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Brescia University Mission Statement: Brescia University is a Catholic, liberal arts institution founded in the Ursuline tradition of personal and social transformation through education.

Directed to academic and moral excellence in a student-centered environment, Brescia offers undergraduate and graduate programs that serve students who seek success through rewarding careers and service to others.

> Cover photo: Homecoming 2012 festivities! Photo courtesy: Dan Broman.

#### Dear Brescians,

Welcome to another edition of Brescia Now! There is a great deal of excitement and activity at Brescia these days, and I hope that you experience the same in the pages that follow. Every day our faculty and staff arrive at the halls of Brescia for one reason—our students. Our mission of educating our students in the Catholic and liberal arts traditions will help them to find life-affirming careers and prepare them for generous service to the community.

How we conduct ourselves with faithfulness to our mission is described in the attributes of the Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. In the stories that follow you will read firsthand how our students, alumni, faculty and staff live the Brescia Difference in the classroom, in the concert hall, on the athletic field, and in the busy halls of commerce.



As most of you know, we said good-bye to a much loved member of our community: Fr. Leonard Alvey, a man who embodied the Brescia Difference for over 40 years. Known for his kindness and intellect, Fr. Leonard will remain an important part of the spirit of our University, not only in the many books he donated to our library, but primarily in the example he gave us of Christian scholarship and discipleship.

Please remember that you too are a part of the Brescia Difference. If we haven't heard from you in a while, let us know how you are doing. We also welcome feedback and comments from our alumni and friends. We want to continue to be an important part of your life.

As our Alma Mater says: Soli Deo Gloria, Onward and Upward!

Sincerely,

Fr. Lang Woletter

Fr. Larry Hostetter

# **BN** Around Campus

# Collaboration with Caritas College of Social Work in Czech Republic



Representatives from Brescia, OCTC, and Caritas College of Social Work worked together to expand partnership.

Brescia University, Owensboro Community and Technical College, and Caritas College of Social Work in Olomuc, Czech Republic signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand the current partnership that exists between the institutions. Officials from each institution met on November 12 to sign the agreement. The agreement would include Brescia University providing housing for students who work on their Human Services degree at OCTC and then transfer into Brescia's Social Work program to earn their bachelor's.

# Brescia a U.S. News & World Report Best College

U.S. News & World Report ranked Brescia in top 35 for its 2013 edition of "America's Best Colleges" in the category Regional Colleges in the South. Schools in this particular category focus almost entirely on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts and in fields such as business, nursing and education.

# **Brescia Expands Campus with Building Purchase**

Before the end of 2012, Brescia purchased the former Fifth Third Bank on Frederica. The 12,000 square foot building will be used as a "one-stop experience for financial aid, business offices (cashier, etc), and registrar," says Fr. Larry Hostetter. The building will also house the BUonline staff downstairs. The building came with



a parking lot in the rear. Interior modifications will take place in the spring with plans to move offices over the summer months.

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#### **Experiencing the Arts**

Brescia's Fine Arts Division welcomed 33 Ohio County Middle School students to campus in October for an art conference. The students took turns working on a chalk art project. They worked on individual sections before

it was put together at the end for the final result. The completed project was sent to their school to display. They also participated in a workshop on screen printing with Sr. Mary Diane Taylor.





## **Constitution Day**

Students, faculty and staff turned out for Constitution Day on September 17 to hear a presentation by attorneys Charlie Kamuf, Sr. and Charlie Moore. Both presented information about the Constitution. A question and answer session followed, centered mainly on the presidential election.

#### Law School Day

In November, Brescia welcomed representatives from three Kentucky law schools: The Chase Law School at Northern Kentucky, the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky. The representatives gave a short presentation about admission requirements and why one might consider a law degree, before opening the floor up for questions.



# **BN** Around Campus

## **Christmas Concert**

The community was invited to join the Brescia Student Choir, Handbell Choir, and Band at the RiverPark Center in downtown Owensboro for a free concert in early December to kick off the holiday season. The performances can be viewed online at <u>www.brescia.edu/videos</u>.



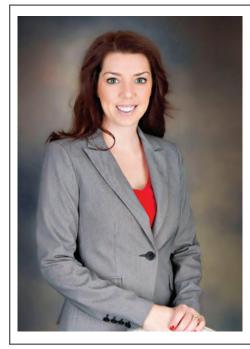
## **New Board of Trustee Member**

Brescia University added Pat Cason to the Board of Trustees at their October meeting.

Pat graduated from Brescia University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science with an emphasis in Finance. He also received his Masters of Science in Management from Brescia in 1997. Pat co-founded Remax Professional Realty Group in Owensboro in 2006. Currently, Pat is the President and founder of First Liberty Financial Mortgage. The company was founded by Pat and his business partner, Scott Stoermer, in Owensboro, Kentucky in 2002 under the belief that customer service is the most important part of the loan process. Pat has quickly assembled a Mortgage Bank with offices in Owensboro, Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati, Birmingham, Nashville, and Bowling Green.

Pat resides in Owensboro with his wife, Carolyn. They have been married 19 years and have 5 children. Pat is an active member of Blessed Mother Parish.

The Board of Trustees is the University's governing body dedicated to Catholic higher education and the desire to see Brescia succeed. They meet tri-annually at the University.



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## New Annual Fund Director

Sydney Warren joined the Institutional Advancement team at Brescia University in September of 2012. As the new Director of Annual Giving, Warren will focus on facilitating and rekindling relationships between Brescia's alumni and friends of the University. Warren left a position with Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce to join the Brescia University team. "I hope to bring my experience of building relationships and the relationships I have built to use as a resource in my new role here at Brescia," said Warren.

Warren holds a bachelor's of science in marketing from Murray State University and moved back to the Owensboro area in August 2007. She is a member of the Trustee Board for Girls Incorporated of Owensboro-Daviess County and is involved with the Greater Owensboro Chamber Young Professionals and Imagination Library of Daviess County. She is an active member of St. William's parish.

# Sister Sharon Inducted into Owensboro High School Hall of Achievement

By Dan Heckel, Director of Mission Advancement/Communications for the Urusline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph

**Sister Sharon Sullivan'75** says her life was shaped by her church, her family and her beloved Girl Scouts. On Oct. 19, 2012, standing before a crowd of well-wishers, she added a fourth factor in her development – her years as a student at Owensboro High School.

Sister Sharon, congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, was one

of six graduates of the Owensboro, Ky., school inducted into the Hall of Achievement during a ceremony in the school's media center. The school created the award in 2001 to recognize alumni who have "distinguished themselves through service to others as well as through excellence in their fields."

A plaque with Sister Sharon's picture now hangs in the school, and reads: "Elected congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters of



Sr. Sharon and Rena Fulkerson '94: Sister Sharon got a surprise visit from one of her former students at Brescia University, Rena Fulkerson, who is a reading specialist at Owensboro High School.

