

Trinity Alums Have Priestly Vocations

Trinity is currently blessed with three alums with callings to be priests for the Diocese of Wichita.

Andrew Labenz '09 is just starting the 6-8 year journey to ordination. Ben Green '02 will be ordained as a deacon in May, 2011. Fr. Ned Blick '82 has been a priest since 1992. All three were gracious enough to share some insight into their journeys.

Andrew Labenz

After spending his freshman year at Newman College, Wichita, Labenz is now a sophomore at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Mo., majoring in philosophy.

"I have a typical college-type schedule, with added individual or group meetings consisting of spiritual direction, character formation, etc. And we say morning and evening prayer together as a school and have daily Mass.



My classes are: Psychology, Logic, Health and Wellness, Introduction to Theology and Astronomy. My favorite class thus far has been astronomy. It's great because this is

a whole new subject, is taught by a monk, AND we have night labs to find stars, planets, and galaxies that we have previously charted.

I've had to make many adjustments but all have been good ones. Morning prayer starts at 6:45 each week day and thus, I must be up at 6:20. We have weekly cleaning chores and are expected to be at all school

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Ben Green

"I am at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. I am in 3rd theology. This is a big year for me as I look forward to being ordained a deacon in May. Then I return to seminary for a final year and priestly ordination in May of 2012.

The class schedule is similar to college, 2-4 classes a day. We study scripture, church history, canon law, preaching, etc. I am looking forward to deacon practicum, where we practice all we will be able to do as deacons. It's pretty amazing how many things we are exposed to because we have to be prepared for a lot as pastors.

"I've had an inkling for a long time [about becoming a priest]. I've also



been blessed to have some great priests show me the joy of the vocation. Seminary is really an opportunity to say 'I'm taking this seriously, I'm open to the idea that

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Fr. Ned Blick

"I am assigned at Fort Drum, NY. You asked about my range of



duties. In some ways I reflect upon the many hats I wore at Trinity. I remember playing the Star Spangled Banner on my trumpet before the

football games. After that, I put on my helmet and ran out onto the field, because I was on the team. I remember that I wasn't very good at either activity, but I am thankful for that preparation for life.

So it is as an Army Chaplain. I wear the hat of priest, counselor, and officer. Sometimes I'm saying 'Praise the Lord' and other times I'm saying, 'Pass the ammunition!'

I have rejoiced with families that reunited with their loved ones, and I have seen soldiers cry like babies. I have been privileged to serve the

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Memorials

Richard Arnhold
Delores Dick-Crow
Barney Oborny
Donna Rodd
Father Richard Stuchlik

Former Teacher is Jubilarian

Sister Guadalupe Martinez marked 60 years as a sister of the St. Joseph Order at a celebration at the Motherhouse in Wichita this summer.

Born in Del Norte, Colo., Margaret Martinez entered the convent after high school, taking the name Sister



M. Guadalupe. In 1952 Sister began a career in education spanning 56 years. She ministered in Kansas, California and Oregon.

Following a sabbatical at the Weston School of Theology in Boston, Sister taught religion at Trinity for 14 years. She retired from education in 2008 and moved into St. Joseph Villa at the Wichita Center.

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functions. If one expects to succeed here, he must learn responsibility.

I used to play Mass as a kid, BUT the real discernment took place last semester at Newman. Fr. Tatro, our chaplain, got me really involved with my faith and challenged me to spend 15 minutes in the chapel each day. I took up his challenge and began falling in love and listening to the voice of God.

Fr. Tatro, three other college guys, and I took a spring break trip to Conception and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. I had such a wonderful time that I knew I had to give it a chance. I had nothing to lose, so here I am loving seminary already.

The main thing I tell others about my discernment process is that I am joining seminary to further my relationship with God. Through this deepening relationship, I will hopefully be able to truly know what God wants of me, whether it is to be a priest or a married man.

My favorite part of seminary is soccer! Also, the basketball coach here coached with Bobby Knight so that has me really excited for basketball to begin!

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God could be calling me to the priesthood.' Deciding to go to seminary felt like a huge move, but in hindsight it was not the end of the world. I couldn't ignore the call in front of the Eucharist though. If you have that little voice that says, 'maybe I should think about this,' spend some time in adoration and that voice could get a lot louder.

The priesthood isn't a bunch of guys that didn't want to get married, and God can use whatever talents you bring to the table. I've managed to have quite a bit of fun out here on the east coast. Life definitely did not end when I came to seminary."

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resilient men and women of our country in many different ways. Just last week I celebrated a Mass on the hood of a Humvee, and thought of the great chaplains who have served our country under fire, such as Chaplain Kapaun. He died in Korea while serving his soldiers in prison.

