

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

DigitalCommons@CSB/SJU

Archives History Lessons

Archives

2013

Vatican II and Saint John's / Fr. Godfrey Diekmann

Peggy L. Roske

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, proske@csbsju.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/archives_history_lessons

Recommended Citation

Roske, Peggy L., "Vatican II and Saint John's / Fr. Godfrey Diekmann" (2013). *Archives History Lessons*. 93.

https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/archives_history_lessons/93

This Presentation is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@CSB/SJU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Archives History Lessons by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@CSB/SJU. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@csbsju.edu.



Vatican II and Saint John's

Photo by Michael Roske, 2006.



The Vatican Council, also known as the Ecumenical Council, was called by Pope John XXIII in 1960.

Four sessions were held between 1963 and 1966.

The Council was called to reinforce the unity of the universal Church and re-examine Church dogma and thinking in light of changes in modern society.

In the 2,000 years of Christianity
only 20 such councils have been held.

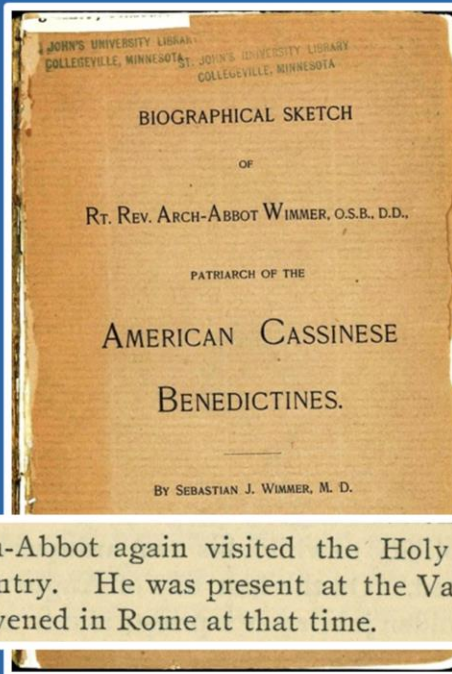
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SJUArchives/id/11813/show/11798> Spring 1971 *St. John's Magazine*, p. 39-40

“Godfrey Diekmann, OS8, Starts Collection Of Vatican II Documents At St. John's”



The last one had been held in Rome in *1869*.

...and Boniface Wimmer was there!



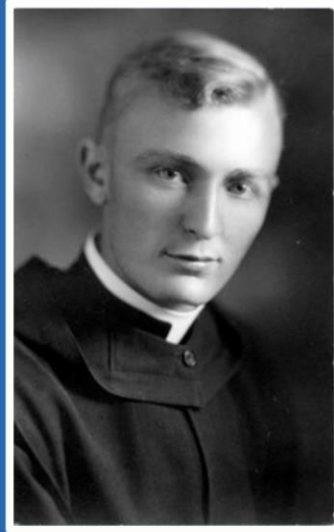
In 1869 the Arch-Abbot again visited the Holy City and his native country. He was present at the Vatican Council, which convened in Rome at that time.

Wimmer *Biographical Sketch* is in SJU Archives, BX 4705.W58

1925: A young man from Roscoe, Stearns County,
joins the Monastery in Collegeville at age 17

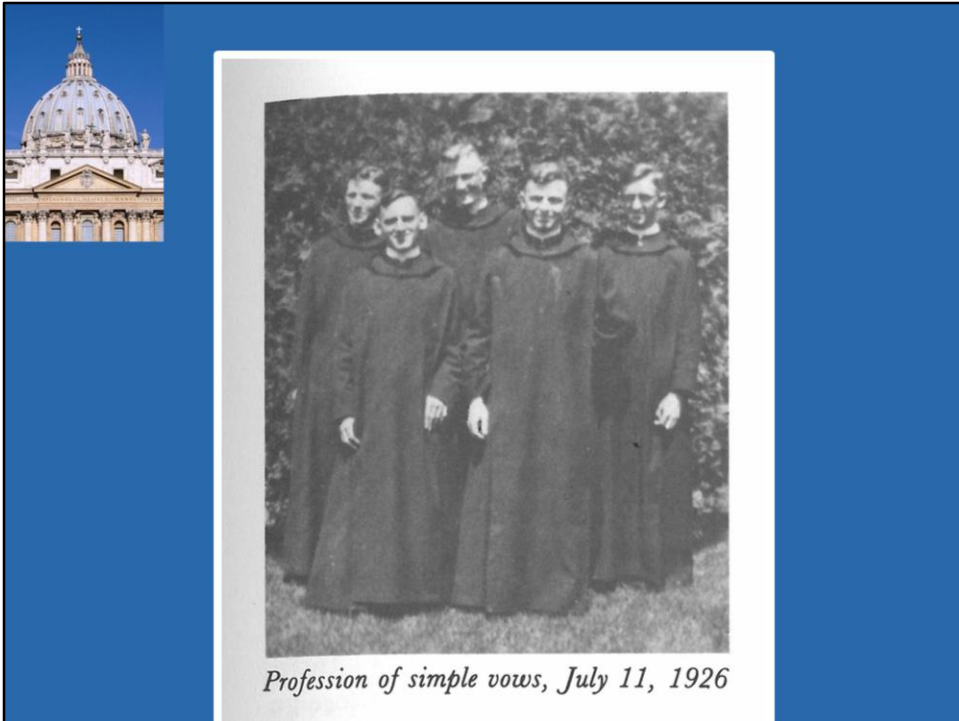


Leo at 19



Br. Godfrey at 22

Godfrey-young001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives: age 19, “when he applied for a Rhodes scholarship.” *A Monk’s Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p. 14.
Godfrey-p17001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives. “In his clericate years, 1926-28,” p. 17



Profession of simple vows, July 1926

A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann, p. 17



*Paschal Botz
and Godfrey
leaving
for studies
in Rome (1928)*

Diekmann and Paschal Botz leaving for Rome, 1928
A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann, p. 29



Marie and Godfrey with Swiss guards after a papal audience (1952)

Diekmann with sister (Marie) and Swiss guards, 1952
A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann, p. 154



*Godfrey kisses
the ring of
Cardinal
Gaetano Cicognani
at a meeting
of the
preparatory
commission on
the liturgy (1960).
Far left: Annibale
Bugnini; far right,
Boniface Luykx.*

Diekmann at Vatican II - *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p. 188



Diekmann at Vatican II - *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p. 188



Dinner at Vatican II with Kapsner, Murphy, Cogley, Lichten, and Yzermans
A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann, p. 229



January 1961

Bishop Bartholome speaks at CSB on
"The Atmosphere
Prevalent in the
World at this Time,
into which the
Vatican Council Is
Being Set"

From: News Director
Tel.: St. Joseph 363-7711
To: St. Cloud VISITOR
January 17, 1961

About:
HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP BARTHOLOME SPEAKS AT CSB

"The Atmosphere Prevalent in the World at this Time, into which the Vatican Council Is Being Set" was the subject chosen by His Excellency Bishop Bartholome for his annual address at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, on January 11.

His Excellency began the talk by giving a brief history of the twenty general councils which have convened in the past. Ecumenical councils, he pointed out, have concerned themselves in one way or another with the Body of Christ. After Arius denied that Christ had two natures, the succeeding councils were concerned with analyzing the nature of Christ, God and man. How many persons are there in Christ? How many wills has He? During the Renaissance the Church became captivated by the humanistic movement losing much of its spirituality and bringing about a division of Christianity. At this time there were three claimants to the papacy which caused so much confusion and undecidedness that the East and West divided. Protestantism arose in the sixteenth century; and to defend the Catholic doctrine against Protestant doctrine, which denied the Mass, Sacraments, and the Eucharistic Body of Christ, the Council of Trent was summoned.

CSB Archives AC 12.01.F02 Box 01



September 1962:
St. Cloud bishop
Peter Bartholome
speaks to the students
before leaving for
Vatican II



Bishop Bartholome addressed St. John's student body before his departure for the Ecumenical Council in Rome. He counseled them to study, pray and sacrifice for the success of the council.

Bishop Speaks On Council

The Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome, Bishop of the St. Cloud diocese, spoke to the students of St. John's Sept. 17 regarding the Second Vatican Council, which will convene next month. Bishop Bartholome left for the Council Sept. 19.

"A Council is only called in a time of crisis," Bishop Bartholome remarked in explaining why Pope John XXIII called the Council. "There have been only 20 in the past 2000 years." The bishop went on to remind the students how the combination of atheistic Communism and materialism have caused more and more apathy among Christians.

