



**In Hope of Resurrection** I would be remiss if I didn't begin by acknowledging the death of Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, president emeritus of Saint John's University. Br. Dietrich was called home to his heavenly reward on December 29, 2008. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 6, 2009, with Abbot John Klassen, OSB, presiding. May Br. Dietrich live forever in the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

**Faculty in the News** With pride and excitement, the faculty, staff and students of the School of Theology-Seminary watched and listened to the involvement of associate professor Miguel Díaz in the campaign and inauguration of President Barack Obama. During the presidential campaign, Dr. Díaz served on the Catholic Advisory Council for then-candidate Barack Obama. In recognition of his participation in the advisory council, Dr. Díaz and his wife Marian received an invitation to the inaugural events. The following links offer some interesting reading about Dr. Díaz and his involvement in the election of President Obama.

<http://www.sctimes.com/article/20081231/NEWS01/112310013/1009>

(St. Cloud Times)

<http://ksax.com/article/stories/S759211.shtml?cat=10263>

(KSAX –TV clip)

<http://www.cubanuestra.nu/web/article.asp?artID=14276>

(Cuba Nuestra, in Spanish)

<http://ei.eichikawa.com/2009/01/despacho-de-prensa-cubanoamericano-al.html>

(in Spanish)

**Exciting Invitation!** Cardinal Walter Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity has accepted the invitation that the School of Theology-Seminary's Diekmann Center extended to him over a year and half ago. Cardinal Kasper, one of the most widely respected theologians of the past 40 years will receive the Pax Christi Award and give the Godfrey Diekmann Lecture on Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Saint John's Abbey Church. The award presentation and lecture are open to the public.

**February Events**—several opportunities for personal enrichment and professional development.

February 20, 2009, the Ministerial Formation department is hosting a workshop for lay ecclesial ministers, deacons, and priests, entitled "Exploring the Limits: Boundaries in a Professional Relationship." E-mail [sotformation@csbsju.edu](mailto:sotformation@csbsju.edu) for more information. Register online at <http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/specialprograms/default.htm>.

February 27, 2009, at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, from 8:30 a.m.– 1 p.m., Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, will give a presentation on the liturgical music document approved in November 2008 by the USCCB. Fr. Anthony's presentation, "'Sing to the Lord': How the U.S. Bishops Write a Document on Church Music," is part of the Theology Day program. More information about Theology Day and registration for this event are both available at [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot).

"This will be Remembered of Her: Come Celebrate the Weaving of Story and Action."

February 19-20, 2009, the College of Saint Benedict is once again hosting the Women's Spirituality Conference. Megan McKenna, a gifted storyteller and retreat leader, will explore the stories of women from around the world, both historic and contemporary. To register or for more information, call 320-363-5939 or visit [www.csbsju.edu/journey](http://www.csbsju.edu/journey).

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