Mount Saint Joseph in 2009, she has been an Ursuline since 1982. At Brescia University from 1984-2010, she coordinated the special education program, chaired



Unveiling: Sister Sharon, J.P. Fentress (center) and Tommy Thompson smile as their plaques hanging in Owensboro High School are unveiled. Larry Vick, Owensboro Public Schools superintendent, said, "We think it inspires our students to walk by the Hall of Achievement to see what's possible." Winter 2013



the governor to the Kentucky's State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children, she was twice elected its chair.

the School of Education, and

academic affairs. Appointed by

served as vice president of

"A lifetime Girl Scout, she served on the Kentuckiana Girl Scout Council Board and received the 'Thanks

> Badge,' a national volunteer recognition award. She holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University and earned its School of Education Outstanding Dissertation Award. Throughout her life, she has been active in environmental and advocacy efforts."

Sister Sharon graduated from Owensboro High School in 1965 with more than 400 students, one of the largest classes in school history. She moved from Houston when she was 13 after her father was offered a job as an officer with Texas Gas Transmission Corp. in Owensboro. Among the groups she was involved in were the German Club, the Junior Historical Society, National Honor Society, Math Club, Junior Investigators, Future Teachers of America and the

Rose Curtain Players. She was also a National Merit Finalist.

The other members of the induction class were J.P. Fentress, class of 1950; the Rev. LaMont Jones Jr., class of 1984; State Rep. Tommy Thompson, class of 1966; the late Phil Sayre, class of 1967; and the late Franklin Joseph Neubauer, class of 1929. Since the inception of the Hall of Achievement, 51 graduates have been inducted.

After the ceremony, the inductees were given a tour of the school and were entertained by students in various fine arts groups. BN Winter 2013

# The Social Work Program Providing Real Life Experience

**T**o say that 2012 was a busy year for the Brescia University Social Work Program would be an understatement. Students were busy putting their classroom learning to practical use by assisting in a survey, promoting the discussion of topics such as poverty and job loss, raising money for a toy shop for underprivileged children, and encouraging those living in government housing to vote.

Prior to the 2012-2013 academic year, the Social Work Program received excellent news from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission. A process three years in the making yielded positive results: the Social Work Program received reaffirmation of accreditation for another eight years.

In 2008, CSWE instituted new accreditation standards. They mandate that all social work graduates obtain 10 specific competencies and demonstrate competence through 41 different practice behaviors. In an effort to comply with the new standards, Brescia's Social Work Program revitalized the program's mission, reviewed all textbooks, revised syllabi and assignments, and created assessment tools. In 2010, the program implemented these changes.

Marilyn Conley, Director of Field Education, adapted the field curriculum to the new standards, while also creating a new Field Supervisor's training program. She then made the training accessible for online field supervisors by utilizing iTunes. Conley also adapted a new assessment tool for field education.

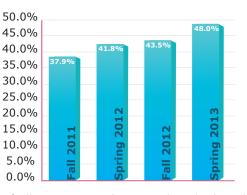
Susan Howard, Social Work Program Director, then completed a self-study containing three volumes of data and submitted it to the CSWE's Commission on Accreditation in August 2011. Two months later, the Commission reviewed the documents and followed up with a required site visit in February 2012. The Commission had no further requests for reports and the site visit was deemed a success. Brescia was



notified in June 2012 of the reaccreditation for eight years. This accreditation includes both the on-campus and online formats.

Howard summed up the experience saying, "It was a very lengthy and time consuming process, but it was worth the effort."

This is welcome news for the Social Work Program due to the high demand placed on this degree. There has been an increase in students enrolling in this program both on-ground and online. Brescia currently has 301 students who have declared social work as their major with 33 on-ground and 268 online in the degree completion program.



Of all Brescia students with a declared major, 48% are majoring in social work.

Brescia's CSWE Accredited Bachelor of Social Work Degree Completion program is the only one in the

nation fully online. Students are not required to be on campus at any time during the process. "This is a huge advantage to those who work full-time and desire to obtain a BSW degree," says Howard.

# Real-Life, Hands-On Experience

Brescia's on-ground social work students spent the past year packing in a great deal of real life experience.

In the 2012 spring semester, ten students in the Research Methods class worked with Tom Vittitow, executive director at the Elizabeth Munday Senior Center, to assist in preparing a survey for seniors primarily in the Daviess County area. The survey consisted of demographical data, services seniors looked for in a center, general location for a center, and interest in intergenerational programs.

More than 1,200 surveys were either hand delivered or mailed. More than 900 responses were received,

and then using the software, Statistical Program for Social Sciences, the students analyzed the data of a sample size of 600. After collecting and analyzing the data, the students then prepared a report. Afterwards, they presented the data to a group interested in opening a new senior center. "This was great experience for the students," said Nancy Keeton. "The final report was their work, which to me is priceless."

Holly Horsley '12 said it was great to put what they had learned and were learning in class into practice. "It was wonderful to actually do all the work and then be able to present it to the Green River Area Development District

(GRADD)." Horsley said this experience prepared her well for a social work career. "The reality is, no matter how much work you do and how solid you do that job, you can always do more. There is always so much playing against you."

# **Community Service Project Tackles Voter Registration**

In the Fall 2012 semester, six students participated in a micro-project

as part of their Practice III class. They conceived a project that involved service in the community. Their idea was to promote voter registration to residents living in Owensboro

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Keeton

in which they



public housing. The students formed three groups of two and knocked on every public housing door in the city asking if they were registered to vote. If not,

the students registered them right there. "This was a great project since it served as a way for us to be out in the community," said Carrie Mann '13, BSSWA President.

"It was the perfect real-life experience in which they learned to work together," said Nancy Keeton. "In an agency, you have to work well with others in order to make it there."

Tina Mattingly '13 said, "I not only gained valuable experience, but also confidence in the social work skills I learned here at Brescia. In my opinion, handson projects like this one are

invaluable tools for learning social work practice."

The six students knocked on close to 500 doors in a two-day period and were able to successfully register 20 voters! "I felt a sense of pride empowering people to exercise their right to vote," said Mattingly.

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Homecoming 2012: Blue & Gold Rush, which took place September 21-22. It was a weekend that involved mud, skits, awards, chariots, kickball, soccer, delicious food and great fellowship between alumni, former and current faculty, staff and students. The following pages will walk you through all the fun the weekend encompassed!





# ARE YOU READY FOR 2013?

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The Contemporary Woman Program celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year—fifty years of making a difference in the lives of countless women and men and of offering courses that enrich those who want to grow spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. The beauty of this program over its 50-year span is its fluidity. The program adapts to the changing times and women's roles in the 21st century.