"When I was your age, 90 per cent of the population professed belief in Christ. That number has dwindled to about 50 per cent. This is not only true of the United States. It is true in all of the Christian countries of the world.

"One objective of the forthcoming Council will be to reassert and re-emphasize all the Truths of the Church.

"The Constitution is a Christian document," Bishop Bartholome said, and he went on to describe how our courts are rejecting it as such. The Bishop referred to the recent Supreme Court decision concerning a morning prayer in public schools as a sign of the times.

"More and more," he continued, "the world is taking a neutral stand in matters of religion. You cannot be neutral about God."

In concluding his talk to the students, he urged them to give positive response to the Holy Father's request that Catholics throughout the world study, pray and do penance that the Council will be a success.

Following his talk the Bishop officiated at Benediction.

"A Council is only called in a time of crisis."

The combination of atheistic Communism and materialism have caused more and more apathy among Christians.

"One objective will be to reassert all the Truths of the Church."

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33273/show/33269>

1962-09-28-0-001

Bishop Speaks On Council



October
1962

“The second Vatican Council will put its finger on the pulse of the Church...

...to get to the bottom of the problems confronting the Church in her pastoral activity.”

“We are at the Council with the bishops; their decisions will be ours to complete.”

Jim Marrin, *Record* editor

Page 2

A Symbol of Unity

The Ecumenical Council which began in Rome two weeks ago is unlike any of the 20 preceding Councils of the Catholic Church. The fact that there is no crisis within the Church today sets it off immediately, since past Councils have always been called to deal with a specific problem or heresy.

Pope John XXIII has a more positive reason. He wishes to update the Council, to re-examine the customs and rituals which no longer apply to our times, in his own words, “to give the Church the possibility to contribute more efficaciously to the solution of the problems of the present age.”

Because the issues at stake are not so much doctrinal as pastoral, the very character of the Council will be altered. The second Vatican Council will put its finger on the pulse of the Church. By calling the pastorally active bishops to Rome and giving them more of an opportunity to air their suggestions for reform, Pope John hopes to expose the “grass roots” of the Church and get to the bottom of the problems confronting the Church in her pastoral activity.

In the words of Father Yves Congar, an eminent French Dominican and theologian, the Council will place a greater emphasis on the corporate or collegial nature of the Church. The Council then is in the truest sense a manifestation of a Catholic, world-wide Church united under the Pope.

The final decisions of the Council will rest with the Pope and all of the bishops representing their dioceses. We are at the Council with our bishops; their decisions will be ours to complete.

J. F. M.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33438/show/33435>
1962-10-26-0-002

Page 2 THE RECORD Friday, October 26, 1962

J. F. M. = Jim Marrin, Record editor



November 1962
News Release

Dr. Sy Theisen to
speak at CSB about
Protestant-Catholic
Relations in
Germany

He was a "special
representative of the
American Catholic
Bishops in
Germany" in the
1950s.

Also sent to: St. Cloud Times
St. Joseph Dispatch

Tel.: St. Joseph 361-7711
To: ST. CLOUD VISITOR
November 14, 1962

About: DOCTOR THEISEN TO SPEAK AT ST. BENEDICT'S

"Protestant-Catholic Relations in Germany as a Prelude to the Second Vatican Council" will be the topic of Dr. Sylvester Theisen, a member of the faculty at St. John's University, who will speak at the College of St. Benedict Thursday, November 29.

Doctor Theisen, holder of Master's Degree in philosophy and sociology and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Notre Dame, has done extensive traveling in the Near East and Europe. Recipient of a Danforth teacher-study grant, he carried on additional studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and University of Bonn.

As special representative of the American Catholic Bishops in Germany, Dr. Theisen served during the 1950's to foster cultural and intellectual exchange between German and American Catholics. He did this by lecturing, by leading discussions and by bringing about an exchange of teenagers, students, teachers and adult specialists between the two countries. During this time he also served as a contact for the NCMC news service and as official

CSB Archives AC 12.01.F02 Box 01



January 1963

Bishop Bartholome holds a press conference

“The necessity to update the Church ... was not very apparent when we first came to the Council, but as it progressed most of the bishops became acutely aware of the need to bring the Church up with the times.”

Meet the Press . . .

School Journalists Quiz Bishop on Council

By John Schifsky

"Many Catholics have the mistaken idea that the Church is completely monolithic. They think if they can eat meat in one diocese they can eat it in any other. But I have a rule that in this diocese there is to be no dancing on Saturday night. You young people don't like it, but as long as you're in this diocese you should live up to it." With a broad smile on his heavily shadowed face Bishop Bartholome shot a knowing glance in the direction of our delegation. The place: Cathedral High school library, the date: Jan. 13, the occasion: a St. Cloud Vindicator-sponsored press conference with Bishop Peter Bartholome on the first session of the Ecumenical Council for representatives of Catholic high schools and colleges in the St. Cloud diocese.

Following an introductory ceremony in which some 50 delegates and their moderators stood, identified themselves and gave the name of their school to the bishop, His Excellency opened the conference on this note: "The bishops of the Second Vatican are working with the young people in mind. The necessity to update the Church and revise laws in the light of changes in the world situation was not very apparent when we first came to the Council but as it progressed most of the bishops became acutely aware of the need to bring the Church up with the times. Although few concrete objects were

by the preparatory commission doesn't satisfy the bishops as this commission cannot grasp the world situation. As a result, there is conflict which is good because this dissension in our ranks is of interest to the Protestants and Orthodox." A slight smile wrinkled his face as he paused for a moment and then continued in his familiar heavy tones, "The discussions were direct and brutally frank and the desire for change was obvious. The non-Catholics are looking forward to the next session of the Council and the results which will issue from the free and uninhibited exchange of ideas among the bishops."

The Vernacular Question

A question on the possibility of the introduction of the vernacular in the Diocese brought this reply: "The American Bishops are divided on whether or not to have the vernacular for Mass. I can't answer for them, but I can tell you what I think should be done. I feel that the Mass should remain in Latin while the sacraments and sacramentals should be administered in the vernacular and the breviary read in the vernacular. In other words, anything done in the liturgy for the individual should be in the vernacular while those services held in common, like the Mass, should remain in Latin."

When asked whether or not the secular magazines



attached in the first session, it is evident that the Church will not be the same following the conclusion of the Council."

The Council and Change

The bishop felt that the trend to change in the Church was pleasing to the Pope. "The Holy Father

presented a true picture of Council proceedings, the bishop answered emphatically, "The best publicity given the Council was that of the secular press. Some of the articles contained wild and grossly exaggerated accounts of some events, but in the main the reporting was true. The secular press

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33358/show/33357>
1963-02-08-0-004



March 1963

Bishop Bartholome is back on campus, keeping the monastery and the students informed about the Council

Bishop Plans Council Talk

The Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome, Bishop of the St. Cloud diocese, will address the student body concerning the Second Vatican Council on Tuesday, March 12, in the university auditorium.

Last month the Bishop had given the same talk to the monastic community. The community recommended the speech to the student council, who then requested that the Bishop address the St. John's students.

"This convocation address promises to be worth-while and all students should plan to attend," stated council president Gar Mulrooney. "The Bishop's talk is to be an informative one: to make the student body more fully aware of the Church's efforts toward Christian unity and recent accomplishments."

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33343/show/33339>
1963-03-08-0-001



March 1963

"As a whole, the bishops of the world are in favor of changes, to the great surprise of many people."

Bishop Bartholome Enlightens Students On Results of Second Vatican Council

By David Beckley

The Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome, bishop of the St. Cloud diocese, spoke to the students of St. John's university in the auditorium on the evening of March 12. His Excellency's talk was centered on his recent participation in the Second Vatican Council.

Bishop Bartholome first pointed out the significance of councils throughout the past 2000 years and their lasting results upon peoples of the world. "In a 93-year period, since the First Vatican Council, many changes have affected the Church. The loss



Bishop Bartholome

of the papal states, the loss of the pope's temporal power, the great expansion of the Church's mission work, the Church becoming a worldwide organization and the many scientific advances are all part of the many changes that have had a momentous influence on the Church since the First Vatican Council."

His Excellency mentioned this specifically so that students of St. John's, as well as all people, will try to become more aware of the significance that

the Second Vatican Council has brought about in the future of the Church.

Regarding the changes that are being made in the world are in favor of many people, to the great surprise of many people. Bishop Bartholome pointed out that the Council is trying to meet these problems. Its purpose is to bring to the people of the world the practicality and importance of following Christ's thinking. It is not to condemn error or give doctrine, but to give new expression to Christ's teaching.