It looks as though I will complete my duty in 2011, and will return to Kansas. By the way I graduated in 1982 and was ordained in 1992. It's almost been 20 years."

Dear Family of Trinity Catholic Jr./Sr. High School,

It is time once again for Trinity's Annual Fund Drive, and as members of the Class of 1981 and Class of 1989, respectively, my husband and I wish to present a challenge to our "Celtic Family."

The Hutchinson Catholic community was faced with a hard reality with the closing of St. Teresa Grade School at the end of the 2009/2010 school year. The word "heartbroken" doesn't come close to what Bill and I felt at the closing of our beloved alma mater. It opened our eyes to how much is really at stake when we choose a Catholic education for our children.

But while we began summer with heavy hearts, we are approaching fall with a new feeling. It brings us great hope to see over 90% of St. Teresa students attending Holy Cross and being welcomed with open arms. And it gives us great hope and encouragement to know how much the Hutchinson Catholic community truly values a Catholic education.

We believe we are raising our kids in a time when it is vital they have a solid Catholic foundation, and we are proud and confident to have a sophomore and 8th grader at Trinity, and an 8-year-old future Celtic waiting in the wings! We want this opportunity to be available for generations to come, and that is why we come to you today asking for your prayerfully-considered generosity to this year's fund drive.

The goal of this year's Annual Fund Drive is \$70,000, which will be a vital component of Trinity's operating expenses, including textbooks, teachers' salaries and computers. At a time when these expenses quickly increase – just as resources and financial stability seem to be on an equally quick decline – it is vital to have the support of every member of the Trinity family. Every donation, large and small, helps ensure a quality, Catholic education for current and future Trinity students. We would love to see 100% participation from our Trinity family. Our challenge to you is to help make this happen!

As parents of three, we know how hard it can be some months just to make ends meet, much less to think about giving extra. But that is the call of true stewardship – sacrifice and trust. Bill and I will always remember as newlyweds being counseled by Father Andy Kuykendall, pastor and former teacher at Trinity, about the essence of stewardship. Father Andy challenged us to "give to God" first – before mortgage, before bills, before groceries (yikes!) – and to sit back and watch the graces flow. Nearly 20 years later, I can attest to you that Father Andy was "right on the money!"

To quote from a textbook used at Trinity Catholic Jr./Sr. High every day: *"Give, and it shall be given back to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."* (Luke 6:38)

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

Bill Rumback, Class of '81, and Ana (Bribiesca) Rumback, Class of '89

Trinity students earn honors at Future Problem Solving competitions

Six Hutchinson Catholic Schools students earned first places last spring in the Kansas State Future Problem Solving Competition. Two students brought home trophies from the International Future Problem Solving Conference at the University of Wisconsin in June.

Presented at state with a futuristic scenario topic, "Food Distribution," students had two hours to assess the challenges of the topic, analyze underlying problems, brainstorm solutions and come up with a plan.

Winning first place in the state contest which consisted of 71 teams and qualifying for the international competition were Charlie Garcia, Logan Hughes, Luke Kicklighter,

Ellie Rumback, Caitlin Chambers and Sofia Garcia, then a 6th grader at Holy Cross, now a Trinity student.

At the international conference the topic was "Green Living." Contestants had the same challenge to come up with creative solutions to a fictional global problem.

Sofia Garcia '16 won first place over 22 other competitors in the individual problem solving junior division. The scenario was that the Arctic is melting. "I decided to put a force field around the Arctic which would block the heat of the sun, but let light through," says Garcia.

Caitlin Chambers was part of a



Top: (l. to r.) Ellie Rumback, daughter of Ana (Bribiesca) '89 and Bill Rumback '81; Caitlin Chambers, Charlie Garcia, Logan Hughes, Luke Kicklighter, coach Karla Degner. Above: (l. to r.) Caitlin Chambers and her second place team trophy. Right: Sofia Garcia with her first place trophy. Charlie and Sofia are the children of Lisa (Wortman) Garcia '83.

randomly selected team of three which took second in scenario writing in the middle division. This against 77 other teams from around the world.

Students were coached by Nancy Bergen and Karla Degner.

Trinity students active in arts outside the classroom

Trinity students find that the arts broaden their horizons.

Sarah Truman '11 and Kelsey Stoecklein '12 each have been in dance for over a dozen years. Both have been in regional and national competitions in places like Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas and New York. Truman has been a national champion twice.

