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Oblate School of Theology, founded and sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is a Catholic graduate and professional school which provides education for the church's mission and ministry in the world.

The institution prepares persons for pastoral ministry through academic study and supervised practice. Through degree and certificate programs the School strives to educate and form candidates for priestly ministry as well as lay ministries. The School offers opportunities for professional continuing education and personal spiritual renewal to those serving in church and society.

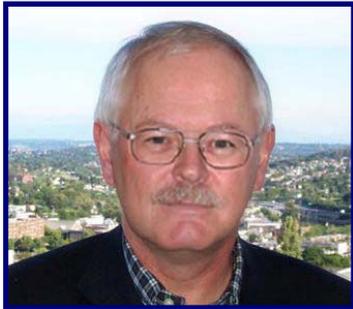
Oblate School of Theology models and fosters collaboration in ministry. It accomplishes its mission in cooperation with formation communities and other ecclesial and societal institutions.

The pastoral orientation of the School requires practical and reflective engagement with the multi-cultural, global reality of church and society. Drawing upon Oblate School of Theology's location and historical dedication to the Mexican-American presence in the Southwest, the learning, teaching, and research of the School pay particular attention to the diverse and rich Hispanic reality of the Americas.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

ON NOT OVERREACTING TO CRITICISM



Today we live in an intellectual climate that, at significant places, is both anti-church and anti-clerical. In many circles, it's fashionable today to bash the churches and organized religion. Moreover, this is done in the name of being open-minded and enlightened.

It's the one bias that's intellectually and culturally sanctioned. Say something derogatory about any other group and you will be held to account; say something disparaging about the church, and you will be deemed open-minded.

How serious is this? What's to be our response? While it's irritating, at the end of the day, it's not that much of a cause for concern; it's a mosquito bite, really. As a church, we're not fundamentally threatened by this and shouldn't overreact. Why?

Because a certain amount of this criticism is good for us. We have our faults and our culture is generous in pointing them out. Bravo. Fiat. The present criticism of the church is healthily humbling us and pushing us towards a more courageous, needed internal purification. Besides, we have enjoyed for far too long a situation of privilege, never a good thing for the church. It's far easier to be a Christian in a time of disprivilege than in a time of privilege.

But there's something more at stake.

We must be careful not to overreact to the present anti-ecclesial climate because this will lead to an unhealthy defensiveness and put us into an adversarial relationship with our own culture and with many of our own children. That's not where the gospel wants us to be, not at all. Our task instead is to absorb this criticism, painful though it is, gently point where it is unfair, and resist every temptation to be defensive. Why? Why not aggressively defend ourselves?

Because we are strong enough not to, and we should be adult enough to respond in a nobler way. We should not become hard and defensive in the face of this. Current criticism of the church notwithstanding, the church is not about to go away any time soon. We are a billion Christians in the world, stand within a two-thousand-year-old tradition, have among ourselves a universally accepted Scripture, have two thousand years of doctrinal entrenchment and refinement, have massive, centuries-old

institutions, are embedded in the very roots of Western culture and technology, have an enviable intellectual tradition, constitute the biggest multi-national group in the world, and are growing in numbers world-wide. We're hardly a reed shaking in the wind, reeling, vulnerable, a ship in danger. We're strong, stable, blessed by God, an Elder in the culture; and because of this, we owe the culture graciousness and understanding.

Beyond that, too, is the fact that we have Christ's promise to be with us and the reality of his Resurrection to sustain us. Given all this, I think we can absorb a fair amount of criticism without fear of losing our identity. Moreover, we must not let this criticism make us lose sight of why we exist in the first place.

The church exists not for its own sake or to ensure its own survival, but for the sake of the world. We can too easily forget this and, in all sincerity, lose sight of what the gospel asks of us. Compare, for example, these two responses: At a press conference in Belgium in 1985, someone asked Cardinal Basil Hume what he considered the foremost task facing the church today. He said simply: "To help save the planet." Recently, I saw a television interview with the cardinal archbishop of a major archdiocese. Asked roughly the same question, he answered: "To defend the faith."