Bishop Bartholome spoke of proposed changes in the liturgy as one of the specifics that was discussed in the first meetings of the Council. His main topic in this regard concerned the use of the vernacular in liturgical functions. He stated that the Council decided to leave it up to the bishops of each country to decide whether they would change from Latin to the common language.

The latter part of his talk was devoted to the immediate happenings of the first meetings of the Second Vatican Council. He pointed specifically to the air of freedom that prevailed at the council. Any bishop could give his views. For the first time non-Catholic faiths were allowed to observe the functions of a Council. And for the first time in the history of councils, civil governments were not represented. This allowed the Church to openly

not live the truths of Christ. This individual lives only for the pleasures that science and the world can give him."

Bishop Bartholome pointed out that the Council is trying to meet these problems. Its purpose is to bring to the people of the world the practicality and importance of following Christ's thinking. It is not to condemn error or give doctrine, but to give new expression to Christ's teaching.

Bishop Bartholome spoke of proposed changes in the liturgy as one of the specifics that was discussed in the first meetings of the Council. His main topic in this regard concerned the use of the vernacular in liturgical functions. He stated that the Council decided to leave it up to the bishops of each country to decide whether they would change from Latin to the common language.

The latter part of his talk was devoted to the immediate happenings of the first meetings of the Second Vatican Council. He pointed specifically to the air of freedom that prevailed at the council. Any bishop could give his views. For the first time non-Catholic faiths were allowed to observe the functions of a Council. And for the first time in the history of councils, civil governments were not represented. This allowed the Church to openly

"The main task of the Council is to combat mass secularism in the world today. The greatest evil in the world is the individual who...lives only for the pleasures that science and the world can give him."

reference to Pope John because of his Christian charity, humility and simplicity, for making the first meeting of the Second Vatican Council a success.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33323/show/33322> sjr-1963-03-22-0-004



March 1963

Hans Kung comes to speak in the diocese at the invitation of Bishop Bartholome

“Father Kung has become well-known through his work in preparation for the Second Vatican Council.”

Hans Kung, German Theologian, Lectures at St. John's Tuesday

Father Hans Kung, professor, theologian and author from the University of Tübingen, Germany, will address the student body Wednesday, March 27. A question period will follow the lecture, scheduled for 10:15 a.m. in the university gymnasium.

Before joining the faculty at Tübingen, Professor Kung taught at the University of Münster. He studied at the German college in Rome, the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Sorbonne and the Institute Catholique in Paris.

Dr. Kung's doctoral thesis, a monumental study of the theology of Karl Barth, has resulted in wide European acclaim. This work is scheduled for publication soon in the United States.

Father Kung, one of four leading theologians recently banned from the Catholic University of America, has become well-known through his work in preparation for the Second Vatican Council. International attention was focused on the distinguished young theologian when his first book, *The Council, Reform and Reunion* (Sheed & Ward, 1962), was published in several languages shortly before the opening of the Council. A second book, *That the World May*

Believe, was released in February by Sheed & Ward.

Father Kung opened his current lecture tour of the United States



Rev. Hans Kung

when he presented the centennial lecture at Boston College early this month. He will come here from a speaking engagement at the University of Notre Dame.

Father Kung is speaking in the St. Cloud diocese at the invitation of the Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33323/show/33319>
1963-03-22-0-001



March 1963

Fr. Godfrey explains Marcel Breuer's Abbey Church to Hans Kung

THE RECORD
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
VOLUME 76 COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1963

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, explains the architecture of the St. John's abbey church to Father Hans Kung, German theologian, who spoke here March 27 to 2500 religious, friends and students. The subject of Father Kung's lecture was "The Church and Freedom" (see story, page 2).

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33453/show/33449>

Record 1963 04 05 p.1



Prof Cited As Top Theologian

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, editor of *Worship* and professor of patrology at St. John's, was recently listed by the rector of Catholic university as one of four leading theologians who will not be allowed to lecture at the Washington, D.C., institution.

Those banned from the university included three Americans and one German. The others on the list were Fathers John Courtney Murray, SJ, a leader in the field of Church-state relations, Gustave Weigel, SJ, who has been doing outstanding work in ecumenics, and Hans Kung. The last named, a German priest and theologian, has become well-known through his work in preparation for the Second Vatican Council.

Fathers Murray and Weigel have both spoken at St. John's in the past. This spring Father Kung is scheduled for lectures on campus which will deal with the Council.

In spite of the protests of the student newspaper, *The Tower*, and a censure voted by the graduate student council, Catholic university officials have maintained the ban.

The Record Feb. 22

February 1963

Fr. Godfrey is cited as "one of four leading theologians who will not be allowed to lecture" at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.



Dinner and interview by Vincent Yzermans (center) during Vatican II with the four who were banned from the Catholic University of America: (left to right) Gustave Weigel, Godfrey Diekmann, John Courtney Murray, Hans Kung.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33328/show/33327>

1963-02-22-0-004

Photo from *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p. 199



Prof Cited As Top Theologian

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, editor of *Worship* and professor of patrology at St. John's, was recently listed by the rector of Catholic university as one of four leading theologians who will not be allowed to lecture at the Washington, D.C., institution.

Those banned from the university included three Americans and one German. The others on the list were Fathers John Courtney Murray, SJ, a leader in the field of Church-state relations, Gustave Weigel, SJ, who has been doing outstanding work in ecumenics, and Hans Kung. The last named, a German priest and theologian, has become well-known through his work in preparation for the Second Vatican Council.

Fathers Murray and Weigel have both spoken at St. John's in the past. This spring Father Kung is scheduled for lectures on campus which will deal with the Council.

In spite of the protests of the student newspaper, *The Tower*, and a censure voted by the graduate student council, Catholic university officials have maintained the ban.

The Record Feb. 22

February 1963

Fr. Godfrey is cited as "one of four leading theologians who will not be allowed to lecture" at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Result:

He was not invited to participate in the first session of Vatican II

A large uproar ensued; eventually he was invited back to participate in the other sessions of Vatican II

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33328/show/33327>

1963-02-22-0-004

Photo from *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p. 199



Prof Cited As Top Theologian

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, editor of *Worship* and professor of patrology at St. John's, was recently listed by the rector of Catholic university as one of four leading theologians who will not be allowed to lecture at the Washington, D.C., institution.

Those banned from the university included three Americans and one German. The others on the list were Fathers John Courtney Murray, SJ, a leader in the field of Church-state relations, Gustave Weigel, SJ, who has been doing outstanding work in ecumenics, and Hans Kung. The last named, a German priest and theologian, has become well-known through his work in preparation for the Second Vatican Council.

Fathers Murray and Weigel have both spoken at St. John's in the past. This spring Father Kung is scheduled for lectures on campus which will deal with the Council.

In spite of the protests of the student newspaper, *The Tower*, and a censure voted by the graduate student council, Catholic university officials have maintained the ban.

“Of Murray, Weigel, Diekmann and Kung
The praises were everywhere sung
The delegate then
Seemed out-of-date when
He gave orders to have them all hüng.”

from *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*



Dinner and interview by Vincent Yzermans (center) during Vatican II with the four who were banned from the Catholic University of America: (left to right) Gustave Weigel, Godfrey Diekmann, John Courtney Murray, Hans Kung.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33328/show/33327>
1963-02-22-0-004

Photo from *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p. 199;

Limerick from p. 201: “Several years later a limerick concerning the whole affair circulated at Vatican II”



Godfrey -Meal001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives



April 1963 – A postcard from Rome from Fr. Godfrey to Abbot Baldwin

The Holy Father "spoke of his great joy that ancient monastic, spiritual institutions such as the Benedictines thrive so well in a country like America...



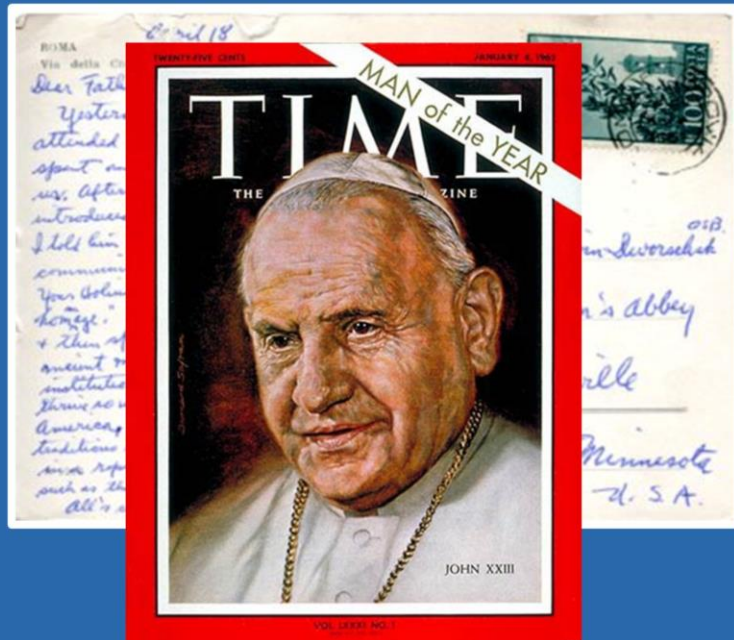
...and that old and sound traditions can strike such deep roots in a rapidly changing civilization such as the New World."

