

I Go Before You Always

Before I moved to Boston for graduate school, I confided in my pastor that I was afraid of what lies ahead. I had only a few friends and was nervous about living in a new place. My pastor then reminded me of Moses' words to Joshua, who was about to lead the Israelites to the promised land after years of wandering. Sensing their fears about a future in a new place, Moses said "It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8). My pastor said that God had already gone ahead of me to Boston and was waiting to welcome me when I arrived.

God always goes before us in life. Fear and worry only occur when we imagine a future without God in it. Yet, such a future does not exist. There is no place or time where we cannot find God. Furthermore, just as God goes before us in life, so too does God go before us in death. Christ's death and resurrection are an assurance that God's redemptive love has opened the door to new life and that we need not fear even death itself. Truly, neither in the depths of despair, nor in death, there is no time or place where Christ's love cannot reach us. So be not afraid, Christ goes before us always! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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Father Holtschneider is Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic health system. Prior to this appointment, he served as president of DePaul University and as chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington D.C. A frequent writer and speaker on the topics of Sponsorship and Mission Integration, he co-founded the Boston College Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education in 2000 and annually teaches on its faculty.

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Baccalaureate Mass

Celebrate the Class of 2018!

As part of the Commencement celebration, it has been a longstanding tradition at Hilbert College to hold a Baccalaureate Mass in honor of the graduating class. It is my privilege to announce that this year's Mass will be held on **Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at 9:30 am**. The location is **Swan Auditorium** here on campus. Fr. William "Jud" Weiksnar, OFM, will be the celebrant.

If you are attending the Baccalaureate Mass, Administration and Trustees can assemble in the Honor's Lounge and faculty and staff can assemble in Paczesny Hall 140 at 9:00 am. In order to ensure that there is enough seating for family, the faculty and staff are asked to RSVP to reserve your seat. If you or a family member is in need of special assistance, please let me know.

All graduates of 2018 and their families are cordially invited and encouraged to attend this very special liturgy. Unlike the Commencement ceremony, they may bring as many guests as they wish to the Mass and tickets are not necessary. However, it is requested that they please RSVP to me at jpapia@hilbert.edu, by calling (716) 926-8924, or in Bogel 103D to indicate how many will attend. If they or a family member is in need of special assistance, they are asked to let me know.

Join others from the Hilbert community at this Baccalaureate Mass to give praise and thanks to God on the joyous day of Commencement!

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Keynote: Relationships by Timothy Johnson

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Dr. Timothy J. Johnson is the Craig and Audrey Thom Distinguished Professor of Religion at Flagler College. A senior Fulbright Scholar, he holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He is senior theology co-editor for Franciscan Studies and Chair of the Research Advisory Council of the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University. He has published numerous books and articles and his work has been translated into numerous languages. He serves on



the Roman Catholic Historical Committee charged with investigating the possible canonization of Antonio Cuipa and Companions. Twice nominated for the Carnegie Teaching Award, Dr. Johnson has taught in Europe and Africa and whenever possible, he leads study abroad tours to Italy and Yucatan. While his primary area of expertise is the history of Christian spirituality and theology, Dr. Johnson enjoys offering courses as diverse as Religion and Film and Contemporary Theological Thought.

Keynote:

Sacramentality by Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ

Professor of Philosophical Theology Franciscan School of Theology (Oceanside, CA)

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ingham, CSJ is currently Professor of Philosophical Theology at Franciscan School of Theology. She received the President's Fritz B. Burns Teaching Medal in 2000 when she was teaching at Loyola Marymount University. She was President of the American Catholic Philosophical Society in 2009, and serves on the Franciscan Institute summer faculty. Dr. Ingham was part of the organizing committee for the



"Quadruple Congress" in celebration of the 8th centenary of John Duns Scotus' death in 2008, and she edited the first volume: Duns Scotus, Philosopher (with Oleg Bychkov). Author of *The Philosophical Vision of John Duns Scotus: An Introduction, Scotus for Dunces: An Introduction to the Subtle Doctor,* and *The Harmony of Goodness: Mutuality and Moral Living According to John Duns Scotus,* she is hailed as a primary authority of Franciscan Scotistic thought.

Keynote:

Grounded in the Gospel by Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF

Former President for LCWR and the Dubuque Franciscans (Dubuque, IA)

Sister Nancy Schreck, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, IA, currently serves as the Program Director for Excel in Okolona, MS. She has served her congregation in formation ministry and in elected leadership, including as President from 2008 -2014. Additionally, Sister Nancy served in the Presidency of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious from 1994-1997, and as the United States Delegate to the Interna-



tional Union of Superiors General (UISG) from 2008-2011. She holds a M.A. degree from Boston College and a D.Min. from the Pacific School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. Sister Nancy is a frequent presenter both nationally and internationally.

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A New England Patriots fan dies and goes to heaven. He meets St. Peter, who praises him for being a good person and shows him his new house. It's big, covered in Patriots logos, and filled with team paraphernalia. He goes inside to find team photos and a large flat screen that plays endless amounts of Patriots games.

The Patriots fan asks, "Is this my house?!"

St. Peter says, "Yes! We know how much you love the Patriots so this is where you will live for eternity."

Joyfully, the Patriots fan exits the front door of the house to wish St. Peter farewell. Across the street, he notices an even bigger house that is covered in Buffalo Bills colors and filled with Bills paraphernalia. It's an enormous house, much bigger than his, with Buffalo Bills logos everywhere.

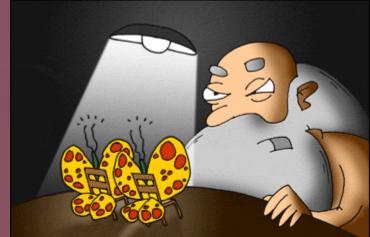
The Patriots fan says, "Wow, is that house for a Buffalo Bills fan?"

St. Peter says, "No, that is God's house."

Contributions Welcome!

If you'd like to write an article or share a story in Mission Monthly, contact Jeff Papia at jpapia@hilbert.edu





Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 06NOBODY IS LEAVING THIS ARK UNTIL YOU
TWO TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH THOSE
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