Everything about Jesus suggests that Hume's view is closer to the gospel than is the other. When Jesus says, "My flesh is food for the life of the world," he isn't saying that the real task of the church is to defend itself, to ensure its continuity, to keep the world from crucifying it. The church exists for the sake of the world, not for its own sake. That's why Jesus was born in a trough, a place where animals come to eat, and why he ends up on a table, to be eaten. Being crucified by the world, eaten up by it, is a central part of what Jesus is about. Everything about him teaches vulnerability over defensiveness, risk over safety, trust in divine promise over self-protection. The Gospel calls us to risk beyond defensiveness, to absorb unjust criticism without fighting back: "Forgive them; they know not what they do!"

We are meant to be food for the life of world; not the food of defensiveness, but the food of understanding, graciousness, and forgiveness.

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI
Ronald Rolheiser OMI



KUSENBERGER CHAIR OF OBLATE STUDIES INAUGURATED



Oblate School of Theology has become the first institute of higher education in the world to have an endowed teaching chair specifically focused on Oblate studies. Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI, assistant professor of spirituality at OST, is the first professor to hold the chair.

The Kusenberger Chair of Oblate Studies was inaugurated Jan. 21 in the chapel of the General Administration House of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Rome. Father Louis Lougen, OMI, Superior General; Fr. Paolo Archiati, OMI, Vicar General; Fr. Cornelius Ngoka, OMI, First Assistant General; members of the General Council; Fr. Fabio Ciardi, Director of Oblate Studies and Research in Rome; and the communities of the General House, the students and the International Roman Scholasticate, attended.

OST Vice President for Administration Fr. David Kalert, OMI, representing Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, President of the School, formally declared the erection of the chair. Also attending from OST were Deacon Robert Kusenberger and Mrs. Ruth Kusenberger, both Honorary Oblates of Mary Immaculate whose generosity enabled the endowment of the chair; Fr. Bill Morell, Oblate Executive of the Oblate Missionary Society Inc. and former OST president; Sister Jane Ann Slater, CDP, an OST Trustee; Fr. Fernando Velazquez, OMI, a member of the OST faculty currently studying in Rome; and Mrs. Lea Kochanek, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Fr. Santucci, in his inaugural lecture, noted that the Kusenberger Chair is dedicated to “the study and dissemination of the history, charism, spirituality and mission of the Missionary Oblates through teaching and research, academic and enrichment programs, an annual Kusenberger lecture and cooperation with other institutes of higher learning.”

Fr. Santucci cited Oblate identity, Oblate spirituality, a sense of the congregation’s historical roots and development, and the spirit and focus of the congregation’s work as the main elements of its mission. He added, “Oblate spirit and missionary commitment to the poor are necessary for a positive and healthy identity. This can become a helpful point of departure for the greater discussion on mission and to strengthen our lives as missionaries.”

Spirituality is the way Oblates express their identity and live it, he continued. “It is clearly expressed in our Constitutions and Rules. It is that particular way that St. Eugene has taught us to perceive God as Savior and to see people, the world and the Church through the eyes of Christ the Savior. This experience and vision are meant to be expressed in a characteristic way of life, values and spiritual practices that transform the world by reaching out to the most abandoned,” Fr. Santucci said.

Quoting Sr. Addie Lorraine Walker, SSND, PhD, Director of OST’s Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership, Fr. Santucci said that



Oblates “must go back to our roots in order to move forward. That is, we should reach back and gather the best of what our past has to teach us so that we can achieve our full potential as we move forward.”

He also observed that a clear sense of identity, expressed in Oblate spirituality and in an understanding of the congregation’s development, “must lead to a clarity of spirit and focus in discerning and responding to the call of the poor in constantly changing circumstances.”

Fr. Ciardi quoted St. Eugene de Mazenod, who founded the Oblates in 1816, saying that “the manner and purpose of the mission are carried out by people who tend to holiness, and that they sanctify themselves in the mission and work to spread the holiness of Christ.” The founder added that his missionaries “have to work seriously to become saints, courageously walk the same paths of many workers of the Gospel... They have to devote all their energies to the mission to ‘make men reasonable first, then Christians, and finally help them to become saints.’”