The mission of the Contemporary Woman Program at Brescia University is to encourage women to develop their potential as fully as possible and is working toward a future in which equality of women and men will be realized and respected so that the gifts of all people will be utilized and integrated to create a just and peaceful society.

The Contemporary Woman Program at Brescia was founded on the recognized need for women to have better self-images and own their roles in society – both in and outside of the home.

# Celebrates Its Contemporary

## **Program History**

The program officially began in 1963 with a pilot course offered to 18 young women at Brescia. Sister Francesca Hazel taught the course in an old colonial home on 8th Street near campus. Dr. Philip Law, psychiatrist, surgeon, hospital administrator, and teacher at Notre Dame University and Loyola Medical School, founded the program after becoming increasingly concerned with the lack of goals women had and the lack of knowledge of their roles in their personal Christian walks and everyday lives.

Dr. Law and Sr. Francesca met in 1954 to discuss his desire to help women. He told her he thought a course should be offered, "The Eternal Woman," which was later changed to the "Contemporary Woman."

Dr. Law visited both the Ursuline motherhouse in Mount Saint Joseph and then Brescia College. He was especially fond of the foresight of Saint Angela Merici, Ursuline founder. The Ursulines have always placed emphasis on educating women, and Saint Angela felt as part of that education, adapting to the



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ever-changing environment surrounding them was vital.

In 1959, Dr. Law requested Sr. Francesca's help in preparing a series of lectures for young women. He wanted eight lectures and each one to allow open discussion and to convene in a location with a beautiful setting. He felt that meeting in a place of beauty would inspire a sense of beauty in the women.

Interestingly enough, Dr. Law also had a hobby as a woodworker. He assisted in furnishing Sr. Francesca's music study at Maple Mount for the lectures, which

was where the first semester of classes were taught. He created the Pentecost board (right) and The Eternal Woman board. The Eternal Woman was meant to be symbolic of Sr. Francesca and of all women.



You can view these pieces in person by visiting the Contemporary Woman Program room in the Science Building.

#### **Program Moves to Brescia's Campus**

When Brescia College was offered the opportunity to run the program for a second semester, the media began to show interest. The Louisville *Courier Journal* picked up the story, and from there, various magazines took interest including the international *Catholic Digest*. Letters from thousands of people from all over the US and the world poured in to the program requesting more information about the class. Requests for lectures became routine for the program.

In 1964, some young, married women expressed interest in the program. So, an eight-week, non-credit, adult night course was created. The Eternal Woman program later changed names to Christian Femininity and eventually transformed into what we now call The Contemporary Woman.

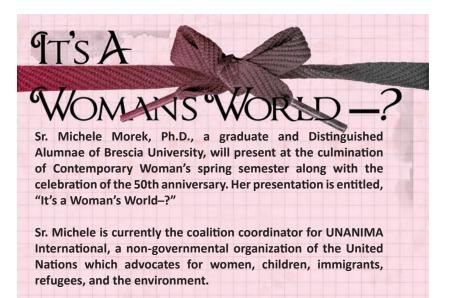
In 1973, Sister Francesca resigned for health reasons and Sister Marita Greenwell became the new Contemporary Woman director until 2005 when she retired. Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan has directed the program since 2005.

#### **Today's Contemporary Woman Program**

In the years following the creation of the Contemporary Woman, a minor in Women's Studies was developed as well as an endowed chair. According to the documents for The Contemporary Woman Program Endowed Chair, the program serves "as a memorial to the ministry of both Sisters Francesca Hazel and Marita Greenwell and more firmly will assure the future of the program in the years to come."

Sr. Rose Marita says as the director she "concentrates on offering not-for-credit classes for the sheer joy of learning."

This spring some of the classes offered are Soul Gardening, Spirituality of Beauty, Spirituality and the Journey of the Universe, and Tolerant Oppression, to name a few.



The presentation is Thursday, April 4 from 7-8:30 pm in Taylor Lecture Hall (Science Building). It is free and open to the general public, but those who wish to continue the efforts begun by Sr. Francesca and Dr. Law are encouraged to contribute to the endowed chair at that time.

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# TRAVELING T-SHIRT

SINCE 1950.

Each year Brescia University designs a new campus t-shirt for distribution at the beginning of the academic year to all faculty, staff, students and alumni. As you can see, this year's t-shirt was a little tongue in cheek! The shirt has been a huge hit with more than a dozen online students requesting to receive one.

> Brescia loves to see these shirts traveling around the United States and we welcome your traveling t-shirt photographs! Please send them to tina.kasey@brescia.edu.



South Dakota, sent this photograph. Katie served as Dr. Naas' assistant at a recent continuing education course he taught for the South Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In October, Dr. Mike Flahive (left), Professor of Speech Pathology & Audiology at St. Xavier University in Chicago, sent this photograph. He wrote saying he was "scouting the defending NAIA 2011 National Championship St. Xavier University Football Team on behalf of Brescia University."

Also in October, Professor Solveig Korte (below) and her Speech Pathology student, Katie, at the University of



# Bearcat Athletics BN

#### **New Bearcat Coaches**

Summer Quesenberry and Michael Lovett are among the new faces in Brescia's athletic department. Both bring wide-ranging resumes to their new coaching positions.

Lovett, first season women's soccer coach, most recently helped his goalkeeper to obtain 1<sup>st</sup> Team



All Summit League honors while serving as as assistant/goalkeeper coach for the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) women's soccer team. He helped lead his team to the Atlantic Coast Conference as assistant coach at Virginia Tech during the 2006 and 2007 seasons. Prior to his stent

at Virginia Tech, he coached his goalkeepers through 13 shutouts in three seasons and had one studentathlete earn all-conference honors at Murray State University.

Lovett's credits also include State, Regional and National Goalkeeping diplomas. He has played goalie collegiately for the University of South Alabama and professionally for the Mobile Revelers on the United Soccer League (USL) and received his bachelor's degree from Murray State University.



Quesenberry, first season women's basketball coach, most recently served as assistant women's basketball coach and head women's tennis coach at the NCAA Division III level for Mount Saint Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has also spent two years as the assistant women's basketball coach at

Christian Newport University where she helped the team reach a combined record of 64-5, including NCAA Division III Sweet Sixteen and Final Four

#### Appearances.

Quesenberry also served as Interim Head Women's Basketball Coach at Vassar College where she recruited and coached the college's first Liberty League Conference Freshman of the Year.

Quesenberry received her bachelor of liberal arts degree in physical education from Ohio Wesleyan University where she played four seasons for the Battling Bishops and is a recent graduate of the NCAA Women's Coaches Academy. She is a current WBCA and Women's Sports Foundation member.



