



## Upcoming events on campus:

Today, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our **end-of-term banquet** at which 19 of our students will be recognized as degree candidates as they complete their programs of study. Commencement is at 2 p.m. in the Abbey Church on May 10.

May 27-30 visit our booth at the **NALM conference** in St. Paul, MN. Claim your special prize as one of the first five alums to stop by! Register for the conference to support our speakers, including faculty members Miguel Díaz, Jeff Kaster, and Barbara Sutton and student Laura Kelly Fanucci, and the monks of Saint John's Abbey, who are receiving the *Gaudium et Spes* Award from NALM at the conference. Registration information is at <http://www.nalm.org/>.



May 29 is our last **Theology Day** for the academic year. Come hear Dr. Jon Armajani on the topic "What is Political Islam?" Due to a scheduled power outage at SJU, the event will take place at the College of Saint Benedict. Visit <http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/events/TheologyDay.htm> for more information and to register.

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m., Abbot John Klassen, OSB '67, will **bless and dedicate the refurbished Stella Maris Chapel**. Attending requires a three-mile round trip hike over relatively rugged trails. A minimum of 30 minutes should be allowed for a one-way trip. The chapel's facelift has taken shape over the last four years. Following the blessing and dedication, a light lunch will be served for those in attendance.

Summer classes begin June 15<sup>th</sup> and end July 24<sup>th</sup>. The summer class schedule is available at [www.csbsju.edu/sot/summer](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/summer). For more information contact the Director of Admission at [sotadmission@csbsju.edu](mailto:sotadmission@csbsju.edu), 320-363-2102 or 800-361-8318.



July 19-25 The School of Theology-Seminary *Conversatio* Lifelong Learning program will host a retreat at the Collegetown Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research titled: **Praying With Imagination: A Retreat With *The Saint John's Bible***. For more information, visit <http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/specialprograms/imagination.htm> or contact Cindy Maile at [cmaile@csbsju.edu](mailto:cmaile@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-2612.

June 28 – July 2 The 24<sup>th</sup> annual **Monastic Institute's** theme is "Household Economics: Simplicity and Sustainability in Community." The institute will feature speakers such as John E. Carroll, S. Elizabeth Wagner, and Abbot John Klassen, OSB, and such topics as organic farming, sustainable community life, and stewardship and sustainable living. For more information or to register, visit [www.csbsju.edu/sot/events/MonasticInstitute](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/events/MonasticInstitute) or contact Bernadette Dunn at [bdunn@csbsju.edu](mailto:bdunn@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-2839.



## Youth in Theology and Ministry—spread the word!

Do you know any high school students who love being Catholic? Tell them to check out YTM! YTM, affectionately called "God Camp" by many youth participants, is a camp for high school youth who want to more deeply understand and live out their Catholic Christian faith. This year's camp takes place from June 14-27, 2009. There are still some openings. Encourage all young people you know to apply! Information is online at [http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/ytm/youth\\_application.htm](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/ytm/youth_application.htm).



## Collegetown Conference on Music, Liturgy, and Theology: The Church in Change—Hope and Creativity

Practice in post-Conciliar years has evolved toward a diverse worship style and a multiplicity of resources. In recent years, directions and currents suggesting some changes in the liturgy, liturgical music, and roles of ministers and assemblies have emerged. This summer's conference, to be held July 20-23, will examine the questions raised by these changes. There will also be sessions for choral reading, organ, voice, piano, and hand bells. Brief applied lessons in organ, piano, voice, and guitar will be offered. Prayer celebrations include Compline, Evening Prayer and a Conference Eucharist in Saint John's Abbey Church. There will also be social occasions to relax, reflect and enjoy one another's company. Dr. Kim Kasling and Dr. Lynn Trapp are the conference's co-directors. Presenters include Fr. Michael Joncas; S. Sheila Browne, RSM; and Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB. For more information or to register, visit [www.litpress.org/music\\_conference](http://www.litpress.org/music_conference) or contact Bernadette Dunn at [bdunn@csbsju.edu](mailto:bdunn@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-2839.

## School of Theology-Seminary reunion & retreat: October 2 – 5, 2009 (save the date!)

This year we are thinking of trying something different from the usual summer reunion in August. One of the opportunities we would like to offer our alums is a brief respite from their usual routine, so we are in the early stages of planning an extended weekend retreat. As part of that extended weekend we hope to have our alums sit in on an SOT-Sem class of their choosing, join the students and faculty for Eucharistic Liturgy at 11:30 on Monday in the Emmaus chapel, and join us for lunch in the Emmaus dining room. One of the greatest gifts our alums can give to our current students is to share their stories of life beyond Saint John's. So save the date; more details will be forthcoming. If you have suggestions for the weekend, please contact Bernadette Dunn at [bdunn@csbsju.edu](mailto:bdunn@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-2839.

## Alum Awards

Several years ago, at the first Alumni/ae Association meeting, we established two awards for our alums. However, for the past two years, we have put the awards on the back burner as we regrouped and organized an alum coordinator position. Before we can reactivate the awards, we need some volunteers willing to review nominations and select recipients. Then we need the entire alumni/ae community to review the purpose and criteria of each award and offer nominations. We welcome all your thoughts and suggestions on this project. Please contact Bernadette Dunn at [bdunn@csbsju.edu](mailto:bdunn@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-2839.

## Show your alum pride!

Now available at the Saint John's University Bookstore:  
School of Theology-Seminary T-shirts and mugs!



To shop online, visit <http://www.csbsju.edu/bookstore/SchoolOfTheology.htm>. As part of a special introductory offer, alums can save 20% on selected textbooks purchased online from now until July 31. Enter the code SOT20 to get a 20% discount off all trade books and SOT020 to get 20% off all the textbooks purchased. If this new adventure proves successful, we may be able to expand the selection of items to include such things as sweatshirts, scarves, etc. Let us know what you think! Call 320-363-2839 or e-mail [bdunn@csbsju.edu](mailto:bdunn@csbsju.edu).