In 2011, Fr. Ciardi proposed to Fr. Rolheiser a chair of Oblate studies at OST. Fr. Rolheiser promised that once he found the necessary money, he would see to the establishment of the chair. “He found the right person to lead it... and the money has arrived, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kusenberger,” Fr. Ciardi said. He called the inauguration of the chair “the realization of a dream.”

Fr. Warren Brown, Area Councilor for the United States and Canada, noted that the new chair will collaborate with the two other major Oblate resources, Fr. Ciardi’s Office of General Service of Oblate Studies in Rome and the Eugene de Mazenod International Centre in Aix-en-Provence, France. Fr. Brown explained that the Oblates intend for the chair to be at the service of other religious congregations which trace their roots and spirituality to St. Eugene de Mazenod, and to lay men and women aligned with St. Eugene’s spirituality.

The Kusenbergers expressed amazement at the reception the Oblates in Rome gave them and at the depth of the Oblates’ appreciation for the endowment. “This was much bigger for the Oblates than I had imagined,” Deacon Kusenberger said. “I didn’t realize that this was going to be a worldwide initiative. This is going to have a tremendous impact on the worldview of OST and the Oblates themselves.” Ruth Kusenberger added, “Bob and I are very blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Oblates.”

OST Community News Highlights

NEW FACULTY HIRE

Dr. Rodolfo Luna, a Peruvian-born Scripture scholar and Canadian citizen, has been hired to teach beginning this fall. He speaks Spanish, English and French, has 23 years’ experience teaching biblical sources. He comes from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec. Research interests include Christian origins and evolution of Christian thought, and New Testament writings as persuasive religious discourse. He has published two Scripture-related books.

SANKOFA INSTITUTE EDUCATION AWARD

The Rev. Dr. James A. Noel, a founding member of the Board of Elders of the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership, was awarded the institute’s 2017 Excellence in Education Award posthumously. Dr. Noel, 68, died Jan. 31, 2016. A resolution of the Council of Elders praised him as an amazing, gifted teacher, leader and prophet of justice who epitomized the process of facilitating learning, of acquiring knowledge, skills, values, beliefs and habits.

IN MEMORIAM

Father George F. McLean, OMI, PhD, longtime friend of Oblate School of Theology and a 2010 recipient of an honorary Doctor of Religious and Cultural Studies degree from OST, died Sept. 6, 2016, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Residence in Tewksbury, Mass. One of the world’s two or three best known Oblate academics for nearly 50 years. He founded the Center for the Study of Cultural Values at the Catholic University of America, which has published more than 200 books.



OST FORMS PARTNERSHIP WITH MISSION PROJECT SERVICE

Oblate School of Theology (OST) has formed a collaboration with the Missionary Oblate Partnership to offer Mission Project Service (MPS) as an outreach of OST. Mission Project Service is the Church’s largest and longest-standing provider of grant research and writing services to Catholic missionaries.

Mission Project Service is a Catholic ministry that has been educating missionaries on how to seek funding for their missionary projects since 1974. Maryknoll Father George Cotter, MM, founded MPS with the purpose of linking missionaries’ needs and sources with the ability and interest to offer support. The first MPS Funding Guide was published in 1982; soon, the organization was taken under the auspices of the Sacred Heart Fathers. In 2005, the Brothers of Christian Instruction and Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, assumed direction of MPS operations. “Oblate School of Theology is happy to have Missionary Project Service as a component of our outreach to the global Church. It emphasizes our commitment to our missionary call to solidarity with those in need around the world,” said Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, President of the School.

Both the Partnership and Oblate School of Theology are ministries of the United States Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Missionary Oblate Partnership engages across a variety of other ministries and institutions to generate resources for the Missionary Oblates in the United States and around the world. In early 2016, the Missionary Oblates officially acquired MPS from the Brothers of Christian Instruction. The Partnership has assumed the day-to-day responsibility for operations, and OST’s financial department handles the accounting.

“We wanted the backing of OST because it has a missionary identity, while at the same time the outreach and connections of MPS will contribute to

OST’s own missiology efforts,” said MPS Executive Director and President Arthur Pingolt. “We’re linked with missionaries all over the world. Our goal is to link them up with OST and to promote OST as a resource for the religious congregations we deal with around the world,” he added.