Godfrey-postcard1963002.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives

June 3, 1963



Six weeks later, Pope John XXIII, 1963's "Man of the Year," is dead



Godfrey-postcard1963002.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives
<http://content.time.com/time/covers/0,16641,19630104,00.html>

June 21, 1963
Pope Paul VI is elected



Pope Paul
announced
immediately
that the
Vatican
Council
would
continue



<http://www.theatlantic.com/events/archive/2013/10/bobby-was-the-religious-kennedy-brother/281004/>



In the June 21, 1963
issue of *The Record*

(the same day Pope Paul is elected)

Father Godfrey is named one of the
Catholic observers to the
forthcoming 4th World Conference
on Faith and Order in Montreal.

— and —

"Father Godfrey has also recently been named
an 'expert' of the Second Vatican Council. As an
expert of the Council he will serve in an
advisory capacity to the 2,500 bishops of the
world who wish to make use of him...to assist
in the drafting of the decrees and amending and
adding to the decrees for the discussion and
final approval of the Fathers of the Council."

Fr. Godfrey Honored By Two Appointments

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, of St. John's abbey, has been named one of the Catholic observers to the forthcoming Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order.

The appointment was made known by the Vatican Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

Father Godfrey will be one of five Catholic observers to the conference who have been officially appointed by the Holy See. The conferences will be held in Montreal from July 12-26. It is sponsored by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.



Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB

Named Council "Expert"

Father Godfrey has also recently been named an "expert" of the Second Vatican Council. As an expert of the Council he will serve in an advisory capacity to the 2,500 bishops of the world who wish to make use of him. The task assigned the Council expects it to assist in the drafting of the decrees and amending and adding to the decrees for the discussion and final approval of the Fathers of the Council.

As an expert of the Council, Father Godfrey joins three other Minnesota priests who will serve in that capacity during the second session of the Council. One of these priests, Father Ulrich Bente, OSB, is also a member of the St. John's community. The other two priests of the state are

Magr. Rudolph G. Bauder, pastor of St. Agnes parish, St. Paul, and Father Vincent A. Terrasini, editor of the St. Cloud *Vindicator*.

Leader in Liturgy

The editor of *Worship* for the past 25 years, Father Godfrey is one of the international leaders of the liturgical apostolate. Ordained to the priesthood in 1933, he received his doctor's degree in theology in Rome and took graduate studies in the liturgy at the Abbey of Maria Laach, Germany.

Author, Delegate, Consultant

Besides his editorial duties, Father Godfrey has authored many articles in theological and liturgical publications. A collection of his liturgical addresses, *One Leaf in the Wind*, is already in its second printing. He has served as the American representative at six of the International Liturgical Study meetings and is the vice-president of the National Liturgical conference. He served also as a consultant of the Pontifical Liturgical commission preparing for the Second Vatican Council.

The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches concerns itself with problems of Christian unity and doctrine. The July meeting of the

Summer Stock Grant Awarded To Sommerness

Johnny Payer Bill Sommerness won't get a break from footlights and stage-paint this summer. The sophomore English major from Hutchinson has received a scholarship to attend a theatre workshop sponsored by St. Cloud State college.

Provided by the Alexandria Theatre Co-op, the scholarship will cover tuition, room and board at Theatre L'Homme Dieux, the college's summer theatre near Alexandria.

Ten plays will be produced at the theatre between June 25 and Aug. 31 by a professional company, assisted by college faculty and students. This will be the

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33298/show/33294>
1963-06-21-0-001



“We are honored to have you as our representative Father at the Second' Vatican Council now in session.”

Pax Christi Award

Bishop Peter W. Bartholome

As our Most Reverend Shepherd and Pastor of the Church in St. Cloud, you have brought the intensity of prayer and dedication to this diocese. The twenty-one years since you were appointed by the Holy See as a successor of the apostles to this flock have so quickly sped by, it is difficult to realize that you are now the senior bishop of our province. Your episcopal years continue to be filled with distinguished achievements that are well-known and cherished among us. You have consistently fostered Catholic education as your most recent New Horizons program has emphasized. You have ever striven to be close to your clergy, to be available in all seasons, to supply a sound preparation for future priests. You have never ceased to encourage and advance the welfare of families laboring on the land. The holiness of the married state of life has been your constant concern. The people of God on all levels in this diocese: youths, engaged couples, men and women married in Christ, as well as older members of the Christian family have all been the recipients of your efforts to supply a Catholic climate for their social, educational and spiritual advancement.



all levels in this diocese: youths, engaged couples, men and women married in Christ, as well as older members of the Christian family have all been the recipients of your efforts to supply a Catholic climate for their social, educational and spiritual advancement.

June 1963

Bishop Bartholome receives St. John's first Pax Christi Award

You have been an example of the wise and prudent spiritual father in this American diocese which has been recognized for its Catholic traditions and development. At the same time you have inspired the Catholic and Christian community, both locally and nationally, by your interest in new and viable avenues of human cooperation. The spirit of charity which our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, has emphasized has found an energetic response in your actions. As you so clearly stated when you sponsored on this campus the first theological discussion in the United States between Protestant and Catholic leaders: "There is a new climate of good will manifested in the hearts and souls of Christians throughout the world. There is a yearning and striving for unity. Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox must not allow this to pass by without making a serious effort to advance, or rather to make a solid beginning toward, Christian unity. This is a grace of God; let us not be remiss in our cooperation with the Holy Spirit."

Education, publications, discussions, organizations continue to bear the imprint of your spirit. It is one of charity and peace. You would insist it is the spirit of God. Permit us to assure you that your witness has been an influence both in your diocese and beyond its confines for God's glory in all things. We are honored to have you as our representative Father at the Second' Vatican Council now in session. We pray Almighty God to give you many years in His service. We are humbly grateful for your encouragement and support. This monastic and educational family rejoices to associate its ideals of worship and work for the kingdom of God with your sponsorship.

For these reasons the faculty, administration, trustees and student community of St. John's University, in academic session during this one hundred and sixth commencement, cites you with its first Pax Christi Award.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33298/show/33296>
1963-06-21-0-003

September 27, 1963 *Record*

-- two days before the Council reconvenes under Pope Paul

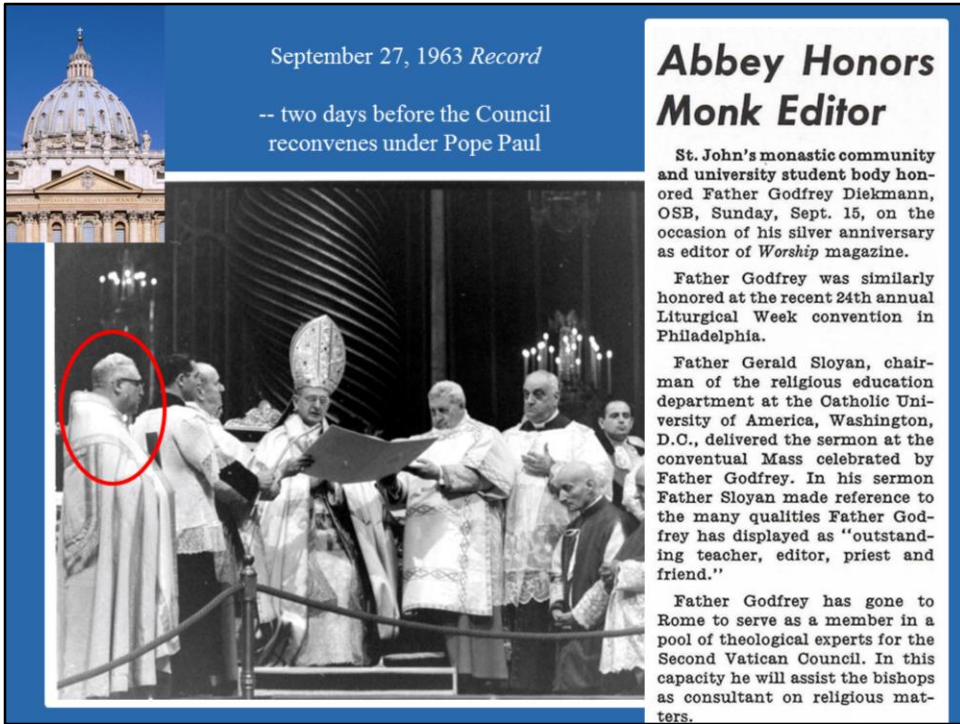
Abbey Honors Monk Editor

St. John's monastic community and university student body honored Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, Sunday, Sept. 15, on the occasion of his silver anniversary as editor of *Worship* magazine.

