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Newsletter from Dean Cieply | OCTOBER 2014



GREETINGS!

Ave Maria School of Law Named A "Best Law School" by The Princeton Review and Number One on the "Most Conservative Students" List

I am very pleased to announce Ave Maria School of Law has been named one of the nation's most outstanding law schools, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features the school in the new 2015 edition of its annual book, "The Best 169 Law Schools"

On September 24, Ave Maria School of Law held the Inauguration of its third President and Dean Kevin Cieply. To view a video of the day's events, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 21
Latino Law Student Association Presentation
Judge Peter F. Estrada
Highlands County Circuit Judge
Florida's 10th Judicial Circuit
St. Thomas More Commons
12:20 p.m.

Thursday, October 30
The Federalist Society Student Division

Ave Maria School of Law is also one of 70 schools in the book that appear on one or more of the book's ranking lists. It is number one on the "Most Conservative Students" list.

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review Senior VP-Publisher, "We recommend Ave Maria School of Law as one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn a law school degree. We chose the 169 schools we profile in this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and our reviews of institutional data we collect from the schools. We also solicited and greatly respect the opinions of students attending these schools who reported on their experiences at their schools on our 80-question student survey for the book."

The Princeton Review's survey asked 19,500 students at the 169 law schools their opinions of their school's academics, student body and campus life as well as about themselves and their career plans.



Ave Maria School of Law Welcomes New Chaplain

I am pleased to share with you that Monsignor Frank C. McGrath has joined Ave Maria School of Law as our new Chaplain. He is offering daily Mass on campus at 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

A native of New Britain and raised in Stratford, Connecticut, Monsignor McGrath attended St. James Grammar School, Notre Dame High School, St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he

Presentation

"Child, Victim, or Prostitute?
Justice through Immunity for
Prostituted Children"
Ms. Tessa Dysart
Assistant Professor, Regent
University School of Law
St. Thomas More Commons
12:20 p.m.

Thursday, October 30

A Faith and Reason Signature Event

Featuring Ambassador Francis
Rooney
Former U.S. Ambassador to
the Holy See
St. Thomas More Commons
7:00 p.m.



Tuesday, November 11

A Faith and Reason Signature Event

Featuring Dr. Henry C. Lee
One of the World's Foremost
Forensic Scientists
The Club at the Strand
7:00 p.m.

received the Masters in Divinity. He was ordained for the Diocese of Bridgeport in 1970.

His assignments include parochial vicar at St. Augustine Cathedral, St. Cecilia, Director of the Charismatic Renewal, Chaplain of Cathedral Girls High School in Bridgeport, Director of Clergy Personnel, Administrator of St. Mary Church Ridgefield, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace, Pastor of St. John in Darien and Chaplain for Legatus.

In 1977, Bishop Curtis granted Monsignor McGrath leave to serve the Charismatic Renewal Movement in Belgium and in the United States. At the invitation of Cardinal Suenens, he served the International Communications Office for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Brussels and the Word of God Covenant Community in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he became pastor of Christ the King, a personal parish of the Diocese of Lansing. While serving in the Charismatic Renewal, Monsignor McGrath gave retreats and conferences in Australia, the Philippines, Sweden, Copenhagen, Italy and Germany.

In 1993, Monsignor McGrath returned to the Diocese of Bridgeport and became pastor of Assumption Church in Westport. After extensive physical and pastoral restoration of that parish, he was appointed by Cardinal Egan to the position of Director of Clergy Personnel, a position he held from 1999 to 2006. He most recently served as pastor of St. John, Darien, from 2006 to 2014.

Monsignor McGrath has served as fire chaplain since 1990. He received training at the Detroit Fire Department and served as chaplain for fifteen mutual aid fire departments in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Most recently, he was the Westport Fire Department Chaplain and Westport Police chaplain. He also is closely related with the renowned Rescue Company 1 of the New York City Fire Department, where he serves as chaplain. He was with Rescue 1 at Ground Zero the day after the collapse of the World Trade Towers. Rescue 1 lost 11 of its members. Monsignor McGrath assisted in the funerals and counseling of firefighters and



Friday, December 5
Queen of Heaven Ball
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



Friday, May 1
Estate Planning Conference
Ave Maria School of Law



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family members. He remains in frequent contact with members of Rescue 1 and often rides with Rescue 1 in Manhattan.

Please join me in welcoming Monsignor (and his dog Driver!) to the AMSL family.



(Pictured left to right): Scott Ballard, Class of 2016; Nancy Nevarez-Myrick, Class of 2016; Monsignor Frank C. McGrath, Chaplain; Danica Sun, Class of 2015; and Mary Kanowsky, Class of 2016.

AMSL New York Event

I had the honor of meeting friends, alumni and supporters of Ave Maria School of Law from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut in October. My thanks to Moira and Jim Fennessey for hosting the event and to Maria Guerin '03 for her inspiring presentation.