“We’re not just a book-publishing outfit,” Pingolt noted. “We want to create a community of religious around the world and try to create solidarity. They have many needs and few resources. MPS should be not just an educator for these missionaries but also a collaborator in community building.”

MPS provides workshops all over the world, teaching grant research and writing, leadership, strategy, planning and conference management.

The organization’s benefits to missionaries are knowledge, experience and capacity. “We increase the missionaries’ capacity to provide pastoral and/or human development ministries by connecting them with resources, primarily in the United States and Europe. We provide information about these resources and teach them to do research and grant writing directed to these sources; they include foundations, government agencies, corporations and other nonprofits.”

In the last decade alone, he explained, the MPS Funding Guide has been sold and distributed in more than 150 countries, and workshops have been provided for missionaries on every continent.



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SUMMER INSTITUTE 2017: HENRI NOUWEN

Oblate School of Theology's 2017 Summer Institute will explore "The Spirituality of Henri Nouwen," the internationally renowned spiritual author whose writings attracted both Catholics and non-Catholics. The event is to be June 19-21 at the Whitley Theological Center.

Nouwen (1932-1996) wrote more than 40 books, which sold more than two million copies and were translated into 22 languages. He was among the most influential and popular spiritual writers of the 20th century. Born in the Netherlands, he was both a Jesuit priest and a trained psychologist. Nouwen's popular books include *The Wounded Healer*, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, *The Inner Voice of Love* and *Life of the Beloved*.

Keynote speakers include Sister Sue Mosteller, SCJ, who has worked with Nouwen and his writings for many years; Gabrielle Earnshaw, founding curator of the Henri J.M. Nouwen Archives and Research Collection at the University of Toronto's St. Michael's College for 16 years; Michael Higgins, distinguished professor of Catholic thought at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.; and Laurent Nouwen, brother of Henri Nouwen. Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, president of Oblate School of Theology, also will give a keynote address.

Mosteller has been a member of the L'Arche Daybreak Community since 1971 and became its second executive director in 1976. In 1985, she established a center for spiritual growth with Henri Nouwen. Mosteller has worked for the Henri Nouwen Legacy Trust as a Trustee and Society Member.

Earnshaw until recently oversaw Nouwen's collected writings and was an archival consultant and a scholar/researcher for the Henri Nouwen Legacy Trust. She directed the Henri Nouwen Oral History Program and co-edited *Turning the Wheel: Henri Nouwen and Our Search for God*, published by Novalis Publishing Co.; and *Love, Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, published by Convergent Books.

Higgins, a renowned Canadian scholar, previously was vice president for mission and Catholic identity and professor of religious studies. He is the official biographer of Henri Nouwen.

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2017 Spring Gala
April 4, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The New Physics and the Old Metaphysics
April 6, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Black Christian Ethics
Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan
April 8, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Nature for Soul Care and Spiritual Direction
April 8, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Big Give 2017
May 4, 2017 - Online Giving All Day
www.thebiggivesa.org

Critical Ministerial Issues 2017
May 10, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ron Rolheiser Summer Retreat:
Experiencing Prayer
June 4 - June 11

Summer Institute 2017:
The Life and Spirituality of Henri Nouwen
June 19 - June 21

Oblate Open Golf Tournament
Sept. 18 TPC San Antonio, 8 am

285 Benefit - Oct. 21
5:30 pm Mass 6:30 pm Festivities

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WALKER AND WOODWARD HONORED BY SISTERS OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS



Sister Addie Lorraine Walker, SSND, PhD, and Dr. Scott Woodward have received the Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Award from the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius for their long years of extraordinary servant leadership.

Dr. Walker received the award last fall at the religious congregation's motherhouse in Danville, Pa.; however, since Dr. Woodward could not attend that event, his award was presented Jan. 24 in Oblate School of Theology's Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel. The recipients were honored together at the end of the School's weekly community Mass.

Father Jankola founded the order in 1909 to serve the Slovak immigrant community.