Father Godfrey was similarly honored at the recent 24th annual Liturgical Week convention in Philadelphia.

Father Gerald Sloyan, chairman of the religious education department at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., delivered the sermon at the conventual Mass celebrated by Father Godfrey. In his sermon Father Sloyan made reference to the many qualities Father Godfrey has displayed as "outstanding teacher, editor, priest and friend."

Father Godfrey has gone to Rome to serve as a member in a pool of theological experts for the Second Vatican Council. In this capacity he will assist the bishops as consultant on religious matters.



<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33498/show/33494>1963-09-27-0-001

Godfrey-Councilend001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives; Godfrey on left
 Pope Paul VI became Pope after the 1963 death of John XXIII and the council was reconvened on Sept. 29, 1963



November
29, 1963

Letter from
Fr. Godfrey
to Abbot
Baldwin

"Some of us are hoping [the Holy Father] will agree to the suggestion that he himself, on Dec. 4, last day of Council, will concelebrate together with perhaps 15 or 20 bishops. We took up signatures to this effect from bps. during this morning's Council session. I collected 36..."

PAG Rome - Nov. 29 1963
Dear Father abbot -
Thanks much for your good letter, + all the news.
Things are rapidly drawing to a close here. There seems to be a sort of general feeling of let-down: just going through the motions, because not much of any consequence can still be expected before close.
Very likely, Holy Father, in pronouncing decree on liturgy, will declare that it will go into effect the first Sunday of Dec. (the commission asked time to be so) and some of us, moreover, are hoping he will also agree to the suggestion that he himself, on Dec. 4, last day of Council, will concelebrate together with perhaps 15 or 20 bishops. We took up signatures to this effect from bps. during this morning's Council session. I collected 36 - including Bp. Dvorak, Tracy (Mass.), O'Leary (Madison). It would be a wonderful concluding celebration of the unity of priesthood + sacrifice. Cardinal Ferraro presented the "petition" this p.m. - it had over 200 names - and so it goes -
Will be home within evening of Dec. 5 or morning of Dec. 6. (chartered flight to Chicago).
Have't seen Fr. Tolman very often - but know he's getting all the interviews he had hoped for - + more.
Sincerely - Godfrey

Godfrey-letter1963001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives – dated Nov. 29, 1963



August 1963

"St. John's Abbey was selected by the Post Conciliar Liturgical Commission as one of seven places in the world to participate in a study of concelebration."

THE REC

Official Newspaper of St. John's Un

Volume 77

Collegeville, Minnesota, Friday, August 28



FIVE CONCELEBRATED MASSES have been offered at St. John's since the Abbey was selected by the Post Conciliar Liturgical Commission as one of seven places in the world to participate in a study of concelebration. Above, 20 priests join to concelebrate a Solemn High Mass on the feast of the Assumption.

St. John's Selected for Concelebration Study

St. John's Abbey has been selected by the Post Conciliar Commission on the Liturgy as one of seven places in the world to experiment in a limited way with concelebration of the Mass, in which several priests join to offer the Mass. In the United States, St. John's alone was selected to participate in the study.

Five such concelebrated Masses have been offered at St. John's to date. Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, a *peritus* at the Second Vatican Council, reports that "at the present we are permitted to offer one Mass

of the priesthood is appropriately manifested, has remained in use to this day in the Church both in the east and in the west. For this reason it has seemed good to the Council to extend permission for concelebration to the following cases:

1. a) on the Thursday of the Lord's Supper, not only at the Mass of Christ, but also at the evening Mass;
- b) at Masses during councils, bishops' conferences and synods;
- c) at the Mass for the blessing of an abbey.
2. Also, with permission of the

Former Student Dies

Daniel Magrino, a student here in 1962, and his mother were killed when their car was struck by another July 25 in Nyack, N.Y. He was teaching at Nyack Boys School, a private school there. He was an honor student while at St. John's, a Tri-College participant and poetry editor and contributor to the *Sketchbook*.

Boyle Named to Top ROTC Post

Col. William J. Boyle, an Airborne veteran and a 1939 graduate of West

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33388/show/33384>
1964-08-28-0-001



1964

“Since being excused from class work in order to accept speaking engagements following his recent return from the Vatican Council, Father Godfrey has found himself flooded with invitations...

In the Twin Cities speaking to St. John's alumni, he received the 1964 Alumni Service Award ...in recognition of his work in forthcoming liturgical revision...

In each of his talks he has pointed out that although approved, the liturgy of the Vatican Council still faces its severest task: that of implementation.”

Friday, February 14, 1964

Twin Cities Alumni Present Service Award to Fr. Godfrey

By Pat Barrett

Since being excused from class work in order to accept speaking engagements following his recent return from the Vatican Council, Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, has found himself flooded with invitations from area and national sources.

Already he has spoken in St. Louis to officers of the National Liturgical Conference, and in San Antonio, Texas, to 15 dioceses of the Southwest. In the Twin Cities speaking to St. John's alumni, Father received the 1964 Alumni Service Award. Given annually to the alumnus displaying outstanding service to St. John's, the award was presented to Father Godfrey in recognition of his work in forthcoming liturgical revision.

Addressing the American Episcopal Liturgical Commission in Philadelphia, Pa., Father discussed the choice of text for the interim period. Back in the Midwest, Father spoke to clergy of the Winona and Green Bay dioceses and the St. Cloud Chapter of St. John's alumni. In each of his talks he has pointed out that although approved, the liturgy of the Vatican Council still faces its severest task: that of implementation.

Liturgy Drawn Up
When the immediate preparatory

American Catholic Theological Society and the American Benedictine Academy, and is also chairman of the program committee of the National Liturgical Conference. Father has attended liturgical study meetings in Lugano, Switzerland; Louvain, Belgium; and Assisi, Italy.

Council Expert

At the opening of the second session of the Vatican Council last fall, Father Godfrey was once again in Rome—this time serving as *peritus*, or theological expert, at the service of the attending bishops. Assisting in this capacity, Father addressed the English speaking bishops the day before the voting on the Blessed Virgin schema, and was appointed consultant for the liturgical commission that considered suggestions by the Church Fathers prior to final liturgy promulgation.

Further Work

Presently Father Godfrey is an advisory member of the International Commission of English Speaking Bishops collaborating on a plan to produce a uniform English text for the breviary and missal and other liturgical books. This particular committee also took up the advisability of a uniform, common Bible and discussed the “theory question” for the reformed Mass.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33423/show/33420>
1964-02-14-0-002



Fall 1964

Fr. Aelred Tegels (and others) also speak about Vatican II

Superiors Hear Monk's Speech On Vatican II

Father Aelred Tegels, OSB, of the seminary faculty, addressed the major religious superiors of the United States at their annual meeting early this month. The meeting was held at St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colo.

Father discussed the Sacred Constitution on the Liturgy of Vatican Council II, and its implications and implementation.

Father Aelred received his License in Historical Science from the University of Louvain in 1958. In 1960 he received his certificate at the Institut Supérieur de Liturgie, Paris. Since his return to St. John's in 1960 he has taught church history



and liturgy in the school of divinity and in the graduate school of theology.

Father Aelred will give a series of three day lectures to the United States Air Force chaplains this fall. These Professional Development Conferences, sponsored by the Chief of Chaplains, USAF, are designed to broaden the background of the chaplain and aid him in his work.

A former Air Force chaplain (1951-1955), Father Aelred will lecture on the liturgy at the four ses-

Friday, September 18, 1964

'Worship' Editors Divide Up Tasks

The reorganization of the editorial staff of *Worship* magazine was announced Sept. 14.

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, editor since 1938, has been given the new position of editor-in-chief. In this post he will assist the editorial board in their deliberations and help in contacting writers, securing articles and establishing policies.

At the same time he will be freed from much of the editing detail and have more time for speaking engagements and for his tasks as *peritus* of Vatican II and consultant of the Post-Conciliar Commission on the Liturgy.

