke Otto of Austria on the occasion of the Archduke's 95th birthday.

Saint Vincent Summer Theatre
Heroes
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Thursday, June 5, 2014
8 p.m.

"It is August 1959 and three French veterans of World War I (Gustave played by David Cabot, Henri played by Philip Winters and Philippe played by Robert Haley) find themselves confined to a group home for retired soldiers," Colleen Reilly Rossmiller, theater director, explained. "The exploits of their youth seem long past as they spend their days sitting on a terrace, discussing the weather, planning (or resisting) birthday parties and reminiscing about former glories. However, when Philippe begins to suspect that the retirement home's management is plotting against his life, he and Gustave launch a daring bid for freedom, dragging the reluctant Henri along in their wake. The result is a charming celebration of friendship, sacrifice and the courage it takes to grow old. We are pleased to present the regional premiere of this magnificent French play, translated into dazzling English by one of Great Britain's finest living playwrights. At its London debut it won the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy of 2006."
Biography

Colleen Reilly Rossmiller grew up in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and received her B.A. from Williams College and her M.F.A. from the University of Southern California's School of Cinema-Television. She began her career as a professional theatre director when she was 22 and has directed productions in the Pittsburgh area, as well as in Los Angeles. She has also written and directed a number of short films. At Saint Vincent College, she has taught courses in acting, theatre history and film studies; she has also directed student plays and musicals. She has served as artistic director of the professional Saint Vincent Summer Theatre since 2010.

Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B.
President and
Dr. Caryl Fish
Associate Professor of Chemistry
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Welcome and Learning in and about the Dupré Science Pavilion
Friday, June 6, 2014
9 - 9:30 a.m.

Abstract

The newly completed Sir and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion provides students and faculty at Saint Vincent College a place to study and reflect. The pavilion was designed with the Benedictine values in mind. In this presentation, we will examine how those values have been expressed in the structure, classrooms, labs, and even the electricity. It has provided not only a unique place to study, but an example to be studied.

Biography

Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B., is the 17th president of Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the first Benedictine college in the United States. Prior to assuming the presidency on July 1, 2010, he was the executive vice president of Saint Vincent College, dean of the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing, and associate professor of mathematics.

As dean and as president, Br. Norman led the largest construction project in the College’s history, the renovation and construction of the $39 million Sir and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion, dedicated in June 2013. He was deeply involved in the creation and expansion of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media, celebrating 10 years of carrying on “Mister Rogers” pioneering work in children’s learning.

He served as a member of the Shale Gas Roundtable, co-chaired by Carnegie Mellon University President Emeritus Jared Cohon and former Allegheny County Executive Jim Roddley, and created to offer recommendations guiding oil and gas development in the Marcellus and Utica shale formations in southwestern Pennsylvania. He serves on the boards of directors of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania and Excela Health, and on the executive committee of the Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities.

Br. Norman is a 1961 graduate of the former Saint Vincent Preparatory School. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College in 1966 and did graduate studies in theology at Saint Vincent Seminary from 1966 to 1969. He earned a master of arts degree in mathematics in 1972 and a Ph.D. in mathematics in 1976, both from Northwestern University.

Biography

Caryl Fish is an associate professor of chemistry and director of the environmental science program. She has been part of the Monastery Run Improvement Project for 20 years that helped to develop and monitor a 20-acre wetland treatment system for abandoned mine drainage. Caryl is also interested in active learning strategies in the classroom and has written classroom activities that help students learn both the content and process skills like teamwork, communication and problem solving. She is particularly interested in applying the Benedictine values to teaching and learning in the sciences.
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Fr. Nathan Munsch, O.S.B.
Assistant Professor of Theology
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
American Benedictines: Who is our Founder and is there a "Benedictine" Charism of Higher Education?
Friday, June 6, 2014
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Abstract
In certain respects it is a misnomer to speak of a Benedictine charism of education; the Rule of Benedict does not specifically speak of running schools, and worldwide most Benedictine congregations neither engage in educational apostolates nor do they even consider it appropriate. All of the Benedictine universities and colleges in the United States administered by male Benedictines trace their foundation to Boniface Wimmer who founded Saint Vincent in 1846. Wimmer’s career was unusual in that he conceived the idea of making a Benedictine foundation in America in the face of the opposition of his abbot and community, eventually gaining permission only after writing numerous letters and an anonymous newspaper article making the case for a Benedictine presence in America. These documents envision combining the Benedictine charism with pastoral ministry and education and they need to be regarded as foundational to a philosophy of American Benedictine Pedagogy.