Since 2003, the Sisters of Ss. Cyril and Methodius have honored more than 1,000 teens and 56 adults to promote servant leadership as a way of life in the vocation to which the recipients are called. The adult award is given in four areas: evangelization, education, elder care and ecumenism

Sister Sue Pontz, SSCM, EdD, said that Dr. Walker received the award for evangelization. She helped found a master catechist program for people serving African American communities in the United States and presented workshops, retreats and talks focused on the African community nationally and internationally. Dr. Walker led the Dallas Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and in 2012 returned to Oblate School of Theology, where she founded and directs the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership. She still gives presentations and workshops centered on areas of personal transformation and growth. "It is evident that she has been, and continues to be, a proclaimer of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," Dr. Pontz said.

Dr. Woodward is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, an assistant professor in pastoral theology and director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program. He received the award for his leadership in ecumenical affairs in the city. His contributions included teaching courses in ecumenism for OST, the Ministry to Ministers program, the Lay Ministry Institute and numerous continuing education events at OST. "Scott was instrumental in the founding of the Lay Ministry Institute and was one of the driving forces in creating the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership," Dr. Pontz said. He also has been a driving force for ecumenical events in San Antonio, including the Jan. 14 program "Conflict to Communion: The 500th anniversary of the Reformation" in cooperation with leaders of other faith traditions. Dr. Woodward has coordinated the annual Prayer for Christian Unity event at OST for more than 10 years; he also participated in numerous events sponsored by the San Antonio Community of Congregations and organized twice-yearly "Evening of World Faiths" events with a Jewish cantor and a Muslim imam; and participates in events sponsored by the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest, which promotes mutual understanding, respect and cooperation among people of diverse faiths by creating opportunities for direct communication and meaningful shared experiences.



OST EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE



Oblate School of Theology presented awards to 13 employees on Oblate Day, Feb. 17, in recognition of their reaching various five-year milestones in their service to OST.

Sister Theresa O'Toole, SHSp, Assistant Director of the Oblate Renewal Center, received a crystal wave for her 20 years of service; Erik Myers, Network Administrator, received a crystal flame for 15 years of service; and Father David Kalert, OMI, Vice President for Administration, and Jennifer Mattingsley, Director of Food Service, each received a crystal paperweight for 10 years of service.

Certificates for five years of service were presented to faculty members Father Wayne Cavalier, OP, Victor Carmona, Julia Hinojosa, Father Roger Keeler, Father Bryan Silva, OMI, and Sister Addie Lorraine Walker, SSND; to Sally Elizondo-Rippy, Receptionist; Lupe Rodriguez, Events Coordinator, and to Brian Wallace, Administrative Assistant in Maintenance.





SUPPORT OST WHILE ENSURING FINANCIAL FUTURE

Looking for a way to help Oblate School of Theology (OST) with its educational mission while helping to ensure your financial future and/or that of someone you love? Ruth and Deacon Bob Kusenberger, both Honorary Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, found that a charitable gift annuity with the Oblate Annuity Trust is a great way to do that and enjoy substantial tax benefits. Ruth and Bob were so impressed by the benefits charitable gift annuities can offer that they each established one to benefit OST.

“We found we could safely maximize our charitable gift to OST by choosing a charitable gift annuity through the Oblate Annuity Trust,” Deacon Kusenberger said.

“Charitable gift annuities are as popular as they ever were,” said Dennis Kempf, Director of Charitable and Planned Giving. “We’ve been offering them for almost 70 years. So many people like the security of knowing they’ll receive a fixed income and they feel good about making the donation.”

With a donation of \$5,000 or more to the Oblate Annuity Trust, a donor and/or designated annuitant will receive fixed payments for the remainder of their life/lives. The minimum age to establish one is 59 ½. This is an ideal way to convert cash, maturing CDs or appreciated stock into a generous gift that will make an enormous difference for many, many people. Whatever remains after the donor’s death will help OST in its vital mission of educating leaders for the

church and those who seek to learn more about their faith.

“This is a win-win situation for many donors,” Kempf said. “In exchange for their gift, donors receive multiple benefits: fixed income for life, tax-free income over their life expectancy and a charitable deduction for the year in which the gift is made.”

The Kusenbergers have been close friends of the Missionary Oblates for virtually their entire lives and deeply involved with OST for many years. Their desire is to help the school well into the future while assuring themselves adequate income throughout their retirement.