## **Fall Bearcat Roundup**

The Brescia University women's golf team came in fourth place in the St. Catharine College Fall Tournament at Bardstown Country Club in Maywood, Kentucky on October 15-16. In the final game of the season, Brescia's freshman Taylor Holley and senior Brittany Daugherty both placed in the top 20.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association announced the Brescia men's tennis team was one of 17 teams in the country named All-Academic. Members of the team were Isaac Duncan, Jacob Blevins, Julien Chenneberg, Moises Goncalves, Spencer Hall, Sean McGehee and Logan Stull. In addition to the team award, Jacob Blevins, Isaac Duncan, and Spencer Hall all received the ITA Scholar-Athlete Award.

On the women's tennis team, Shannon Gaston and Alejandra Matiz also received the scholar-athlete award.

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The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale).

In men's soccer, junior James Anderson, named KIAC Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year, led the KIAC in points per game, goals, and assists. He also ranked first in NAIA goals per game, total points, points per game and goals. Anderson became the 15<sup>th</sup> men's soccer player in Brescia history to receive All-American honors.

The Bearcats finished the season 6-9-1 overall and 2-2-1 in conference play.

In cross country, the men finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the KIAC Championships, led by John Egan, who qualified for the NAIA National Championships.

The women's cross country team won their second consecutive KIAC Championship and qualified as a team for the NAIA National Championships and placed  $27^{\text{th}}$ . For the first time ever the women were nationally ranked at  $32^{\text{nd}}$ .

#### **Bearcats On The Court**

The men's basketball team is under the leadership of Coach Josh Gibson, who in his first year at Brescia. The



season wraps up at the end of February.

The Brescia Lady Bearcats women's hoops team picked up a great home win Saturday, January 19, scoring 50 points in each half en route to a 100-74 victory over the St. Mary-of-the-Woods Pomeroy's.

Coach Quesenberry's crew jumped out to an early lead and never

looked back on a night that saw four players in double figures with Molly Simons putting in a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Kaylyn Cecil and Jill Jones contributed 13 and 10 points respectively,

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however, it was Julie Whitfill who stole the show with 31 points on 7 of 16 from the three point line. They finish up their season at the end of February too.

#### **Upcoming Spring Sports**

2013 brings a new season, and third year Head Coach Aaron Biddle feels the Bearcats have their strongest team since the 2009 conference championship. After losing only four seniors from last year's 20-34 squad, the Bearcats have added 15 newcomers for the 2013 season.

The Bearcats pitching staff will be led by Senior Zach McLean who logged over 50 innings in 2012. The



Bearcats offense will be led by KIAC 1st Team All-Conference standouts: Junior First Baseman Alex Hegge and Sophomore Third Baseman Christian McHatton. Both players have been named 2013 NAIA "Players to Watch" by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine.

Alex Hegge



Hegge led the 2012 squad in Batting Average (.375), Hits (69), Runs (45), and RBI's (42), while McHatton led the club in Doubles (13), Slugging Percentage (.510) and On-Base % (.447) while earning 2012 KIAC Freshman of the Year Honors. Also returning from last year's squad is 2nd Team All-Conference Senior Catcher/ Outfielder Matt Cissell.

Christian McHatton

The Bearcats opened the season on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the University of the Cumberlands, and the 2013 KIAC schedule will begin on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Alice Lloyd.





Olivia Warren



John Egan



Jasmine Pulliam

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Senior Matt Lowe, seven-time National Qualifier looking to receive All-American honors in indoor and outdoor track this season, will also lead his track team for the first time with a victory in mind. John Egan, Drew Atkins, Dylan Massey, and Matt Lowe will comprise a relay in hopes of setting a national mark in the distance medley relay. Egan also has a shot of qualifying individually. Along with these, Junior Andrew Beams and Sophomore Austin Curtis will lead a strong distance crew into the KIAC Championships this April.

The women's track team is extremely versatile and could potentially win every distance event at the KIAC Championships. Juniors Jasmine Pulliam and Olivia Warren lead the team but in different areas. Warren, last year's 10,000 meter champion, looks to repeat while Pulliam may try different events this year. Last year's steeplechase winner, Samantha Walker, will look for her second title, and Cassie King, an 800 meter mile specialist, will contend for a title as well.



#### The Bearcats Create Facebook and Twitter Accounts

Various departments at Brescia have formed Facebook and Twitter accounts, and the Brescia Bearcats Athletic Department just added themselves to that number. Upon his arrival, Michael Lovett, women's soccer coach, created official Bearcat Facebook and Twitter accounts. Now you can easily stay connected to the Brescia Bearcats or @BresciaBearcats!



# **BN** Student Notes

# Spírít of Angela Award Recipients



Original painting of St. Angela Merici by Aaron Kizer in 2012

Three years ago, Brescia University created an award to honor two students. one male and one female. who embody the "Spirit of Angela." St. Angela Merici, founded the Company of Saint Ursula in 1535 in Brescia, Italy. The Order of Saint Ursula and its educational

mission was cultivated from the seeds planted by Angela in the Company. Brescia University, a sponsored institution of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, developed out of those very seeds planted by Angela and is being guided in her spirit today. Members of the Brescia family were given the opportunity to nominate a Brescia student who possesses in remarkable ways the spirit of Angela Merici. From among those students nominated, a panel of judges identified Schyler Pentecost (below, left) and Chase Carrico (below, right) as the recipients of the 2013 Spirit of Angela award. They received their award during Founder's Day Convocation on January 29.

Schyler was described by those who nominated her as demonstrating a "sincere ethic of service" through her many leadership roles on campus. Her "authenticity" warms others and her sense of joy is "contagious."

Chase was described as having a "no-nonsense kindliness and integrity about him." He is a servant-leader who is "humble, and reflective" with "intellectual curiosities."

Chase is majoring in biology. He will graduate in 2015. Schyler is an art major with a minor in psychology. She will graduate in 2014.



David, Schyler, and Lisa Pentacost



Kevin '86, Chase, and Deborah Carrico

# Byrd: Honorable Mention for National Humanity Essay



Brescia senior, Logan Elizabeth Byrd, featured in the summer 2012 issue of *Brescia NOW!* for her Honorable Mention in the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity 2012 Essay Contest was flown to New York in September to receive her award presented by Professor Elie Wiesel himself, 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner. "When [Professor Weisel] presented me with my award, he said he knew I would write a book and that he looked forward to reading it," Byrd said. "Several invitations were extended to me to further network



and develop my skills as an ethical leader."

Byrd's essay, entitled, "True North" was placed in the top five out of 235 entries. Upon arrival, she met with other contest winners and spent most of her day with Owensboro's Katie Brennan discussing the various essays and brainstorming ethical themes. Byrd also received feedback to improve her essay further.

Byrd had the opportunity to dine with LRN's CEO and founder, Dov Seidman. LRN is a corporate partner of the foundation and sponsored the contest as well as organized the activities surrounding the trip.

"I had an amazing time in New York," Byrd said. "This was an amazing opportunity."