Biography
Fr. Nathan Munsch has been a Benedictine monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey for 20 years. Prior to that he was a monk for 13 years at Mt. Saviour Priory, a small, contemplative Benedictine monastery near Elma, New York. A native of the Pittsburgh area, he developed interests in theology and liturgy while an undergraduate at Notre Dame, pursued a degree in classical languages at Duquesne University and taught high school for three years. He holds an STB from Catholic University, a Ph.D. in theology from Boston College and has been involved in parish work. His current full-time assignment is teaching theology, monastic studies and Latin at Saint Vincent College and Seminary.

Abbott Timothy Wright O.S.B.
Visiting Scholar in Interreligious Dialogue
Benedictine University
Describing Benedictine Unique Learning Environments: A Qualitative Research Study
Friday, June 6, 2014
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Abstract
A learning environment founded on the wisdom of the Rule of Benedict is based on an academic community committed to living by the wisdom of the Rule, reflected in the social, academic and spiritual communities; one that expresses mutual respect for everyone on campus, establishes a process of "formation" for all, focuses on sharing the "Word" and maintains regular "appraisal" of each member, enabling improvement.

Biography
Timothy Wright was born in Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, UK, third of four boys. Educated at Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, entering the novitiate there in 1962, taking solemn vows in 1966. After degrees in geography (Oxford) and theology (London), he taught in Ampleforth’s "high school," becoming head of religious studies (an academic subject for 16 and 18 year olds in UK, developing new syllabuses in Christian theology), a boarding "house master" and second master. As housemaster in 1982 he invited the Marquette Apostolic Movement to run his annual "house retreat." They did it for 15 years and he continues to visit Chile twice a year: he is currently retranslating its founder’s book on Lectio Divina. In 1997 he was elected Abbot of the community (then 90 monks, 16 parishes, St. Benet’s Hall in Oxford, a new foundation in Zimbabwe as well the College). At that time a parish father introduced him to a young Iranian Imam, studying a Ph.D. at Manchester University, UK. From that, three meetings 'Catholic and Shi’a in Dialogue' took place. After 1997, the Abbot Primate asked him to be his representative, promoting dialogue with Islam among Benedictines. Alongside this, he was for seven years a Spiritual Director at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome. That enabled him to research a Ph.D. on the relationship between the Rule of Benedict and Islam, subsequently published as No Peace Without Prayer by Liturgical Press. He works now at Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois. His recent course, ‘The Spirituality of the Abrahamic Faiths’ attracted 54 students, (26 Muslim and 20 Christian). Alongside that, he visits Benedictine communities around the world promoting dialogue with Islam.
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Dr. Jean Thornbrugh
Associate Vice President Mission and Identity;
Associate Professor of Business
College of Continuing Studies
St. Gregory’s University
Describing Benedictine Unique Learning Environments: A Qualitative Research Study
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10:40 – 11:10 a.m.

Abstract
Benedictine colleges and universities have a lot in common; among them we share: • Catholic Intellectual Tradition • Benedictine Hallmarks • Benedictine Wisdom Tradition influenced by (1) Christ, (2) The Rule of Benedict and (3) those who have pursued Christian and monastic holiness in the past. • Similar histories coming to America • Similar missions. This year's task was to describe unique learning experiences on Benedictine campuses. Qualitative research cannot adequately depict, express or characterize our uniqueness. A survey was created asking faculty, staff and students to describe their perceptions of what sets us apart from other colleges and universities. Their ‘stories’ are shared in this presentation. Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities (2007). Education within the Benedictine Wisdom Tradition (pp.1-8).

