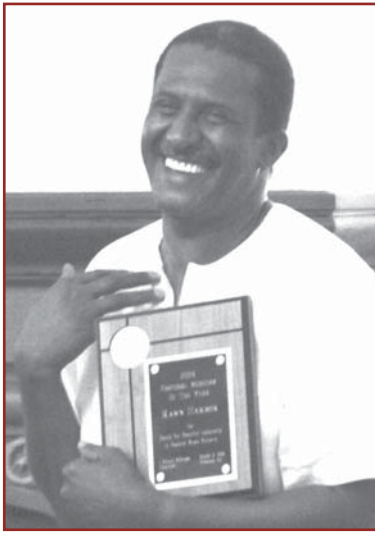


MUSIC STIRS THE SOUL

Hosannas and Amens echoed through the Chapel at the Franciscan School of Theology

on the evening of October 7 as over one hundred and twenty people gathered to celebrate with Rawn Harbor, recipient of the 2004 National Pastoral Musician of the Year award. Rawn received the award this summer from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the professional organization of Catholic musicians working in parishes throughout the United States.



Rawn presently serves as Director of Liturgy at St. Columba's Parish in Oakland and as Director of Liturgy and Music at the Franciscan School of Theology, where he received a Masters degree in 2001. He is also director of the Gospel Choir at the University of San Francisco and is on the faculty of the Institute of Black Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Rawn acknowledged that the evening's tribute was not only to him, but also to "all of you, the holy people of God." Those gathered included parishioners from St. Columba's and St. Augustine's (where Rawn serves as pianist), along with many from the Graduate Theological Union, including FST faculty, staff, and students.

Choir members from St. Columba's joined Rawn in leading the musical offerings for the evening, which included many of Rawn's own compositions. Rawn acknowledged the power of music, commenting, "For some it is entertainment, for others it is sustenance ... I pray that I have been able to compose music in a way

that does bless, does touch, does heal. I want to make sure the holy people of God never leave the same way they came in."

All gathered testified to the power of Rawn's music through their vibrant singing, clapping, and dancing as they lifted their hearts and voices. Mario DiCicco, OFM, President of the Franciscan School of Theology, presented Rawn with the award to a standing ovation. Rawn thanked everyone for "affirming me in what I do. You are my

family ... we all need each other." Those gathered then extended their hands in blessing over Rawn, giving thanks for his presence and inspiring gift of music.

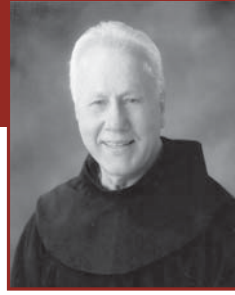
As the music for the evening came to a close, the celebration continued with a delightful feast of "soul food," prepared by several of Rawn's friends. The wonderful spread included fried chicken, red beans and rice, cornbread, potato salad, and peach cobbler. Laughter and conversation filled the air as all were fed, body and soul. "And let the Church say ... Amen!"

-Monica Lowy



This is part of an occasional series called "Music Stirs the Soul."

From the President



Dear Alums and Friends of FST,

What a surprise I had recently during my yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem! I was walking back from the Holy Sepulcher after the inspiring ceremony of the Solemn Entry with my pilgrims when, as we were making our way through the Old City to our hotel, I heard a voice saying "Fr. DiCicco!" I couldn't imagine who would be calling me that since I am accustomed to being greeted as "Abouna Mario" by the many Palestinian Christians I know there after twenty-eight years of visiting the Holy City. I turned to be greeted by a young man who told me he was an FST graduate! Now the odds of an FST graduate in Jerusalem are pretty slim, you have to agree, especially at the same time I was there. The young man turned out to be one of our German exchange students, Klaus Nelissen, who was spending some volunteer time in Jerusalem and had heard I was arriving. In the course of our conversation, he talked about what a wonderful experience his year at FST was. He said he made the right choice of the options he had for his year abroad. Both he and I were beaming with joy that we had encountered each other in this most unusual way.

