



MISSION

APM is
 a community of caring
 people
 committed to the Church's
 human service ministries
 and the support of each
 other
 in those ministries.

THE ROLE OF OUR MEMBERS

is one of leadership
 in calling people forth
 to respond to their
 baptism
 through ministry
 and in modeling new ways
 of ministering.

**WE ARE DEDICATED TO
 NURTURING
 RELATIONSHIPS**

with individuals and
 organizations
 within the Archdiocese
 of St. Paul & Minneapolis
 and beyond its
 boundaries.

**WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF
 DISCERNMENT**

seeking to discover and
 to implement
 ways that will strengthen
 and improve
 the quality of our ministry
 modeled after the life and
 teachings of Jesus.

APM Spring Banquet
Keynote Speaker: Professor Bill McDonough, St. Catherine University

By Lisa Amos

Again this year APM members and their guests gathered together at the Binz Refectory in St. Paul for an evening of celebration, fellowship and, above all, affirmation of the call we have all answered to minister to others in the example of Jesus Christ.

We were joined by Professor Bill McDonough, Professor of Theology at St. Catherine University and the coordinator of the Master of Arts in Theology program at SCU, who shared with us some final thoughts on our topic "Abiding in Hope" in his keynote address, "Remaining in Hope". Prof. McDonough shared this thought from APM member Deb Organ, "A lay minister is someone who is and does what is necessary for people to see themselves as front-pew material. Ministry is the relationship in which people learn there is more to them



than meets the eye." McDonough adds, "I think that means that ministry gives people hope. You help give people hope".

McDonough believes that we remain in hope by, 1) finding the ability to see beyond our present trouble, 2) letting go of counterfeit hope for real, patient hope, and 3) receiving hope from outside the system. He concludes that to remain in hope we need to accept the invitation to the



place where we can remain human. Fitting words for such a group, for so many of our members feel that APM is that place.

In addition to our great speaker, the 2011 Mary Mulheron student recipient was announced and also an Excellence in Pastoral Ministry award was given (see [page 2](#) for more on our 2011 recipients). Great food, wonderful entertainment by the Clinton Avenue Trio and the meeting and greeting of both new and old friends was enjoyed by all.



Interested in getting more involved in APM? Check out ["Call for Leadership"](#) on page 3!

From the Chair

Br Sr. Fran Donnelly, B.V.M.

Sister Fran Donnelly, BVM
Chair, Association of Pastoral
Ministers



This is the last letter from this particular Chair.

First of all, what a year! As mentioned throughout, we never dreamt, a year ago, how very appropriate it would be to have the theme:

ABIDING IN HOPE.

Many, many of us realized that without hope life was just too hard.

While we are called to serve the needs of others, some of us struggle with our own reality and our own mortality. It is hope (as well as the other theological virtues of faith and love) that strengthen us and empower us to carry on and to do our ministry. If dependent on just us, we'd all be in trouble.

We are not letting go of hope, as we transition from one year to the next, but rather we build on it. We are looking forward to Living the Resurrection. Another reminder that we are Easter people. We, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, don't quite get it, yet. We need constant reminders of what it all means.

Thank God, we have each other to rely on. We serve each other well when we realize that we all have confusion and doubt and yet, there is Jesus in our midst. How blessed are we? One of the "best blessings" for me this year was being on the Board of APM. Really. The on-going companionship, support and the intellectual stimulus of our meetings was worth every minute. What a group. YOU may want to consider joining us. We need Hospitality chairs, a Coalition representative and a Chair-Elect. Please give it some thought. I am confident that you will not regret volunteering this minimal amount of time.

We are in for a fine year under the most able leadership of Deacon Al Schroeder, one of the all time "good guys".

Give one of us an email or a call if you have questions about any of the open positions. It will be great way to live the Resurrection.

Sister Fran Donnelly, BVM

Award Winners for 2011-2012

**Tanya Williams, O.P.
Mary Mulheron
Student Winner**

Tanya Williams, O.P. is from the Dominican Community in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. Tanya graduated from St. Catherine University this May (2011) with her MA in theology degree and a Pastoral Ministry Certificate. She originally comes from Alabama, and was attracted to the Sinsinawa Dominicans for their work on behalf of civil rights in the early 1960s in Alabama. They were her teachers.

Tanya did her pastoral ministry practicum with the chaplaincy department at the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility.