Biography
Jean Thornbrugh, Ph.D. University of Oklahoma, M.S. Oklahoma State University, B.S. University of Tulsa. Associate vice president for mission and identity and associate professor of business (2013), dean, College for Working Adults, St. Gregory’s University since 2005, 30 years teaching in the School of Business at universities in the Tulsa area as full-time and adjunct faculty, University of Michigan, life education advisor; assigned to Tulsa Ford Glass Plant and Dallas Parts Depot as education advisor/administrator/training coordinator of UAW-Ford Life Education Planning Program. 1991-1997. Benedictine Oblate, St. Joseph Monastery community: The Congregation of the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Parishioner and Choir Member, Christ The King Catholic Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Member: Catholic Business and Professional Women’s Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Advisory Council Member, Bishop Kelley High School, appointed by Bishop Slattery, steering committee member, Conectar @ An Hispanic Education and Workforce Initiative, self-study steering committee and chair of Criterion Four, HLC Reaccreditation March 2012, faculty member of St. Gregory’s University Board of Director’s Committee on Mission. Presented at the Sixth Annual Benedictine Pedagogy Conference at Saint Anselm College.


Dr. Eric Kocien
Assistant Professor of Criminology
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Answering the Call: A Vocation in Academia
Friday, June 6, 2014
11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Abstract
The discussions regarding public colleges and universities versus private institutions have been around as long as there has been a distinction between the two types of educational entities. Before accepting a position with Saint Vincent College, I had the experience of teaching at two state universities. Within three weeks of my first semester, I realized that there was a significant difference at Saint Vincent College. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the similarities and differences between my experiences at previous institutions to illustrate how Saint Vincent College is remarkably different in a variety of ways.

Biography
I have a true passion for the field of criminology, law and society and continually make efforts to expand my knowledge and teaching abilities in all areas of the discipline. I have a Ph.D. in criminology from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania where I taught for several years in the criminology and the sociology departments. I have also had the pleasure of teaching at Slippery Rock University before working briefly for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I take great pride in formulating honest, caring and personal relationships with my students. I do my best to assist them with the comprehension of material in class while helping them decide where their vocational path will lead them when they leave Saint Vincent College and how they can best serve God and mankind.

My relationship with God remains the most important thing in my life and I am grateful to have such wonderful, loving and supportive family members and friends in close proximity who remind me of His graces and blessings on a continual basis. In addition to my work at Saint Vincent College, I serve as director of religious education for Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church in Crabtree, Pennsylvania.
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Dr. Dennis McDaniel
Associate Professor of English

Dr. Anthony Serapiglia
Assistant Professor of Computer Information Technology
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Liberal Arts Colleges in Comparative Perspective
Friday, June 6, 2014
11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Abstract
There are many ways of offering a “Liberal Arts” education. Do Benedictine characteristics distinguish the Liberal Arts education provided through Benedictine colleges or universities compared to other institutions? Timothy Cuff has taught at both Saint Vincent College and Westminster College (Presbyterian) and will reflect on his experiences at the two institutions. Dennis McDaniel has taught at Robert Morris University, Duquesne University and the Community College of Allegheny County, as well as at Saint Vincent College. He, too, will reflect on his experiences.