# **Graduate School Acceptance**

Two graduates from the Brescia online bachelor degree completion program in psychology have been accepted into graduate schools. **Amanda Snell** was accepted to the University of Southern California's Master's Degree Program for Clinical Social Work. **Carrie Summerfield** was accepted to the University of the Cumberlands Master of Arts in Professional Counseling program.

Jasen Allen London recently received an acceptance letter from Washington University's doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) program in Saint Louis, Missouri. London received a B.A. in Biology during the Fall 2012 semester.

Washington University's physical therapy program

is ranked as one of the top programs in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

London is a member of the Alpha Chi Honors Society and Delta Epsilon Sigma and received the Outstanding Biology Major Award.



He and wife Krystal London, administrative assistant for institutional advancement at Brescia, have one child who is almost one year old.

Congratulations to our students for their acceptance into graduate school!

# **BN** Student Notes

#### Johnny Depp Sighting in Owensboro

Two Brescia students assisted in the painting of a mural in downtown Owensboro of former resident and actor, Johnny Depp. Derek Austin and Katie Jones worked with Monty Helm, Owensboro Community and Technical College art professor and Brescia adjunct professor, and Pavel Forman, visiting art professor from Palacky University in the Czech Republic, along with multiple other artists to sketch and paint images of Depp on the blank wall of Andria's Candies off Allen Street. There are also images of cacao and vanilla flowers. The project was begun in October and completed in November 2012. David Atkinson '77, owns Andria's Candies.



Completed mural at Andria's Candies in downtown Owensboro.

# **Student Chapter Active in Community**

Brescia University's National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) submitted the following article that was published in the winter issue of Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association newsletter. This was written by club president, Mallory Ralph:

The Brescia NSSLHA chapter is very active in both the University and the community of Owensboro. We are 20 members strong and growing, led by President Mallory Ralph, Vice-President Josie D'Antoni, Secretary Chelsea Millay, Treasurer Jourdan Kratzer, and Advisor Donna Goodlett-Collins. We kicked off the fall 2012 semester by distributing over 200 flyers at the New Student Orientation at Brescia University. The informative flyers explained in detail what the NSSLHA chapter at Brescia University does for Speech-Language Pathology majors.

September began with a Student Involvement Fair. Our chapter set up a booth decorated with a Hawaiian theme designed by club members. Club members were available to answer questions and provide information to potential members and to spread the word about what NSSLHA is all about. Our enthusiasm was

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evident when we were awarded the \$50 prize for "Most Spirited" booth that was voted on by Brescia University faculty.

Our club meets monthly to discuss upcoming volunteer opportunities in which we can participate. Our most recent event was the Dream Riders Fall Jamboree. This is an annual event that raises money to support the mission of providing therapeutic horseback riding services to both physically and mentally disabled individuals. Our responsibilities included face painting, concessions, and registering participants.

Another volunteer opportunity was the annual Buddy Walk in October. Club members promoted public awareness for individuals with Down Syndrome. This walk allows those individuals to feel included and valued in the community.

Club members also volunteer at the Hermitage Care and Rehab Nursing Home in Owensboro. The residents and the staff are appreciative of a familiar smiling face.

As the president of Brescia University's NSSLHA chapter, I am very proud of the activities that we as a



Dream Riders: Mallory Ralph, Josie D'Antoni, Chelsea Millay, and Lindsey Phipps.

group participate in and look forward to opportunities in which we can inform others about Speech-Language Pathology in general.



(Left to right, front row, kneeling) Chelsea Millay, Tarin Edge, Josie D'Antoni, Mallory Ralph, April Sherman, Sarah Biddle, and (standing left to right) Jourdan Kratzer and Cydni Carney.



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#### **Poverty Documentary Poses Difficult Questions**

The busy fall semester continued with social work students hosting and inviting the community to a free screening of



the documentary, "The Line." This documentary on poverty in America was produced by Emmy award winner, Linda Midgett. Brescia's showing was part of a nationwide event, held the night before the presidential debates. Carrie Mann said this film provided "an opportunity to put a face on poverty and to diminish stereotypes. These were hard working, educated people, who for various reasons, found themselves on government assistance and using community services such as food pantries." Carrie said it was an eye opening experience to those who attended the screening. A question and answer session followed the documentary.

"I felt that this was important for the community, Brescia and Owensboro, since the stories told could happen to any number of us," said Mann, "either due to job loss or a disabling accident."

#### **Dislocated Workers – What Now?**

Another project, though not directly related to the movie, had a special place in the hearts of Brescia students and involved a project for dislocated workers.

Helen Mountjoy, executive director of the Regional Alliance for Education, approached Nancy Keeton, Chair of the Social Work Program, with a project. The idea came to her as a result of the earlier talks about Century Aluminum closing in Hancock County. Mountjoy wanted to have resources in place for when large area companies close or have lay-offs. The class researched and compiled a comprehensive service directory of the seven-county area that includes services that a dislocated worker may need. This includes everything from unemployment to education/training to temporary household assistance. They also developed a plan for a mentoring program geared toward this population, staffed by volunteers who have undergone training. These volunteers would meet with the dislocated worker, assess the situation, and provide information on services needed.

Mann said this project was personal for her as her father lost his job a couple years ago at GE. He had held the job since 1978. Not quite old enough to retire, he attended college for the first time in order to enhance his skills. He graduates in May from OCTC. Mann said, "I knew from his experience the frustration and confusion felt from









# The Brescia University Student Social Work

**Association** (BSSWA) and the Social Work Department hosted their annual soup day fundraiser and raised more than \$1,700. The November 18<sup>th</sup> event, comprised of homemade soups, breads, and desserts, accepted donations for Saint Paul's Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico, which serves Navajo families and children.

This was the ninth year that Brescia's Social Work Department has organized the event, which has raised more than \$13,000 for the Mission. For more than a dozen years, seniors in the Social Work Department have taken a trip to the Mission for their field practicum. Saint Paul's Mission provides housing for the students and the students work as interns in social service agencies that serve the Navajo families and children. Donations raised by Soup Day are used by the Sisters of the Order of the Adorer's of the Blood of Christ to provide a toy shop for the Navajo families to pick out Christmas presents.





trying to navigate the unemployment system, arrange for personal benefits like insurance and retirement plans, and so on." She also guided him through the education process. After assisting her father, she knew this was something desperately needed in the area.

The proposal for the rapid response team prepared by Brescia students was presented to Mountjoy to take to the implementation phase.

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# **BN** Gallery of Distinguished Alumni

Since the inception of this prestigious recognition, Brescia University has awarded more than 50 alumni with the Distinguished Alumni title. This award was created to honor those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass **The Brescia Difference**: *Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership.* Because of the breadth and scope of their life's work; the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national, and sometimes international scenes; and their examples of service and leadership, alumni who receive this esteemed honor have distinguished themselves among their peers. Though this year's recipients come from three totally different backgrounds, they have one thing in common: they have demonstrated that they are true stars of Brescia.