THE NEW EDITOR is Father Aelred Tegels, OSB, a member of the St. John's Seminary faculty. He has a licentiate in history from Louvain, Belgium, and will complete his doctoral work in 1965. As editor, Father Aelred will have the decisive voice in planning the aims and content of *Worship* and will chair meetings of the editorial board.

The actual month-to-month production of the magazine will be the responsibility of Father Michael

Marx, OSB, another member of the St. John's Seminary faculty. Father Michael has a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Sant Anselmo in Rome and a licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Assisting him will be Father Meinrad Dindorf, OSB.

Since the promulgation of the decree on the Sacred Liturgy, the subscriptions to *Worship* have risen from 11,000 to 21,000. A large number of recent subscribers have been non-Catholic clergymen.

Fr. Godfrey and Fr. Aelred share *Worship* editing duties.

Since Vatican II's decree on the Sacred Liturgy, "subscriptions have risen from 11,000 to 21,000."

- <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33388/show/33385>
1964-08-28-0-002
- <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33288/show/33286>
1964-09-18-0-003



November 1964

Fr. Godfrey returns home with American bishops aboard the *Vulcania* after the 3rd session of the Second Vatican Council



Godfrey-1964onboat001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives; the third period ended on Nov. 21, 1964.

Black & white version in *A Monk's Tale: a Biography of Godfrey Diekmann*, p.228



December 1964
Changes are coming!

For the first time the priest recited parts of the Mass in English rather than Latin.

"Most of the changes cannot be made immediately because the people are not ready for them."

The Record

Student Newspaper of St. John's University

Volume 77

Collegeville, Minnesota, Thursday, December 10, 1964

Number 16

Advent Brings Revised Liturgy

Students View Mass Changes

By John Barnett

The First Sunday of Advent marked the beginning not only of a new Church year but also a new era in the Catholic Church. For the first time the priest recited parts of the Mass in English rather than the traditional Latin.

Some see the new liturgy as the first step toward an eventual complete vernacular recitation, discarding the "masses" of the Mass; some are in favor and welcome the change, others with everything would be left the way it was.

Father David McDarby, ODS, said, "I can understand some older people not wanting the change. For many of them, their faith has become habitual, which is certainly not a bad thing. The Latin tradition has taken on a sacred meaning for them and they feel the change is unnecessary."

VARIOUS STUDENTS on campus had different ideas. Steve Asher: "I didn't really pay that much attention this past Sunday. I guess the change has been coming gradually here at St. John's for years and it's effect on me is slight."

Jim Strom: "I can't see it because they're going to change it again."

A visitor: "The service is stands in, of course, it's a what it used to be."



BISHOP PETER W. BARTHOLOMÉ, DD

Bishop Cites Problems Of Liturgical Reforms

By Tom Seger

Bishop Peter W. Bartholomé, DD, bishop of the St. Cloud Diocese, returned home shortly after the close of the third session of the Vatican Council. For more than two months he had attended sessions with the rest of the bishops of the world at which the future of the Catholic Church was being greatly influenced.

On Dec. 3 the Bishop granted an hour-long interview to Tom Seger and Bill Frankman, *Record* staff members, during which he explained some of the new rulings promulgated by the Council and the effect they will have on the St. Cloud Diocese.

The main topics discussed at the third session were the role of the missions, the training of priests and religious, the sacrament of marriage, the Blessed Virgin, the pastoral duty of bishops, and ecumenism.

THREE SCHEMATA were completed and formally drawn up. These concern the nature of the Church, ecumenism and the Oriental Church. These three schemata are available in Latin at the present time, but an approved English translation is due.

Advent) was not too favorable. So you cannot go out and do the whole thing at one time. My main interest is to get the people to adopt the changes and do them well.

"There are also administrative difficulties that the enthusiastic young don't realize. We cannot allow architectural changes because of the financial implications. The cost would prohibit turning all our altars around and tearing out the communion rails."

Not Mandatory

"And we should read carefully the constitution on the liturgy from Rome. It does not order changes, it merely permits them. Nothing is mandatory except the vernacular in the Low Mass. The same thing is true of the Mass in English."

"There are also administrative difficulties that the young don't realize. We cannot allow architectural changes because of the financial implications. The cost would prohibit turning all our altars around and tearing out the communion rails."

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33468/show/33464>
1964-12-10-0-001



August 1963

Luckily, St. John's had already turned its altar around, thanks to Breuer.

THE REC

Official Newspaper of St. John's Un

Volume 77

Collegeville, Minnesota, Friday, August 28



FIVE CONCELEBRATED MASSES have been offered at St. John's since the Abbey was selected by the Post Conciliar Liturgical Commission as one of seven places in the world to participate in a study of concelebration. Above, 20 priests join to concelebrate a Solemn High Mass on the feast of the Assumption.

St. John's Selected for Concelebration Study

St. John's Abbey has been selected by the Post Conciliar Commission on the Liturgy as one of seven places in the world to experiment in a limited way with concelebration of the Mass, in which several priests join to offer the Mass. In the United States, St. John's alone was selected to participate in the study.

Five such concelebrated Masses have been offered at St. John's to date. Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, a *peritus* at the Second Vatican Council, reports that "at the present we are permitted to offer one Mass

of the priesthood is appropriately manifested, has remained in use to this day in the Church both in the east and in the west. For this reason it has seemed good to the Council to extend permission for concelebration to the following cases:

1. a) on the Thursday of the Lord's Supper, not only at the Mass of Christ, but also at the evening Mass;
- b) at Masses during councils, bishops' conferences and synods;
- c) at the Mass for the blessing of an abbey.
2. Also, with permission of the

Former Student Dies

Daniel Magrino, a student here in 1962, and his mother were killed when their car was struck by another July 25 in Nyack, N.Y. He was teaching at Nyack Boys School, a private school there. He was an honor student while at St. John's, a Tri-College participant and poetry editor and contributor to the *Sketchbook*.

Boyle Named to Top ROTC Post

Col. William J. Boyle, an Airborne veteran and a 1939 graduate of West

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33388/show/33384>
1964-08-28-0-001



1965

Efforts begin in earnest to introduce students and monks to the changes



FATHER Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, discussed inside news from the Vatican Council Jan. 10 in St. Thomas Hall Lounge.

Meetings to Discuss, Renew Monastic Life

The Benedictine community of St. John's Abbey has embarked on a long-range program of monastic re-evaluation and renewal in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and patterned on the procedures used there.

On March 9 as many of the 390 monks of St. John's as possible will gather in the Chapter House for the first discussion of Schema IV entitled "The Formation of the Monk."

In naming a Committee on the Monastic Life under the chairmanship of Father Prior Berthold Ricker, OSB, last fall, Abbot Baldwin Dworschak, OSB, wrote to his monks:

"There is no doubt in my mind that the Second Vatican Council is a God-inspired means of bringing about a new era in monasticism. It can become a great stimulus for growth of every kind, for deepening our faith in religious life as a vocation, and for making our regular observance vital and joyful. Without losing or setting aside what is truly Benedictine, we would like to capture the new spirit in the liturgy, in holy scripture and in religious formation."

The Committee on Monastic Life received ideas and suggestions from the entire community and then prepared the texts of four schemata:

- I. The Nature of the Life and Spirit of the Monks of St. John's.
- II. Adaptation of Our Life and Our Various Apostolates.
- III. The Government of the Monastery and Intragroup Relationships.
- IV. The Formation of the Monk.

These schemata will serve as the basis for the general discussions. Members who cannot be present have been urged to send their com-

may even be some months before they come up for discussion.

"Anselm Hall as a separate place and program for pre-divinity students in the college is to be abolished. Students who express a desire for the monastic life and have an interest and academic fitness for college work are to live in the college dormitories and are to be integrated fully into the life and activities of the college student body under the jurisdiction and the discipline of the college prefects. A candidate or a student who becomes a candidate, however, will be identified as such to his prefects.

"There will be one principal advisor or counselor, a priest, for all candidates, whose function it will be to provide for their academic and spiritual guidance.

"The academic program of a candidate will lead to the bachelor of arts degree in any field commensurate with his interests and abilities, providing that it includes a core of philosophy and theology courses to be determined later.

"Application to the novitiate by those who look forward to the priesthood will normally be made after completion of the four-year college program, though anyone can apply earlier if he is judged ready to do so.

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33535/show/33533>

1965-01-14-0-003

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33503/show/33499>

1965-02-25-0-001



1965

One outcome:
a halt to the two-year
segregation of
Anselmites from the
other students.