Biography
Tim Cuff, associate professor of history has served Westminster College for 11 years in a variety of roles. A 1978 graduate of Westminster College, Tim earned an M.A. in college student personnel administration (Bowling Green State University), worked as a systems analyst at the corporate offices of JoAnn Fabrics, and served as the associate director of the office of institutional planning and research at Cuyahoga Community College before beginning work toward his Ph.D. in history at the University of Pittsburgh (completed 1998). At Westminster, he teaches U.S. history and world geography. On July 1, he will begin serving as the chair of the department of religion, history, philosophy and classics as well as the chair of the faculty. His research interests include the biological consequences of economic development and the history of disease. His book, The Hidden Cost of Economic Development: The Biological Standard of Living in Antebellum Pennsylvania, was published by Ashgate Publishers in 2005. His most recent publication, "Ladies from Hell, Aberdeen Free Gardeners, and the Russian Influenza: An Anthropometric Analysis of WWI-Era Scottish Soldiers and Civilians," was published in 2013 in Economics and Human Biology.
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The Right Reverend Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B.
Archabbot and Chancellor
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Welcome
Friday, June 6, 2014
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.

Biography
Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., the eleventh Archabbot of Saint Vincent Archabbey, serves as the spiritual leader of the first monastery established in the United States and one of the largest monasteries in the world. He is also the chancellor of Saint Vincent College and Saint Vincent Seminary. The Benedictines operate the Benedictine Military School in Savannah, Georgia, and the Penn State Campus Ministry Program. In addition to his responsibilities in this country, the Archabbot is also the spiritual leader of monasteries in Brazil and Taiwan.

Prior to his election as Archabbot, Archabbot Douglas had served for five years as Secretary for Education of the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 1986 to 1991 and Pastor of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, North Side, Pittsburgh from 1984 to 1986. At Saint Vincent College he served as chairman of the department of psychology from 1979 to 1984 and associate academic dean from 1983 to 1984. From 1978 through 1983, he was also a member of the staff in the Behavioral Science Department at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. The Archabbot also served as a psychological consultant to Mister Rogers' Neighborhood from 1978 to 1984.

Under the leadership of Archabbot Douglas, Saint Vincent Archabbey, College, Seminary and Parish have undergone major developments, including a new bypass and entrance road to the Saint Vincent campus, the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve, the Fred M. Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media, the Robert S. Carey Student Center, the Elizabeth Roderick Center and The John and Annette Brownfield Center, a new Apse organ in the Archabbot Basilica along with restoration of the Basilica Crypt, the construction of two college dormitories, Rooney Hall and Saint Benedict Hall, the renovation/restoration of the Archabbot Basilica, construction of a new parish center for Saint Vincent Parish, renovation of Prep Hall and the Latimer Family Library, the establishment of a minority scholarship program named in his honor and the construction of the $40 million St. and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion.

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Benedictine University

Benedictine Higher Education: The Pathway to Success
Friday, June 6, 2014
2:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Abstract
Benedictine colleges and universities create a unique learning environment by offering students access to the riches of the Catholic Church and its intellectual tradition and social teachings while providing the framework espoused by the Benedictine wisdom tradition. Our panel discussion will bring together the significant features of Benedictine higher and preparatory education, while providing the perspectives of the incoming students from both Benedictine and non-Benedictine high school programs, to shed light on potential expectations of students looking for a collegiate Benedictine learning environment.

