

Order of



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American Association, USA

Light shall shine in darkness

Advent and the light it anticipates was one of two themes for our Day of Reflection. Fr. John Coughlin spoke of the roles played by our patron St. John the Baptist, Isaiah and the Blessed Virgin Mary in facilitating God's plan to live among us.



The seven fruits of the Holy Eucharist was the topic of our second talk, which was followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass assisted by our co-chaplain Fr. Peter Rocca, A light lunch followed with Chris Godfrey giving a brief explanation of the Order to our invited

guests. In all, thirty-six of us gathered for a prayerful and inspiring event. Our Hospitaller Margorie Bycraft called it "a wonderful, perfect morning."



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INDIANA

Top Center: Frs. Peter Rocca and John Coughlin celebrate Mass.

Center left: Mat Velman, Daria Godfrey, and Therese Veldman

Bottom right: Judge Dan Manion, Marty and Jane Murphy

In keeping with our Advent theme we also highlighted the Order's work with the Holy Family Hospital in Jerusalem.



Rachelle Naquin and Mary Reilly Hunt, D.M.



Drs. Walt Halloran and Les Bodnar, K.M.

“Lord Jesus, thou hast seen fit to enlist me for thy service...”

We welcome our newest confrere Vicki Riel who was invested into the Order of Malta as a Dame of Magistral Grace at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Please visit www.maltausa.org/works_investiture.php for details of this beautiful event. A sumptuous white tie and tails reception and dinner followed at the Waldorf Astoria hotel. Congratulations Vicki!



Vicki and Dick Riel

HAPPENINGS

Awards - John Rosenthal, K.M. was recognized by the American Association for his services as Indiana Area Co-Chair at its annual business meeting in New York City.



New Appointments - The Board of Councillors of the American Association appointed Christopher J. Godfrey, K.M. of South Bend as Chair of the Northern Indiana Area.

Chris Godfrey, K.M.

New Installations - With the approval of the Board of Councillors of the American Association of the Order of Malta, our principal Chaplain, His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan appointed Fr. John Coughlin, O.F.M. as Deputy Chaplain of the American Association. He joins Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C. as co-Deputy Chaplain for the Northern Indiana Area.



Fr. John Coughlin, O.F.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(The following activities are planned for 2009. Details to follow.)

Day of Recollection (Lent) - February 28, South Bend, IN.

Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.

Retreat - March 6-8, Meinrad, Indiana.

Speakers are Dr. John Haas President of the Institute of Christian Culture and Rev.Fr. Dennis Robinson, OSB, President-Rector of St. Meinrad. The subject is Christian Culture in the USA Today. St. Meinrad School of Theology is in Southern Indiana, named after the Abby. Meinrad, Indiana, is 55 miles east of Evansville just off of Interstate 64. E-mail Hans Geisler, K.M. in Indianapolis at geisler_gynonc@msn.com for info and reservations.

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage - April 29 thru May 5. France.

Heart of Champions Day – June. South Bend, IN.

Feast of St. John the Baptist Mass - June 25, 2009. South Bend, IN.

Mass for Life - *September 8.* South Bend, IN.

National Conference - September 25-27. Long Island, NY.

Investiture Weekend – November. New York, NY.

Day of Recollection (Advent) – December. South Bend, IN.

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