Brescia University believes that it provides more than an ordinary education. Brescia's educational experience rooted in a 500-year teaching tradition started by St. Angela Merici and continued through the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph is an irreplaceable treasure. This teaching tradition reminds us that each of our students are wonderfully made in God's image and demands from us that we do our best to help our students discover and realize their unique potential and how to become the best human beings possible.

University faculty, staff, alumni and friends gathered at a banquet on Saturday, September 22, 2012, to honor those previously selected and to bestow its highest honor on three alumni who have distinguished themselves and, in turn, brought honor to Brescia's mission.

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James "Jim" Weafer first attended Brescia College from 1970-1975. He later received his degree in accounting from Brescia University in 2002. He has served on many boards and committees including the River Park Fund Raising Committee, Brescia's President's Advisory Board and the Finance Committee. He has received awards including the Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. He was also a member of the Alumni Association serving as president from 2011-2012. Weafer is self-employed as a Financial Planner. He is married to Dixie Weafer. They have two daughters.

James Weafer

J.C. Hagan received his business degree from Brescia College in 1968. He went on to receive an MBA from St. Louis University. He has served in the Navy and taught classes at Washington University as well as taught management courses to all levels of Monsanto management. He retired from Monsanto after 28 years as IT Director at the age of 55. He is currently a Disaster Reservist for the Small Business Administration helping people involved in natural disasters. He is married to Distinguished Alumna 2000, Suzanne Hagan. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.





Mary Hilda McFarland graduated from Brescia College with a teaching degree in 1962. She taught at the Mount Saint Joseph Academy from 1963-1967 and at Owensboro Catholic High School from 1967-2009. She sponsored all theatrical productions at OCHS for 26 years. She has received awards such as Outstanding Owensboro Diocese Teacher of the Year, Owensboro Catholic Schools Saint Ursula Golden Key, Coca-Cola Educator of Distinction and the Brescia College Alumni Father Saffer Award.

Mary Hilda McFarland

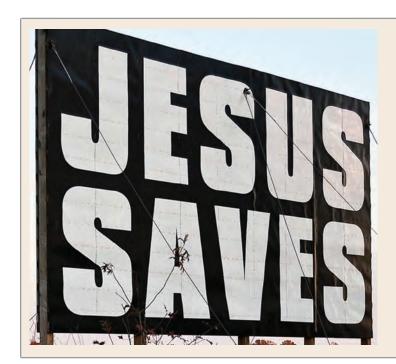
# **BN** *Faculty Notes*

**Belinda Thomson,** Associate Professor of Speech and Drama, graduated in July 2012 from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont with an M.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts. According to her abstract from her final portfolio, her emphasis is in storytelling. "Storytelling is a genre that enriches both human communication and artistic creativity. This portfolio considers storytelling in a variety of media that demonstrate how the specific time and place in my life is reflected by the stories I choose to tell as well as a description of my theoretical lineage and samples of the ways I tell stories."

Thomson also had her program proposal for the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) selected for presentation at the annual conference in Louisville, Ky in April 2013. The program is a spotlight performance program titled "Point of View: Choices and Consequences." She will perform one of her original oral history stories along with a panel of faculty comprised of performance studies professionals from Capital University, Southern Illinois University, and Georgia College & State University.

**Tim Nugent,** Assistant Professor of Social Work, became a deacon at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Browns Valley. James Naas, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Speech Pathology/Audiology, taught a day-long continuing education course by invitation of the South Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association in October 2012. The course was entitled "Practice Updates in the Healthcare Setting: A Target-Rich Environment." It provided speech pathologists and audiologists practicing in healthcare environments with an in-depth overview of current clinical and research issues which should impact evaluation and treatment decisions. Topics included perspectives on pharmaceuticals, clinical use of standard laboratory values, information on valuable internet resources, and considerations when providing care for dangerous patients.

Allen Gehring, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy, presented a paper at Vanderbilt University as a part of the Tennessee Philosophical Association at their November 9-10, 2012 meeting. He also chaired a session of the Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics at Saint Louis University October 19-20, 2012. In September 2012, Gehring was invited to give a presentation on Business Ethics with the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce as a part of their Emerge Owensboro Program.



Alex Hwang, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, recently submitted the final edited manuscript for his third book: After Augustine and Pelagius: An Early Medieval Debate on Grace. The Catholic University of America of Press is printing this book with an expected print date for 2013. Marketa and Philip Rahman, two Brescia Theology Club members, helped with the final manuscript preparation. He also published an article in the November/ December 2012 Horizons Magazine entitled, "Early Christian Reflections on Salvation."

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**Sr. Anita Lowe '87**, completed a master's degree in theology with a concentration in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame. She passed her written and oral comprehensive exams with distinction.

**Sr. Michael Marie Friedman '69**, the principal at St. James Elementary School in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, had her school named as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Secretary of Education. St. James was recognized as being an "Exemplary High Performing" school and was one of five private schools recognized in the state of Kentucky.

**Ellada Yerolemou-Hadjisavva '97** received an Evansville Business Journal's 20 Under 40 award in September 2012. Hadjisavva is the executive director of the Southwest Indiana College Access Network. She is very involved in many community organizations through her job as well as through the Acropolis restaurant that she and her husband, Doros, own. She serves on the board of the YWCA and the Koch Family Children's Museum and is involved with the Hospitality and Outreach for Latin Americans.

Nathan '98 and Amanda Reffitt welcomed a baby girl, Olivia Kay, on February 9, 2012. She joins big brothers, Landon (7), Luke (5), and Kolbe (3).

**Deborah Hopkins '02** became the 15th recipient of the Bishop McRaith Catechetical Award in May 2012, which is presented annually to recognize a catechetical leader who has enhanced the catechetical ministry of the diocese in his/her parish. Deborah is the director of Religious Education for St. Mary Magdalene parish in Sorgho, Kentucky.

**Roberta Weber '69 White** married John White on August 28, 2012. She and her husband live happily in Marietta, Georgia and both enjoy their jobs. She would love to hear from her Brescia family. Call Roberta at 404-217-8216 or email her at <u>roberta82512@gmail.</u> <u>com</u>.

**Joey Timura Knife '97** began a new job as a first and second grade teacher in Beachwood, Ohio in August 2012.

Sr. Suzanne Sims '71, (right) principal at St. Mary of the Woods School in Whitesville, Kentucky, copiloted a plane recently to St. Louis.

Audrey Cannon Lillpop '05 has been appointed assistant vice president and electronic banking manager for



First Security Bank. Lillpop has seven years of banking experience in the Owensboro market. She most recently was special projects manager for First Security Bank. Prior to joining First Security, she was the financial center manager for Fifth Third Bank in Owensboro. Lillpop received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Bellarmine University in Louisville and a master of science degree in business management from Brescia University.