Biography
Dr. Tim Collins' three children attended 11 K-12 Catholic schools and three Catholic universities throughout 20 relocations during a career as a U.S. Air Force pilot and senior officer. It was during this exposure to depth and breadth that he became intrigued with the principles of Catholic higher education and how they are presented and practiced. Following retirement from military service, he joined the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and was recently appointed as the chief government relations officer for the $1.2 billion research and development portfolio. He has taught as a faculty member since 1996 and is an FAA certified flight instructor since 1980. His educational experiences include course work at Columbia University, Indiana University-Purdue University, Harvard University, the FEMA Emergency Management Institute, Air War College and the Army Command and General Staff College. Dr. Collins received an associate of science degree from Georgia Military College, a bachelor of science degree from the United States Air Force Academy, a master of aeronautical science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a master of science degree from the National Defense University, and a doctorate in higher education and organizational change from Benedictine University.
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Biography
Alicia Cordoba Tait is the assistant to the president for mission integration, director of the Center for Mission and Identity, and professor of music at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. She received degrees in oboe performance from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and from The Juilliard School in New York City. She was the first woman to receive a doctor of musical arts degree in English horn performance. Dr. Tait performs regularly as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician throughout the United States, she has been heard concertizing throughout Europe and has performed in South America, Russia and Australia on the oboe, oboe da chape and English horn. She has premiered many new works for all three of her double reed instruments. Her most recent compact disc releases include Patricia Morehead: Good News Falls Gently (Navona Records), Arbitrio: Music for Oboe Bassoon, and Piano (Centaur Records) and Roberto Sierra: Souvenirs (Albany Records). She has been heard often on NPR and local public radio stations including WFMT. As an academic, Dr. Tait teaches a variety of courses in music and the humanities and has been invited to present at conferences on her expertise in areas of professional development, critical thinking, Benedictine spirituality and musical performance and musicianship. In her role as mission officer at Benedictine University, Dr. Tait provides leadership in the design, development, implementation, evaluation and coordination of programs and activities to ensure and advance the Catholic and Benedictine identity of the institution and is the staff liaison to the mission integration committee.

Mrs. Kelly King
Director of Service Learning
Saint Vincent College
Fr. Nathan Munsch, O.S.B.
Assistant Professor of Theology
Ms. Sara Hart
Director of Study Abroad
Service Learning with a Benedictine Vision
Friday, June 6, 2014
3:55 — 4:45 p.m.

Abstract
As a pedagogical tool, service learning integrates a service experience with a community partner with the themes discussed in an academic course. Identifying a community partner, the frequency and type of activity chosen are important elements to identify in order to enhance the understanding of course material and achieve course outcomes. While the body of literature on service learning is extensive and growing, research demonstrates the benefits of service learning. The practice of service learning is unique to each course, community partner and institution of higher education. This presentation will function more as a workshop. It will include a basic outline of the type of service learning courses offered at Saint Vincent College, challenges presented by being situated in a rural setting, explore the various types of community partnerships and the different models used for international service trips. In addition, Sara Hart will share benefits and challenges encountered in the service learning component of the language and rhetoric course she taught this spring. The students partnered with the national organization, Faith In Action, to create memory books with elderly residents of the community. Fr. Nathan Munsch, O.S.B., will also discuss how service learning fits into the Benedictine Heritage class he teaches. How service learning embodies qualities of the Benedictine tradition and Rule will be shared, as well.

Biography
Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, Kelly King attended St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana and earned a bachelor of arts in economics and philosophy. After spending a year in Los Angeles as a member of the Vincentian Service Corps, Kelly completed a master of arts in Catholic Theology at The Catholic University of America. She taught religion at the high school level for eight years. Currently she is the director of the Service Learning and Community Outreach office at Saint Vincent College.

Sara Hart, a graduate of Saint Vincent in 2005 (B.A., English and French) and 2008 (M.S., Curriculum and Instruction), began employment at the College in 2006 as a residence hall director. Her experiences in program planning, student conduct and development and crisis management in the residence halls prepared her for a smooth transition into academic advising and disability support services in 2010. She joined the English department as an adjunct instructor of language and rhetoric, SVC's first-year student composition course, in 2011, and adopted the role of director of study abroad/academic adviser in 2013. While Sara values her work with students throughout their academic journeys at Saint Vincent, she especially enjoys teaching and advising first-year students as they respond to new opportunities for growth.
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Fr. Stephen Concordia, O.S.B.
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
Concert: Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs
Friday, June 6, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Abstract
The Saint Vincent Camerata Scholars will present a program of Choral Music entitled Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs. The concert will feature a varied selection of works from diverse cultures, times and Christian Churches including liturgical chant from the ancient Church, sacred and secular pieces from the Renaissance Court of Bavaria, antebellum American shape-note hymns and 20th century American a cappella classics. By tracing a small, but representative portion of the vast history of Christian song, this program will illustrate how different cultures have turned to choral music for an adequate expression of their “faith.” The title of the program comes from one of the most ancient recommendations of the value of communal singing, which comes from the New Testament Letter to the Ephesians of St. Paul: “... be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (5:18-20).