“The forces that are closing the gap
between Catholic and Protestant also
seem to be trying to close the gap
between priest and layman.

The St. John's student can only hope
that the upcoming monastic
discussions will lead to the spread of
the Anselmites from their separate
dormitories into the mainstream of
regular college life.”

The Record Feb. 25, 1965, p. 2
Editor Tom Super

Page 2

CLOSING THE GAP

The interior reforming ferment of the Catholic Church, a ferment given impetus by the late Pope John XXIII's calling of the Second Vatican Council, is continually watched with an increasing curiosity and wonder on the part of both Catholics and Protestants alike. The somewhat bigoted, but nevertheless widespread, idea that the Catholic Church operates under a system of traditional legalism is gradually being eradicated, or at least counterbalanced, by the Council-inspired idea of interorganizational re-evaluation. St. John's Abbey has taken up this theme of interior re-evaluation with its plan for discussions of four schemata dealing with different aspects of monastic life.

Among the points that will be discussed sometime in the future is a proposed halt to the traditional two-year segregation of Anselmites from the general body of college students. The point is greatly stressed that no final decisions have been made and, in fact, the discussion itself may be a long way in the future. But the overriding point remains: once again serious thought and open discussion will be focused on the abolition of Anselm Hall. Once again the idea bubbles to the surface that responsible men are re-evaluating the role of the seminarian during his educative years.

These trends cannot help but be noticed and appreciated and commented upon by any normally perceptive college student—especially at St. John's. The relationships between the “regular” student body and Anselmites and diocesan seminarians have lately been topics of increasing concern. Student-directed retreat discussions investigated the problem of campus prejudices toward the seemingly unusual pre-divinity students. Diocesan seminarians have often expressed their increasing awareness of a need for earlier and stronger inter-relationships with future Catholic laymen. The forces that are closing the gap between Catholic and Protestant also seem to be trying to close the gap between priest and layman.

So the St. John's student can only hope that the upcoming monastic discussions will eventually lead to the spread of the Anselmites from their separate dormitories into the mainstream of regular college life. For the St. John's student is continually hammered with the fact that as a layman he must take a more active role in the affairs of the Church. The growing lay apostolate and growing lay participation in the revived liturgy are good examples of this. It should then be no surprise to a St. John's monk when he sees that at least a few St. John's students are vitally interested in the upcoming discussions, not only because of the overall implications of a vital monastic life, but also because they hope this is the first step toward a much-needed strengthening of lay student-seminarian communication on the college

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33503/show/33500>
1965-02-25-0-002



On Vatican II's draft concerning the renovation of religious attire, Larry Haeg quotes a news release from journalist Lowell Thomas concerning "contemporary fashion for clerics":

"There have been few adaptations on the part of the orders of men that wear monastic garb...not much different from the dress of medieval founders of the orders."

Vatican II might just be depriving the priest of his most effective piece of material by altering the robe and making him one of us, which he is not.

Lois Lane doesn't know it but Clark Kent is helpless without his red cloak."

Page 2

The Re

THINK PINK

SUPERMAN'S CLOAK



WITH LARRY HAEG

THE PRIEST I MET in J. F. Power's *Morte D'Urban* will always hold a personal plot of cardiac muscle in the catacombs of my heart. It seems that he was just a little bit too human and peculiar to suit a major percentage of the Church's hierarchy and maybe that's why I sympathize with him.

Prior to that encounter I had envisioned the average Father Duffy as a poised and confident man, striding briskly to his mahogany foxhole and the confessional wars, chewing the chilet and dropping a sly wink at one of the nuns in the first pew. A lot of my respect for the man was rooted in the hypnotic swish of his robe. There was something about a full-length black cassock, flapping defiantly in a stiff October breeze, that used to just radiate impregnability. It didn't really matter if this particular Father Duffy weighed 240 pounds, stood 6-6 and sucked a frayed stoggie or was a frail 5-3, 110 pounds with lean, skeletal cheek bones and delicate blue veined hands. When he donned his black habit he was Superman and I would always imagine a bright red triangle "SP" on his scapular frontpiece. At a ball park in a flannel check shirt, patched corderoys and a giant dixie cup of Grain Belt in his hand, it was a different story.

When I heard of Vatican II's "Schema A Draft" on renovation of religious attire, a small piece of *Morte D'Urban* titillated a cardiac muscle.

For a sizable portion of a year I have been suspiciously hesitant about applauding the Council's decisions, but rather submissively agreeing with its handsomely progressive conclusions—more or less surmising that the Divine had full control of the situation.

LOWELL THOMAS ran through the Vatican announcement in his usual insouciant tones, treating it as a human interest incident out of Helena, Mont.: "There have been few adaptations on the part of the orders of men that wear monastic garb. The brown-robed, barefoot Franciscans, for example, have not changed their garb to suit the contemporary fashion for clerics. The white-robed Dominicans, and Trinitarians like the black-habited Servites and brown-robed Carmelites, continue to wear scapular and cowl and flowing cape, not much different from the dress of medieval founders of the orders."

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33621/show/33614>
1965-10-18-0-002



October 1965

Abbot Baldwin
Dworschak
represents the
Abbey at
Vatican II

Meanwhile, back in Rome...



A DIFFERENT KIND OF PROGRESSIVE STEP

Rt. Rev. Baldwin W. Dworschak, OSB (left center), of St. John's Abbey, is shown in a recent photo taken outside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Accompanying him are two Benedictine Abbots, Rt. Rev. Jerome Weber, OSB (left), of St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Rt. Rev. David Melancon, OSB, of St. Joseph's Abbey in St. Benedict, La. As the newly-elected president of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictines, Abbot Baldwin represents the congregation at the Vatican Council. (For a sidelight to the Council see "Think Pink," page 2)

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33621/show/33613>
1965-10-18-0-001



November 1965

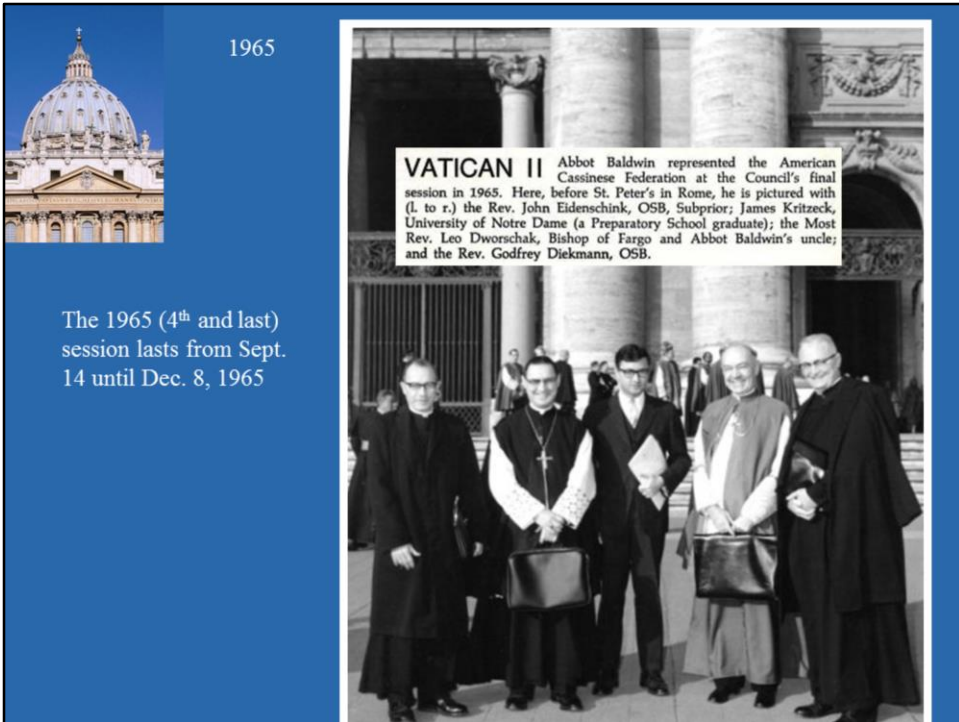
Nearing the end



Conventus de popularibus interpretationibus
textuum liturgicorum

Romae, 9-13 novembris 1965 - Palazzo della Cancelleria

Godfrey-VaticanII001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives
In Rome Nov. 9-13, 1965



Godfrey-CouncilGroup001.jpg SJU Archives, from Abbey Archives – caption from <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SJUArchives/id/6912/show/6865> 1965 Summer 1971 *Alumni Magazine*, p. 4
The 1965 (4th and last) session went from Sept. 14 until Dec. 8, 1965