Moira and Jim Fennessey



Maria Guerin

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Deadline for submissions to be considered for inclusion in the Dean's Newsletter is the first day of each month.

Dr. Mario Enzler, Former Swiss Guard of Saint Pope John Paul II, presents “Authentic Christian Leadership”

By Associate Professor Mark H. Bonner

Ave Maria School of Law was treated to an inspiring insight into St. John Paul II on October 10 by one of the Pope's own Swiss Guards: Dr. Mario Enzler. Dr. Enzler, now a practicing attorney and Headmaster of New England Classical Academy in Claremont, New Hampshire, shared personal reminiscences about the Holy Father, woven into a call for Catholic leadership.

Dr. Enzler showed his Italian/Swiss heritage in delivering his exuberant remarks and received numerous friendly questions from the students and hearty applause at the close of his remarks.

Dr. Enzler related that, during his duties as a Swiss Guard, he met and conversed with global dignitaries including Ronald Reagan, George Bush, the Dalai Lama, Mother Theresa...and Yasser Arafat. Mother Theresa told him that she and the Pope had discussed proclaiming the Gospel to all the world.

Once, while Dr. Enzler was standing guard duty in the Vatican late at night, the Pope passed him, receiving the proper military salute. The Pope stopped, walked up to him, and handed him a rosary, saying “Mario, the rosary is my favorite prayer, marvelous in its simplicity and profundity. Take this rosary and make good use of it.”

On another occasion, Swiss Guard Enzler passed the Holy Father's chapel, again late at night and saw, through the open door, the St. John Paul II deep in prayer; his head resting against his hand which was pressed against the tabernacle. Quietly moving away, Dr. Enzler was invited that morning to be one of only six persons at the Pope's Mass. Later that day, the Pope spoke to him, inviting him to join him the next time he passed by late at night while he was at prayer.

During his address, Dr. Enzler emphasized the need for consistency between faithfulness to God and one's actions in real life, of aligning our personal actions with our faith.

Leadership, he said, begins with ourselves and requires acknowledging those around us. He spoke of the need for metanoia (a change of heart and mind; part of Christian conversion), and outlined that included in this process are the concepts of integrity, authenticity, joy, dignity in work, hope, and optimism; all with a view toward adapting, prospering, and growing as Catholic leaders.



Dr. Mario Enzler and Associate Professor Mark Bonner visit following Dr. Enzler's presentation at Ave Maria School of Law. Professor Bonner introduced Dr. Enzler to the audience.

Nominations for Alumni Association

Board of Directors Election Now Open

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Alumni Association Board of Directors Election. The upcoming election will be for the officer positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, each with a two-year term, and three chair positions, each with a four-year term. The nomination period will close at 11:59 p.m. EDT on October 31.

Voting via electronic ballot will be opened at the Annual General Meeting at 12:00 p.m. EST on Saturday, November 15, and will close at 11:59 p.m. EST on November 28.

I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for their service to the association and

the school. I encourage all of our alumni to attend the Annual General Meeting and to vote in the upcoming election. The support and involvement of our alumni are vital to the continued success of our law school.

Florida Bar Induction Ceremony Held

Congratulations to our alumni who took part in our Bar Induction Ceremony on Thursday, September 25. Thank you to The Honorable Hugh D. Hayes, Collier Circuit Judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit, who administered the Oath of Admission, and to our faculty, staff, alumni and the families who were able to join us for the event. It was an honor and a pleasure to witness these members of the AMSL family be admitted to the Florida Bar. On behalf of the entire Ave Maria School of Law community, we wish them all the best as they begin this new chapter in their lives.



(Pictured from left to right): Judge Hugh D. Hayes, Justin Reep, Joseph Tompkins, Carime Lee, Jaime Hewitt, Vito Roppo, Timothy McCann II, Mayra Talarico, Nadine Hildebrandt, Sarah Lefler, Philip DeLoach, Jonathan Jenkins, Joshua Molandes, Thomas Rectin and Lauren Perkins.

Knights of Columbus Student Organization Presents Constitution Day Event and Performs Service Project

Students at Ave Maria School of Law celebrated Constitution Day on September 17 in a unique way this year by playing a version of the

popular game show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.” Law students were questioned by Associate Professor Kevin Govern on facts about the Florida and United States Constitutions and given the opportunity to win prizes with their knowledge of American legal history. The event, in observance of the 227th anniversary of the United States Constitution, was presented by the Ave Maria School of Law’s Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas More Council.

The Knights of Columbus students also recently stained the wooden outdoor tables and chairs at the law school. This service project is one of many completed by the student organization each year. I want to thank the Knights of Columbus and their faculty advisor, Associate Professor Govern, for all of their work on behalf of the law school.



Ave Maria School of Law was founded in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1999 and in 2009 relocated to Naples, Florida. It is licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education, License Number 4007 and is fully accredited by the American Bar Association.

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