Truman says dance "has taught me the value of hard work, respect for peers, discipline, attentiveness, confidence. It has helped in school as it has taught me how to learn and retain information quickly and easily." Stoecklein, daughter of Dan '81, says, "I am more responsible and outgoing and it's made me into a hard worker." Both think dance is harder than school activities because of the amount of time and personal investment involved.

Emily Suter '12 has been playing the piano for 11 years. Her honors include 1st place in the Hutchinson Anderson Concerto Competition. Her favorite types of music are classical, rhapsodies and concertos. "I get to express myself through music and it's a good stress reliever," she says. Suter plans to major in music.

Simon Hill '11 got started acting his freshman year when Trinity did the comedy "Charley's Aunt." Then he went on to community theater and recently was in the Hutchinson Family Children's Theatre musical Cotton Patch Gospel. "I love the different characters, situations and places I can experience. I am sort of a shy person but performing on stage ...is kind of like having an alter ego. Being in a play is like going out for a sport. It takes a lot of time, energy, focus and late nighters. It does get stressful, but it's good stress," he says.

Student is K of C poster contest winner

Maria Martinez '14 was named overall state winner in the 2010 Kansas Knights of Columbus Vocation Poster Contest. Sponsored by the Hutchinson K of C Holy Cross Council #7279, her poster will appear on the back of next year's K of C State Convention Program and Membership Guide. Maria received a certificate and a plaque. This is the first time a state winner has been chosen for Council #7279.



Alumni Notes

Tying the knot on Oct. 1 in Avon, Indiana, were **Ryan Ketchum '01** and Kimberly Koon. Ryan graduated from the University of Indiana and is the owner of Force Fitness in Bloomington, Ind. Kimberly is a University of Indiana grad also.

John Palacios '01 was operations director for the 2010 U.S. Senior Open in Seattle in July, making it five Senior Opens he has worked with. He will also be the operations director for the 2011 U.S. Women's Open in Colorado Springs. Palacios works for Bruno Event Team, which stages many USGA event.

Chris and **Jill (Bechtel)** Campbell welcomed baby Katherine Elizabeth on May 3. She weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 18" long. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Petra Darling '05** and Matthew Bricker on their wedding May 22 in Topeka. Petra graduated from Emporia State and is an administrative assistant for the UMKC School of Medicine in Kansas City. Matthew is a graduate of Emporia State and is a corrections officer at the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center in Olathe. The couple lives in Mission, Kan.

Kaleigh Braun '05, and Mary Duarte '06, received The 2010

University of Kansas Chancellor's Student Awards recognizing students' academic, volunteer and leadership accomplishments at KU.

Braun graduated with a degree in chemical engineering. She plans to study medicine to become a physician scientist. Her activities at KU included a summer internship in the Pediatric Oncology Education Program at St. Jude's Hospital. She has been the travel and health coordinator for KU's chapter of Engineers Without Borders. She received a graduate research award for a project in the Tissue Engineering Lab.

Mary Duarte graduated from KU with a degree in neurobiology and plans a career in medicine. A KU Multicultural Math and Science Scholar, she was named a KU Woman of Distinction in 2009. She serves on the KU Journal of Undergraduate Research review board. She has served as a training assistant for the Office for Diversity in Science Training. Volunteer work has included the Jay Doe Community Clinic in Wichita and the KU Blood Drive.



The THS Class of 1970 had their 40 Year Class Reunion July 3rd at Steve Harmon's house in Hutchinson. In attendance were fifteen classmates with their spouses. In order starting with the top row left to right: Alan Hickey, Joe Gabica, Nancy Stohr Meyer, Dr. Craig Wilson, Jim Brooke, Cruz Jasso, Marcia Potucek Streepy, Linda Pruitt Albright, Susie Warner Loper, Charles Bachand, Walter Dealy, Dan Duncan, Steve Harmon, Barbara Ewald Kaufman, Charlene Stremel Jaeger. A very good time was had by all, despite the rain.

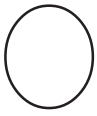
Reunion Alerts!

Class of 2000

Winter Homecoming
February 4 and 5
More details to follow
Contact: Dorothy Suter
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Class of 1971

4th of July weekend
Contact person Glen Birzer
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The Trinity Catholic High School Class of 2010 Graduation was held Saturday, May 22.

Amanda Perser was valedictorian and received the Bishop David Maloney Award. Amanda is the daughter of Norman and Molly Perser.

Joshua Carroll was co-salutatorian and received the Bishop's Crest Award. Joshua is the son of James '84 and Kathy Carroll. Also co-salutatorian was Sarah Kenning. She is the daughter of Dr. Jerry and Margaret Kenning.

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