**Fr. Dale Korogi
Excellence in Pastoral Ministry
Award Winner**



This year, a special award was presented at the Spring Banquet. In addition to the Mary Mulheron Award given to a student at St. Catherine University, an award for **Excellence in Pastoral Care** was given to Fr. Dale Korogi. Fr. Dale has long been a friend and supporter of APM, and though he was nominated for the Mary Mulheron Award, that award is reserved for lay ecclesial ministers. Therefore, after much consideration and with the kind assistance of the Theology Department at St. Catherine University, this unique award was created to honor him.

Congratulations and blessings from the Association of Pastoral Ministers to our colleague in ministry, and our friend, Fr. Dale Korogi.

New Theme and APM Call for Leadership

Deacon Al Schroeder

We have just completed the Easter season and the awareness of our redemption through the resurrection of Jesus is renewed and re-invigorated. Blessed John Paul II called us to be an "Easter people". How we live that challenge is our struggle and blessing each day of our lives. I am very excited to have as the APM theme for next year "Living the Resurrection". As we explore our theme, I am certain our program committee will find and develop a rich source of wisdom and encouragement for us all to ponder and experience throughout our year. This can help us to uncover, understand and live more deeply as "Easter People" in our own lives and in the ministry that each of us offer to our communities and the greater Church.

We are excited for the opportunity to explore this year's theme with each of you, but are still in need of volunteers to be on the leadership board of APM. The areas available are in: **Hospitality, Ministry to Vulnerable Adults and Chair Elect**. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and talents with the broader pastoral ministry community. You can and do make a difference; in fact you are the one we have been waiting for.

With every good wish for your well-being and God's blessing,
Deacon Al Schroeder

Welcome New Member!



Hello, I am Deacon Jerry Saladin; I was ordained in September of 2009. My wife and I began our journey in the diaconate formation in 2004. I am currently assigned to the parishes of Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas the Apostle in St. Paul and one of my duties is Pastoral Care Minister. As I enter my third year of my assignment at Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas the Apostle, I

have found the experience of ministering to others in the parish a blessing and an honor. What greater spiritual gift is there than the opportunity to serve others? In addition to my parish duties I am also a volunteer chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul; I've been there since 2006. I am currently enrolled in the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity's Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry. My home parish is All Saints Catholic Church in Lakeville, MN, and I have been a member there since 1990. In the mid 90's I began ministering to the homebound as well as working with high school students in their faith formation. My late wife Kay and I have three adult boys, Joseph, David and Thomas and two grandchildren, Noah and Evelyn Kay.

Ministry to Vulnerable Adults

By Mary Ann Kelly-Wright

The MVA trainers workshop is for staff or volunteers who supervise, train, or coordinate ministries that serve vulnerable adults. If you are interested in taking the 3-hour Trainer's workshop please contact MVA chairperson, Mary Ann Kelly-Wright at 612-823-8205, ext. 231 or mkelly@stjoan.com. If you have been on the waiting list please indicate your continued interest by contacting Mary Ann. Information and FAQ's about MVA training can be found on the APM website, www.apmspm.org. Thank you for your continued support of APM and Ministry to Vulnerable Adults.

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APM Membership Registration

Your membership materials are in the mail and we look forward to seeing you back with us in the coming year as we lift up and support one another in "Living the Resurrection"



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The Executive Board meets bi-monthly to implement the APM mission. APM members can play a vital role by helping to identify issues, needs, future leadership, and other concerns for the common good. Please call on any Board members listed above if you have suggestions or needs.

2011-2012 Board Meeting Dates:
 August 19, October 19, December 16, February 15, April 18 and June 20



in the Archdiocese of St. Paul * Minneapolis

The newsletter of the Association of Pastoral Ministers is published for its members as an expression of APM's mission. Input, suggestions and feedback from its members is valued and requested. Please direct these to any board member or email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Program I September 22, 2011 1:00-3:30pm Location TBD	Tom and Julie Allen
Program II November 17, 2011 1:00-3:30pm Lumen Christi St. Paul	Sr. Katarina Schuth
Winter Retreat January 27 Location TBD	Speaker TBD
Program III March 8, 2011 1:00-3:30pm Location TBD	Bernie Evans
Spring Banquet May 22 6-9pm Binz Refectory St. Paul	Speaker TBD



APM Board members wrap up our 2010-2011 season by celebrating the success of the past year and send up our prayers and wishes for the coming 2011-2012 year! As always we

hope that you will join us at programs, retreats and, especially, as the newest member of our APM Executive Board!

Prayers

Russ Conners, friend of APM
 Dennis Pfab, husband of Julie Pfab
 All those suffering the affects of natural disasters, especially those in Minneapolis and Wisconsin.