There are lots of “news” in the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries. First, we have three “new” people to help us out. While no one is really new to GPPM, they are all playing new roles. First, Dr. Gary Macy who teaches for the Program and is Chair of the Department of Religious Studies will now also be the new Director of the GPPM. Since GPPM has changed directors often in the last few years, you will be happy to know that this appointment will be for a four year term. It will be very hard to fill the shoes of Dr. William Dohar, the previous director, but as all you know, he is a terrific teacher, much in demand, both in Santa Clara and in Berkeley. So we have begged him to return to teaching full time. His acceptance of the invitation is good news for all his students, but GPPM will miss him very much as Director.

The second “new” person is our new Associate Director, Saralynn Ferrara. Everyone already knows Saralynn as the person who gets everything done. Now, Saralynn will be taking an even larger role in charge of student services, scheduling, marketing, academic advising, and generally running the Program.

The third “new” person is again someone most people in the Program know well. Our recent graduate, Lynne Lukenbill, will now be the person who will greet you on the phone or in person when you come to the GPPM offices. As Senior Administrative Assistant, Lynne will handle student questions, make appointments and help us with marketing and advertising.

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New Digs

The “news” does not end with personnel, however. We also have new offices. The cute little house on the southeast corner of Benton and Lafayette, 890 Benton Street, is the new GPPM home. “Home” is the correct word, too. It is a real home, with its own bath, kitchen, and even a fireplace.

New Approaches

GPPM has always been a pioneer, probably because that’s what our students are, always moving with the Church to minister to her present needs. This year GPPM will be the first program at Santa Clara University to offer almost all its courses online. That new word, “online,” can mean impersonal, but not the way GPPM does it. GPPM uses a great new program, zoom.us, that allows students wherever they are to join in the class as if they were there. They can ask questions, see the professor and other students and catch everything on the board or screen. Just in case a student misses something, the courses can be recorded and placed online for review. Of course, the best way to teach is for all of us to be in the same place at the same time, to talk and laugh and cry and pray together.

But GPPM is reaching out to other dioceses where people can’t always make it to the classroom, or can only do so once in a while. In Monterey, for instance, the GPPM class meets three times in a classroom during the quarter and the rest of the time, the class “meets” online. GPPM hopes to offer other dioceses the same opportunity in the future. Of course, this means that the ministry students in Monterey can talk with and get to know the ministry students in San Jose. With more dioceses joining the party, we can form a larger and larger community of ministers working together throughout the Southwest and perhaps beyond.

So, this new academic year brings many changes, but our purpose remains the same: to minister to the people of God and to each other with joy, and patience, and peace.
2013 - 2014 Bannan Institute Lecture Series

WHAT GOOD IS GOD?

Fall Quarter, 2013 - October

God and Culture: Secular and the Religious Good in Civil Society

The first amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibits any law respecting an establishment of religion or impeding the free exercise of religion. Yet, American civil society is saturated with anti-religious and religious sensibilities that often frame religious and secular goods as mutually subjugating. This quarter’s lecture series will attempt to disrupt this polarizing frame.

October 17, 2013 4-5:15 p.m.
Main Gallery
DeSaisset Museum

Christian Wiman
Yale Divinity School & Yale University of Sacred Music

“My Bright Abyss: Thoughts on Modern Belief”

October 7, 2013 5-6:30 p.m.
St. Claire Room
Library & Learning Commons

Terry Eagleton
Lancaster University and University of Notre Dame

“Why is God for Christians Good for Nothing?”

October 30, 2013 4-5:15 p.m.
St. Claire Room
Library & Learning Commons

Keeping the Faith:
Catholic Writers on Heroes of Conscience

Catherine Wolf, facilitator

Author of Not Less Than Everything: Catholic Writers on Heroes of Conscience, from Joan of Arc to Oscar Romero

Bo Caldwell, panelist

Author of The Distant Land of My Father and City of Tranquil Light

Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books

Author of All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time and The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day

Ron Hansen, SCU

Author of Atticus, Mariette in Ecstasy, and A Stay Against Confusion: Essays on Faith and Fiction

Tobias Wolff, Stanford U.

Author of This Boy’s Life, In Pharaoh’s Army: Memories of the Lost War, and Old School

November 16, 2013 9 a.m. -2 p.m.
Multifaith Sanctuary
Saint Joseph’s Hall

Ignatian Day of Reflection

Why Do We Suffer?
An Ignatian Day of Prayer and Reflection

Robert W. Scholla, S.J.
Bannan Faculty Fellow, SCU

Fee: $10, lunch included
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