**Margaret Wathen '60 Bauer** and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 29, 2012 with family and friends in Norman, Oklahoma. They were married at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Owensboro, Kentucky, after Margaret completed her bachelor of art degree in elementary education at Brescia College. Margaret and Bob have opened Designer Party Foods, a catering service in Norman. She is also active in her parish. She was twice-elected chairperson for the Golden Agers, is a member of the Women's Club and St. Monica's Guild, the coordinator of funeral dinners and the manager of Friday night bingo.

# **BN** Class Notes



Michael Scherm '71, M.D., (left) retired from his practice at Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists to join Owensboro Medical Health System as Chief Surgical Officer. Dr. Scherm is a 2001 Distinguished Alumnus of Brescia University.

Kevin Graham '07 was hired in September 2012 by Louis T. Roth & Co., a CPA and advisory firm. Kevin serves as a staff accountant. Prior to joining the firm, he was the compliance and controls co-op for General Cable Corporation. Graham received his master of business administration from Northern Kentucky University in 2012 and his bachelor of science in finance and accounting from Brescia University.

**Karissa Edge '11 and Joseph Hall '11** recently passed the Certified Public Accountant exam, according to Alexander and Company CPAs PSC. Both Edge and Hall are senior accountants in the tax services department with Alexander and Company. Both earned Bachelor of Science degrees in accounting at Brescia. Edge has been with the firm since 2010. Hall joined the firm in 2012.

Kevin '11 and Laura Rhodes '08 Fritz announce the birth of their son, Joseph Simon, on January 23, 2013. He was baptized in the Brescia University Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in February by Fr. Larry Hostetter.



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# School of Education Graduates Designated as Nationally Board Certified



**Meghan Payne '05,** earned a degree in Elementary Education K-5 and LBD special education K-12 at Brescia and completed her Master's in 2010 from Western Kentucky University in Moderate and Severe Disabilities with an Emphasis in Autism. She was certified by the National Board For Professional Teaching Standards as an Exceptional

Needs Specialist in Early Childhood through Young Adulthood. She teaches special education at Owensboro Middle School South.

**Cortney Inklebarger '05** earned a degree in Early Elementary Education from Brescia and was certified by the National Board in English Language Arts – Early/Middle Childhood. She is the Curriculum Facilitator at Cravens Elementary School, working with teachers to more deeply understand curriculum and design best practice instruction.

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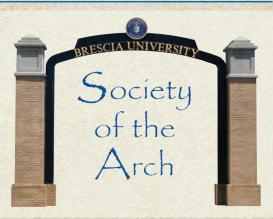
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# **BN** In Memorium



Joseph Strowd '58, who passed away Aug. 23, 2012.

Allen DeJarnette '64, who passed away Nov. 27, 2012.

**Betty Jo Robinson '64 Macy**, who passed away Jan. 7, 2013.

Catherine Ruth Wink '65 Randles, who passed away Dec. 26, 2012.

Sr. Jean Stukenholtz '65, who passed away Sept. 8, 2012.

Mary Emma Oberst '72 Mellen, who died Oct. 8, 2012.

**Clarice Martin '73 Sandefur**, who passed away Dec. 10, 2012.

**Terry Taylor '74**, who passed away Dec. 24, 2012. Taylor, 66, a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, was killed the morning of Christmas Eve in a shooting outside his auto body shop while coming to the aid of Bellaire Police Sgt. Jimmie Norman, who also was killed. Over the past 20 years, he and his wife have owned Maaco Collision Repair. He was a member of Jersey Village Baptist Church.

**Sr. Rose Johnson '75**, who passed away Aug. 10, 2012.

Richard Owen '76, who passed away Jan. 5, 2013.

Roy Goodman '81, who passed away Dec. 14, 2012.

Billy Burden '97, who passed away Aug. 3, 2012.



#### We extend our deepest sympathy:

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, in the death of **Sister Miriam Medley,** who died Nov. 26 in her 73rd year of religious life. Sr. Miriam devoted 53 years of her life to education. She was the librarian at Brescia from 1987-94; taught at Cathedral School, Owensboro (1982-86); and served as principal and teacher throughout Kentucky and in Missouri. She was a pastoral minister in Princeton, Ky. and Aztec, N.M. (1994-98). She retired to the motherhouse in 1998 and was active in prayer ministry. Memorial gifts for Sister Miriam may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

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# **Sather Leonard Alvey** March 21, 1933 - November 24, 2012



The Rev. Leonard Leslie Alvey, 79, of Owensboro died at the Brescia University campus on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012. He attended seminary at St. Meinrad in Indiana before receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from St. Mary's in Baltimore, Md. He pursued additional studies at St. Maur's in South Union. He earned a Master of Arts in Philosophy and completed doctoral studies, except for his dissertation, from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He also earned an educational specialist degree in counselor education and student personnel services from Western Kentucky University.

Alvey served as assistant pastor at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro and St. Thomas More in Paducah, where he was also chaplain of Lourdes Hospital. He served as pastor of Sacred Heart in

Hickman, and St. Edward in Fulton and, over the years, was in residence at several Owensboro and Daviess County parishes: Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Mother, Precious Blood, St. Mary Magdalene and St. Martin.

However, Alvey devoted most of his life to education, teaching at Owensboro Catholic High School from 1966-68 and since 1971 at Brescia College (now University), where he was an associate professor of philosophy and co-director of the University Counseling Center until his retirement in 2009. He continued part-time ministry at Brescia as professor emeritus until his death.

An avid reader, Alvey donated so many books to the Brescia University library over the years that in 2003, the library was renamed in his honor: Brescia University Fr. Leonard Alvey Library. He also served as University chaplain and spiritual adviser to many students.

In addition to his teaching and counseling duties at Brescia, Alvey was active in numerous other church and professional groups. For many years he served as spiritual director for Cursillo; he was an active member of the Marriage Tribunals in the Dioceses of Owensboro (1983-2012) and Covington, and the Archdiocese of Louisville. He was a member of the Ethics committees of Lourdes Hospital in Paducah and Mercy Hospital and Owensboro Medical Health System in Owensboro. He served as president of the Owensboro Diocesan Priests' Council and as a member of the Committee for the Continuing Education of Clergy. He was also active in the College Theology Society, the Kentucky Association of Counseling, and the Kentucky Philosophical Society.

Alvey was a lifetime Associate of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. With them, he shared a passion for education and for Brescia. He served the Ursulines for many years as a wise and faithful confessor as well as a devoted friend.

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Alvey was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Martine Weaver Alvey; brother, William Joseph Alvey of Tell City, Ind.; and sister, Irene Hildenbrand of Jasper, Ind. He is survived by his sister Pauline Barton of Pierceton, Ind.; brother-in-law Jerome Hildenbrand; nine nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and -nephews. Owensboro, KY 42301, or the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Share your memories and photos of the Rev. Leonard Leslie Alvey at www.haleymcginnis.com.