Biography
Fr. Stephen Concordia, O.S.B., is assistant professor of music at Saint Vincent College, where he directs, since 2006, the Saint Vincent Camerata and, since 2011, the Camerata Scholars, teaches music theory and directs the College’s new degree programs in Sacred Music. In 2011 and 2013 the Camerata Scholars produced CDs of Renaissance sacred choral music (JADE/MylenRecords). Fr. Stephen also directs the Schola Cantorum of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe, a choir of young women that sings at regular celebrations of the Latin mass (Extraordinary Form). In 2013, the Schola Cantorum produced a CD entitled Songs for the Eucharist Ancient and New (JADE/MylenRecords). In 2009, and again in 2012, Fr. Stephen conducted the Saint Vincent Schola Gregoriana at Heinz Hall in concerts with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra conducted by Manfred Honeck.

Fr. Stephen studied piano performance at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, (B.M., 1980) and composition/music theory (M.M. 1984); received degrees in philosophy and theology from the Pontifical Atheneum Sant’Anselmo in Rome; and at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome, he earned the Licentiate and Magisterio in Organ (2000) and the Licentiate and Magisterio in Gregorian Chant (2004). From 1996 to 2000 he was Invited Professor of Gregorian Chant at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, Rome.

Dr. Patrick Flynn
Professor of Philosophy
Benedictine University
Benedictine Ecumenism
Saturday, June 7, 2014
9 – 10:15 a.m.

Abstract
One way that Benedictine colleges and universities can and do create a unique learning experience is through the pedagogical resources it offers in aid to Christian ecumenism. Since St. Benedict lived and wrote “The Rule of Benedict” far before any great divisions occurred within the Church, the Benedictine tradition and spirituality can be and are assets to the quest for Christian unity. Reading “The Rule of Benedict” and praying in the discipline of Lectio Divinata are spiritualities that can be meaningfully practiced by all Christians: Reform, Orthodox, Anabaptist or other. Such Benedictine ecumenical resources should be further pursued.

Biography
Patrick T. Flynn, Ph.D. (University of Western Ontario–Philosophy of Science) is a professor of philosophy at Benedictine University. He has taught biomedical ethics, general ethics, history of philosophy, history and philosophy of science, and humanities for more than 20 years. He has also worked closely with the international organization ACTC (Association for Core Texts and Courses). His current research interests include: end of life and beginning of life issues in medical ethics, philosophical theology and its relationship to scientific inquiry, ancient science and the scientific revolution, theory of knowledge and general rationality theory, a variety of current biomedical ethics issues, as well as, many other science-related philosophical issues. He is the editor of the recently published 2006 ACTC Proceedings: Substance, Judgment and Evaluation: Seeking the Worth of a Liberal Arts, Core Text Education.
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Dr. Arshia Khan
Chair, SB&T Undergraduate Program
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The College of St. Scholastica
*Interfaith Approaches to Civic Engagement*
Saturday, June 7, 2014
9 – 10:15 a.m.

**Abstract**
The integration of interfaith understanding into the curriculum is vital, especially in catholic ecumenical institutions, where emphasis on inclusion is the foundation of the catholic intellectual tradition. Youth civic engagement is preeminent in academia with the drive to improve society. The presentation will discuss a course to integrate interfaith dialogue into the curriculum in order to broaden the horizons of our students in relation to religion and its practice of civic engagement. Students need to engage in thoughtful and respectful dialogue about religion and its role in society. In conclusion this course will be taught at three different universities.