Father Abbot Analyzes Council Reforms

By John Muellerkelle
 Not many months ago the community of St. John's as well as 18 other Benedictine communities in the United States were represented at the Second Vatican Council. Having been elected to the position of president of the American Cassinese Congregation last June, Abbot Baldewin Dworschak, OSB, was entitled to a

vernacular in the liturgy, a more understandable liturgy and a new stress on religious liberty."
 Others whom the abbot met were Cardinal Hennen of Wisconsin and Abbot Christopher Butler, the president of the English Benedictines, and Cardinal Albareda, head of the Vatican Library.
 Eleven of the 16 schemas or decrees

and representation in Rome. The ultimate effect of the synod lies in the restoration of the pastoral office of bishops. Currently it has been called by the Pope to continue the work of the Council on a smaller scale.
 The decree on the constitution of the liturgy has effectively brought about many changes which we are

actively witnessing. The overall objective of this decree is the involvement of the laity in the public worship of the Church. An example of deen's effect is the layman's active participation to promote the sacredness among all who believe. BUT THE LAYMAN must extend participation beyond the liturgy, a decree on the apostolate of the laity urges Catholics to take a distinct part in the apostolic activity as people of God and in the functioning of the local parish.

another Council within the next few years." In the past Council we have taken the first step; we must now continue in light of what has happened. As Pope Paul VI stated, "This Council has planted the seed. We must wait for the good fruit."



VATICAN II IN RETROSPECT

Record feature editor John Muellerkelle talks with Abbot Baldewin Dworschak, OSB, on the reaction to and effect of the Vatican Council. Father Abbot, who attended the Council in October, was greeted by the Pope (see picture page 6) and was one of over 2,000 prelates of the world to reform Church doctrine. (For Muellerkelle's report, see page 6.

the decree on the constitution of the liturgy has effectively brought about many changes which we are actively witnessing. The overall objective of this decree is the involvement of the laity in the public worship of the Church. An example of deen's effect is the layman's active participation to promote the sacredness among all who believe. BUT THE LAYMAN must extend participation beyond the liturgy, a decree on the apostolate of the laity urges Catholics to take a distinct part in the apostolic activity as people of God and in the functioning of the local parish.



A PAPAL GREETING

Abbot Baldewin Dworschak, OSB, here in audience with the Holy Father, discusses ecclesiastical problems and advances in light of the American culture

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33554/show/33546>

1966-01-20-001

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33554/show/33551>

1966-01-20-006



1966

Father Godfrey Gets Theo Award

Father Godfrey Diekmann, OSB, member of the seminary theology faculty, recently received the 1965 Cardinal Spellman Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America. The award, won by such others as Father John Courtney Murray, was presented by the cardinal at the society's headquarters in New York.

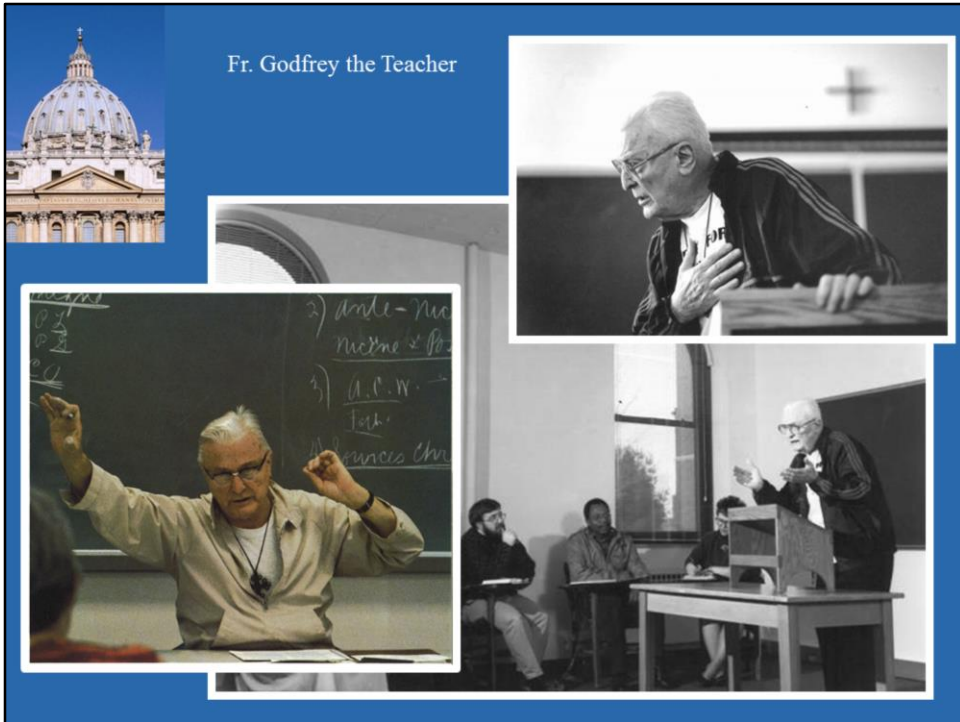
The editor of *Worship*, an internationally known journal that often sponsors new approaches to the liturgy, Father Godfrey has been particularly active as a *peritus* of Vatican Council II and as a lecturer on ecumenical topics in this country and abroad.



<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/33545/show/33542>

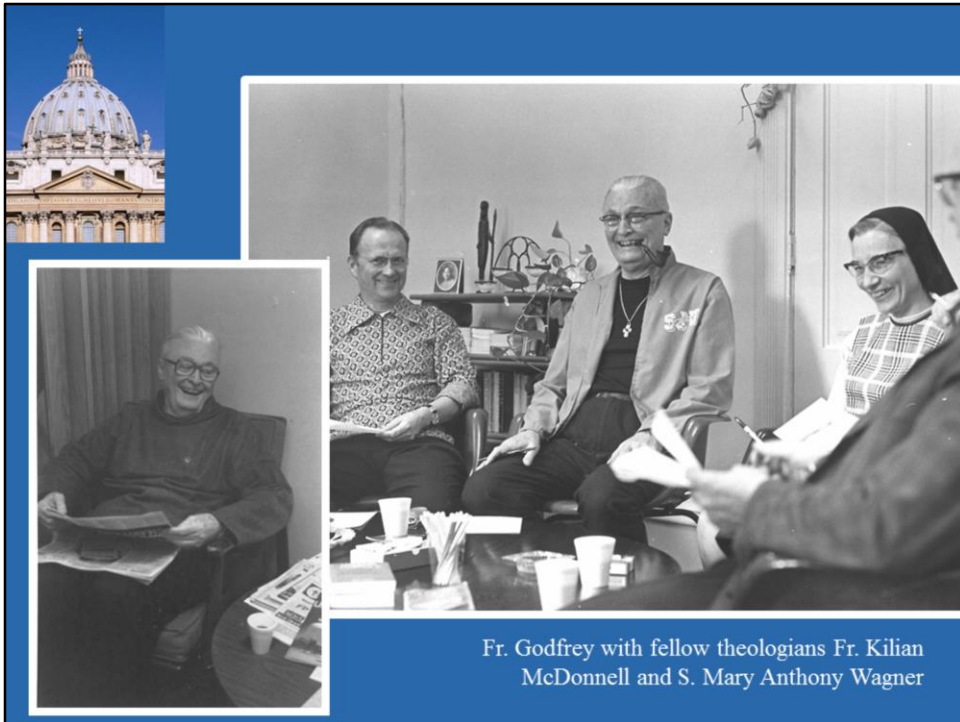
1966-05-27-0-002

Diekmann, Godfrey portrait - SJU Archives People File




Fr. Godfrey the Teacher

Diekmann, Godfrey teaching in Emmaus Hall, SJU Archives 10/37-38: 76/4
Diekmann, Godfrey teaching close-up, SJU Archives 10/37-38: 76/4
Color photo from a promotional booklet, undated



Fr. Godfrey with fellow theologians Fr. Kilian McDonnell and S. Mary Anthony Wagner

Diekmann, Godfrey with McDonnell and Wagner SJU Archives 103/2: 1-115
Diekmann, Godfrey reading newspaper SJU Archives 103/2: 1-062



Fr. Godfrey, Eugene McCarthy and J. F. Powers

Originally compiled in November/December 2013 from resources in the Archives of CSB, SJU and St. John's Abbey by Peggy Landwehr Roske, CSB/SJU Archivist.

An abridged version was presented to the SJU Administrative Assembly in February 2015.

All rights reserved.

Diekmann, Godfrey with Eugene McCarthy and J.F. Powers
SJU Archives People File