Afterwards I thought to myself what a similar joyful experience it would be if our alums in various parts of the country would periodically get together to recall their years here at FST and to keep lit that flame of prayer, study, and community they experienced here. Let me tell you that we are looking to add a part-time Alum Director to our staff to organize such gatherings. We need to keep in touch with each other!

It is our intention to hire New Testament and Systematic Theology professors to start in Fall 2005. Both are part of our Strategic Plan and long overdue. We have strategies in place to find the money for these two positions. Both will help in our marketing and recruitment.

Fr. Joseph Chinnici, O.F.M., professor of historical theology, will resign as Academic Dean effective the end of this semester term. There are no words to express my gratitude and that of the faculty and entire student body for his dedication, skill, and efficiency in his years as Dean. Joe will be replaced by Fr. Richard Gula, S.S., professor of Moral Theology, who will be Acting Dean for the Spring semester. By Fall, 2005 a permanent Dean will be in place.

To operate a school of such caliber as ours, we need lots of help from all of you to make our programs and services financially possible. I call especially on our Alums to give according to your means in return for the education and financial aid you received while you were here. In the spirit of St. Paul, as he reminded his communities, it is a matter of reciprocity. Give as you have been given! God bless you wherever you are! We are constantly remembering you in prayer.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Honor Roll

On behalf of the faculty, students and staff, I want to express my sincerest thanks to all of you, our friends and benefactors who continue to show your support of our important ministry. Without your generosity we would not exist or continue to graduate full-time pastoral leaders for the Church.

- FST received a gift of \$105,000 in memory of Ruth and Karl Bjorkman to be used for student scholarships.
- The Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Springfield, Illinois gave a very generous gift of \$10,000 to be used for student scholarships.
- Sara Jobe gave a very generous gift to FST for its annual fund.
- Charles and Bessie ('01) Sharp gave a very generous gift of \$2,500 for FST's annual fund that will be matched by the company Charles works for.

- Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.



FST Tidings is published monthly for the FST community of friends, faculty, students and alumni/ae. Readers are encouraged to send items of interest, photos or news to Angie Brown at FST, 1712 Euclid Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709. Our phone is (510) 848-5232 or (800) 793-1FST. You are also welcome to email items of interest directly to Angie Brown at: abrown@fst.edu. Please write "FST Tidings" in the subject line of your message. Remember to notify us when you change your address. You may send change of address information to: info@fst.edu and please write "Address Change" in the subject line of your message.

FST NEWS BRIEFS

Congratulations to Monica Scott Green, FST Regent who successfully defended her Ph.D.: *No Teacher Wants To Be Left Behind: A Hermeneutic Analysis of Technology Professional Development in Honduran Public Education.*

Franciscan School Regent Dr. Karl Pister was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Graduate Theological Union as the representative of FST.

The **Franciscan School of Theology Board of Regents** convened for its first meeting of the current fiscal year. The Board has a new format for its meetings now. Instead of meeting each quarter it will meet 3 times a year for over night meetings. This will allow the Board members to increase their knowledge of St. Francis, have more time to commune and worship together, as well as the usual decision making concerning governance of the school.

Angel Preaching in Livermore. Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M. was warmly welcomed by the parishoners at St. Michael Church in Livermore, California. Many, many thanks to all of you at St. Michael's for your expressions of kindness and generosity.

Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology and Laurence Kadaliyil, FST alum '00 and doctoral student in systematic theology and philosophy (FST), gave a presentation on "Contextual Theology as Found in the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC)." Prof. Osborne and Laurence Kadaliyil focused on three issues in their presentation: contextual theology as found in the FABC documents; an evaluation of FABC contextual theology through the work of Robert Schreiter and Steven Bevers; and the significance of the FABC position on contextual theology for today's interreligious dialogue.

Day of the Dead. It's that time again when Latin American families remember their dead, and the continuity of life. On November 2, 2004 FST observed the Day of the Dead by placing photos, favorite treats and personal items of those who have passed away on an altar in our Chapel.