Expressions of sympathy can take the form of donations to Brescia University, 717 Frederica St.,

#### Homily given by Fr. Larry Hostetter at Fr. Leonard Alvey's funeral on November 28, 2012.

know of few people who are as prepared to meet the Bridegroom as Fr. Leonard Alvey was. As I mentioned last night, Fr. Leonard was a man who, in his priestly ministry, touched the lives of countless people as witnessed by the many messages we've received at Brescia, the friends and family who came by the Brescia chapel yesterday and by all of you who are gathered here today to say goodbye. To his family, his nieces and nephews, his brother-in-law and most especially his sister Pauline, please accept our deepest sympathy and our promise of solidarity in prayer. To his friends, in the laity and among the priests, but notably the sisters at Brescia who worked with him, prayed with him, and shared meals with him, especially Sr. Vivian Bowles, Sr. Helena Fischer and Sr. Rose Jean Powers, we all know that this is a great loss to you, a loss keenly felt by all of us at Brescia. Fr. Leonard embodied what we call the Brescia Difference and the University will not be the same without him.

Right about now, I can hear Fr. Leonard reminding me that the homily at his funeral mass is not only supposed to be about him, but about Jesus and the Good News he preached. He would want us to break open God's word and preach the message of Jesus as he had faithfully done since his ordination in 1958. For his life was dedicated to the truth, the study of truth and the proclamation of truth, especially, in the person of Jesus Christ. And so let's turn to the gospel.

In the reading from Matthew we hear again the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins. Their job was to meet the bridegroom who apparently was on his way to pick up his bride and then begin the wedding 50 *Brescia NOW!* Winter 2013 festivities. Their task included being prepared with lamps lit with oil. The wise ones brought extra oil while the foolish only the oil that was in their lamps. So, when the bridegroom was delayed, the foolish virgins ran out of oil, while the wise ones had plenty and were prepared to meet the bridegroom when he finally arrived. We all know the story; the wise virgins were admitted into the wedding feast, while the foolish ones were denied entry. This parable has been used many times to remind Christians of the importance of being ready for the coming of the Lord, especially, in our death.

As the key to being ready seems to be the oil that was in such short supply, it makes sense that we should ask, what does this oil represent? In a broad way, of course, the oil represents our readiness for Jesus. But in our parable, the oil is fuel for fire or light, and so, more specifically, we can say that the oil represents the spiritual fuel that generates the internal fire or light of the Christian. But what is the nature of this spiritual oil that fuels the light of Christ in the Christian? Our tradition would say that this oil is a combination of God's grace and moral virtue. Now God's grace is freely given, but virtue is something we have to work at. We do have to be open to receiving God's grace, but we really can't do anything to earn it. Virtues, however, are those good habits of the Christian character, which, when combined with grace, keep the light of Christ burning brightly and ready us to receive the Lord when he comes.

If you remember, I said earlier that I know of few people who are as prepared to meet the Bridegroom as was Fr. Leonard Alvey, and even though I don't think he would want to be the central topic of the homily, I do think, given his own readiness to meet the Lord, it only seems right that we take a look at his life and the virtues he practiced to see how we might be better prepared and ready to receive the Lord. Four virtues stand out in Fr. Leonard's life.

First, Humility. Humility is a basic attitude of recognizing that, before God, we are absolutely poor, and only in God do we have the fullness of being. Personally, I can't think of many who have a more powerful intellect than Fr. Leonard. His knowledge was vast; he was adept with languages and could speak intelligently on nearly every topic. Yet the predominant impression that Fr. Leonard left on others was not that of being in the presence of an intellectual giant but of someone who was interested in what you had to say. In fact, Fr. Leonard believed that he could always learn more and that learning could come from anyone. His favorite theologian was St. Thomas Aquinas, and he understood well Aquinas's desire, near the end of his life and after a mystical vision, to burn all his work because what he had seen in that vision made his own work and knowledge seem as only straw. Fr. Leonard's humility was rooted in his belief that his own learning was just a tiny scratch on the surface of God's eternal mystery.

Second, Generosity. In his long career as a priest and as a professor, another virtue lived by Fr. Leonard was generosity. This virtue is perhaps most evident in his donations to the library. Sr. Judy, our librarian, estimates that he easily donated 10,000 books to the library named in his honor. This generosity, however, wasn't limited to material things but was also evident in how he lived his life. Fr. Leonard was always available to anyone who needed him, whether it was with a student who needed additional help, someone who needed him as a counselor, or a fellow priest who needed a substitute in his parish. And he was generous in his intellectual life. As you know, Fr. Leonard was a voracious reader and pursued knowledge with energy and passion. But this quest for knowledge was never for its sake. It was always meant to be shared with his students first and then with anyone who would listen.

Third, faithfulness. A priest since 1958 and a professor at Brescia since 1971, Fr. Leonard's life was guided by the virtue of faithfulness. In a world in which distraction and constant change is common, to have someone who remains constant in his commitments is inspiring and almost counter-cultural. Fr. Leonard was faithful to his priesthood, his academic profession, and to his work as a counselor but, more importantly, he was faithful to people and especially his students, family and friends.

And the fourth virtue. Learning. Fr. Leonard will be remembered as a man of learning. I imagine he pursued truth with the same fervor that the Bridegroom in our parable had in his pursuit of his bride. While a Catholic theologian and philosopher, Fr. Leonard never limited himself to only reading Catholic authors. He read everyone from every conceivable subject all in a quest to learn as much as possible.

If you ever need proof of the immortal nature of the human soul, then you only need look at the collection of Fr. Leonard's library. The knowledge in those books far exceeds the capacity of one man to learn, but there was still a desire to learn even though it came with a recognition that his desire would never be fulfilled in this life. I suspect, for Fr. Leonard, the fulfillment of that desire will be one of the joys of heaven. I can see him now, sitting with the great doctors of the Church, Augustine, Aquinas, Hildegard and Teresa, and, I'm sure, Angela Merici, chatting them up and wearing them out with his questions

The gospel of today reminds us that all of us are called to be ready for the coming of Christ, specifically, by making sure that our light is burning brightly to welcome the Bridegroom when he comes. To make sure that light is burning, we need to be open to God's grace, and we need to lead virtuous lives.

In Father Leonard, it's easy to see that he was someone who was open to God's grace and someone who lived a life of virtue, especially, humility, generosity, faithfulness and learning. Because of that, Christian hope gives us the consolation of believing that Fr. Leonard's light is now joined to the eternal light of God's glory. And we can be sure to speed him along with our own prayers.

So, it would not be a bad idea to model our own lives after those same virtues. And in doing so, we too stand a good chance, with grace, of being ready for the day when the Lord calls us to our own eternal destiny.

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