Fr. Thomas Hart, O.S.B.
Assistant to the President for Mission
Saint Vincent College
*Hospitality: Openness to the Other*
Saturday, June 7, 2014
9 – 10:15 a.m.

**Abstract**
The Nag Hammadi Library was discovered in 1945 in Egypt, not all that far from pre-Benedictine Pachomian monasteries, which raises the question about the relationships between gnostics and monks. I wish to suggest that the monastery served as a bridge between the Orthodox Christian Church and the gnostic outliers, offering representatives of both a safe place, and both in their particular quests for truth. A monastic hospitality, while it certainly has its boundaries, raises the range of possibilities in regard to welcoming the stranger, along with their strange ideas. A look at a bold approach for the ABCU.

**Biography**
Fr. Thomas M. Hart, O.S.B., was born in 1957 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, youngest of six children. He earned a B.A. in theology and philosophy from the University of St. Bonaventure, New York; M.Div. from Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania; and did graduate studies in biblical theology at the Catholic University of America. He made simple profession of Monastic vows in 1984 and solemn profession 1987, and was ordained a priest in 1988. At Saint Vincent he has worked as assistant director of Oblates (1985-1987). He was named in 1993 to the college faculty. From 1997 until 2007, he was chair of the religious studies/theology department where he continues to teach. He has served as assistant to the president for mission (2002-2008, and 2010-present), and taught in the religious studies department at West Virginia University from 1994 to 1997. His secondary interest is in interreligious dialogue. Fr. Thomas has had articles published in *Share the Word* and *The Bible Today*. He contributed to *Purity of Heart and Contemplation: A Monastic Dialogue Between Christian and Asian Traditions*. He holds memberships in the Catholic Biblical Association, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Pittsburgh Jung Society. He is a fallen-away practitioner of Taijiquan.

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Dr. Nancy Rottler
Director, Opportunity SVC/Act 101/Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO)
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA
*Evangelizing the Academy: Infusing Benedictine Values Beyond Campus Ministry*
Saturday June 7, 2014
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Abstract**
It is not uncommon to find Benedictine values as the central focus of campus ministry at Benedictine institutions. However, the core values of Benedictine life can also be effectively "operationalized" in many other areas of campus life. In keeping with the theme of the conference, this presentation will focus on how the core values of Love, Prayer, Stability, Conversatio, Obedience, Discipline, Humility, Stewardship, Hospitality and Community, have been operationalized in three key areas of student life - academics, academic support and student services at Saint Vincent College.
Biography
Mary L. Collins has served as vice president for student affairs at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, since 2008. Previously, she worked at West Virginia University for 12 years, most recently as assistant vice president. She earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism with a minor in fine arts and a master of arts degree in educational leadership with a minor in counselling, both from West Virginia University.

Biography
Dr. Hisker is a professor of business management at Saint Vincent College. Dr. Hisker earned his B.A. in sociology from Saint Vincent College in 1969. He earned his master's degree in regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma in 1973 and his Ph.D. in public and international affairs for the Graduate School of Public and International Administration at the University of Pittsburgh in 1981. He currently chairs the departments of management, marketing, accounting, finance and economics, in the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government at Saint Vincent. At Saint Vincent, he teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in business ethics, leadership, statistics, statistical process control, quantitative methods and research methods.

In 2005, Dr. Hisker earned his master of divinity degree from Vincent Seminary and was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church in 2009. After his ordination, he served as a deacon in the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Saint John and Saint Rita in Connellsville. He currently serves the Cathedral Parish in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He has been married to his wife, Vera, for 43 years, has three children and three grandchildren.

Biography
Nancy A. Rottler has been director of the Saint Vincent College Opportunity SVC/Act 101/Student Support Services (SSS-TRIO) program since 2001. Previously she served as associate director of admission and financial aid. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in business economics with a concentration in management and a minor in communications at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. She completed a master of arts degree in student affairs in higher education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a doctor of education degree in administration and leadership at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
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