Dr. Darleen Pryds Assoc. Professor of Spirituality and Medieval History gave two workshops in November; "Quality Time with God", and "Praying in the World: The Vocation of Lay Franciscans." Her workshop "Quality Time with God" explored a sampling of traditional prayer practices through lectures, experiences of prayer, and discussion in order to give participants the opportunity to discern their own preference of prayer practice. "Praying in the World: The Vocation of Lay Franciscans" was a day of reflection, exploring the historical lives of lay people who have lived out the Franciscan passion for life, prayer, and love of God in the world. She will also give a workshop in December entitled "The Spirituality of Sports." For information please see the back of this publication.



'96 Br. Keith Warner, OFM, received a Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz Spring, 2004.

Keith is the Faith, Ethics & Vocation Project Director in the Environmental Studies Institute at Santa Clara University. His work integrates political ecology with human and religious values. His dissertation, *Agroecology in Action: How the Science of Alternative Agriculture Circulates Through Social Networks*, analyzed the extension of agroecological knowledge into conventional agriculture in California. Keith serves on FST's Board of Regents and with John E. Carroll he is editor of *Ecology and Religion: Scientists Speak* (Franciscan Press: Quincy, 1998).

'03 Ida Bickley, began a new position with Church World Service (CWS) as Chaplain and Religious



Services Coordinator for the Department of Homeland Security Processing Center in El Centro, CA. CWS has a contract from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement to provide professional chaplains for 8 processing centers throughout the US. CWS formerly run by the INS is now required to employ professional Chaplains. Ida will provide one on one pastoral counseling/spiritual direction, worship services, care of staff as well as detainees. She is also responsible for overseeing volunteers, an assistant chaplain, an administrative assistant, PR in the community, and budget.

Alumni/ae NEWS





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FST EVENTS

Tuesday, November 16

*FST invites you to a free lecture on
 Honoring the Ancestors:
 Remembering Deceased
 Friars of Vietnam*

Presented by:

*Rufino Zaragosa, O.F.M.
 Doctoral Candidate
 FST Classroom 4:00 PM
 1712 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709*

*This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the
 foundation of the Franciscan province of Vietnam.
 The presentation will include how these Asian
 Catholics honored the memory of the deceased friars
 in the cities of Saigon and Nha Trang this past
 summer. Come hear stories of the Franciscan family's
 growth, endurance, and joy during this past century
 and view photos of their anniversary celebrations.
 Vietnamese music will enhance the 5:10 pm Eucharist
 after the presentation and will be followed with an
 evening meal of Vietnamese cuisine.*

*Please call if you would like to attend this event:
 (510) 848-5232 or*

*Email: info@fst.edu and please reference
 "Multicultural Events" in the subject line.*

*November 25-26
 Thanksgiving
 Academic & Administrative
 Holiday*

Tuesday, December 7

The Spirituality of Sports

Dr. Darleen Pryds

"Brews & Views on Tues"

East Bay Theology on Tap

*is a speaker series sponsored by Saint Leo
 the Great Parish and the Kerry House.*

Join Dr. Pryds from 7:30 pm to 8:15pm

at the Kerry House

4092 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, CA

Friday, December 10

Join us for our

End of Semester

Eucharist & Reception

*If you would like to attend this event please call for
 more information. (510) 848-5232*

Friday, December 17

*Instruction Ends at FST
 and the Graduate Theological
 Union*

Thursdays

*All are welcome to worship
 at our weekly Thursday
 Morning Liturgy at 9:40 AM.*

Sundays

Join us Second Sunday each month for

Taize Prayer

Beginning October 10, 2004

FST Chapel 7:00 PM

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June 1 - June 11, 2005

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 we go not for recreation,
 but for re-creation*

On this pilgrimage, lead by **Bill Short, OFM** and **Ramona Miller, OSF**, you will learn the meaning of the Franciscan holy places you visit and will be lead in prayer at each one. The enjoyment of these beautiful places, along with the Italian culture, countryside, and cuisine will create memories for a lifetime.

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