“We wanted to provide for our financial security and never be a burden to our children, while at the same time achieving our goal of assisting OST in its mission. This is nothing more than a partial payback for all that the Oblates have done for Ruth and me,” Deacon Kusenberger said.

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OST COMMUNITY NEWS

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Dr. Victor Carmona delivered the annual Christ the King Lecture at King's University College in London, England, on "Experiences of Migration: A Contemporary Dialogue with the Christian Tradition." He delivered the annual Hispanic Ministry and Theology Lecture at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif., on "Hope during an Era of Failed Immigration Reform." At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, he participated in a panel dedicated to North American and European perspectives on public understandings of religion, immigration and politics.

Father Wayne Cavalier, OP, PhD, directed the pre-diaconate retreat for diocesan and Franciscan seminarians, and planned and facilitated the University of the Incarnate Word's annual mission and ministry planning retreat. He also planned and facilitated development of a comprehensive pastoral plan for Hispanic ministry in the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich., and collaborated in assessing and revising a program of ministry formation for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Father Cavalier is a board member of the Aquinas Center of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta and the Association for Doctor of Ministry Education.

Dr. Steven Chase published an article, "The Taste of Silence," in the Fall 2016 issue of *Spiritus*, a journal of Christian Spirituality. He is its editor. He also has produced a supplementary issue of *Spiritus* to be published this spring with articles submitted from beyond North America and Europe.

Dr. Renata Furst, Mary Wilder, MA (Sp) '09, and Jan Davis presented a retreat titled "The Magi and the Magis" for 122 people at the Oblate Renewal Center. They planned a Lenten retreat for March 10-12 titled "Passionate Generosity: From Gethsemani to Galilee."

Dr. Rose Marden is preparing to launch OST's New Evangelization Institute this fall, a two-year certificate program sponsored by OST and designed to prepare men and women with knowledge and skills to plan and implement effective processes in parishes that promote the New Evangelization in every parish ministry and activity. It will include a year of study of the basics of Catholic faith, key concepts in evangelization and methodologies and a year of collaboration with a pastor and parish team, with guidance through the

planning and implementation process, of promoting evangelization strategies and awareness in parishes.

Sister Sue Pontz, SSCM, EdD, presented a webinar, "Bridging the Social Media Gap: Considerations for Reflection in Consecrated Life," sharing insights into key issues regarding appropriate use of social media today and how to encourage all religious to use social media in their ministries appropriately while striving to live faithfully and realistically a communal life that implies interconnection and intentional, healthy adult relationships. She presented the webinar last year, but the item was unintentionally omitted from the last two editions of OST News.

Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, PhD, was named Canadian Churchperson of the Year by the *Prairie Messenger*, a Catholic newspaper based in Muenster, Saskatchewan, Canada, as a Canadian who has made a significant contribution to understanding the Catholic faith. "He speaks a language that nourishes the souls of contemporary women and men," the newspaper said. He gave retreats at St. Ignatius School in San Francisco, at St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center, Chatawa, Miss., at OST and in St. Louis, Mo. He delivered the keynote address on Eucharist at the Southwest Liturgical Conference in El Paso and another at the Association of Theological Schools Presidential Leadership Intensive Conference in San Antonio. At the Los Angeles Religious Education Conference in Anaheim, Calif., Fr. Rolheiser delivered two keynote addresses on trust.

Dr. Philip Sheldrake gave a presentation titled "The Nature and Role of Desire in Ignatius Loyola's Teaching in the *Spiritual Exercises* about Discernment and Making Choices" during a colloquium at Oxford University. His article "Two Ways of Seeing: The Challenge of Julian of Norwich's Parable of a Lord and a Servant" is to be published this spring in *Spiritus*, a journal of Christian Spirituality. The fall 2016 edition of *Spiritus* included a review of Sheldrake's book *The Spiritual City: Theology, Spirituality, and the Urban*.

Fr. Bob Wright, OMI, PhD, presented a program on the history of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Texas to the Oblate Associates in January at Sacred Heart Parish in Eagle Pass. He also gave a retreat on evangelization to the catechists of Our Lady of Refuge Parish in Roma, Texas.

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