

# The Font

*Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke*

*May/June 2004*



## ***From the Abbot's Desk***

Contact the Abbot Mark Stamm, O.S.L. at [mwstamm@comcast.net](mailto:mwstamm@comcast.net)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Grace to you, and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. I hope this letter finds you well.

In the past year, I have received several inquiries about the Order of Saint Luke scapular, the official habit of our Order. No doubt some of you will be surprised that we possess any habit at all, other than the habits of gathering boisterously and saying the “Amen” with particular enthusiasm. Indeed, you may obtain a good view of the O.S.L. scapular by clicking Brother Dwight Vogel’s link on the web page. Notice the red garment bearing the Order’s logo, which appears on both the front and back. The red field and cincture reminds us of the emphasis on the Holy Spirit found in Luke and Acts.

The word scapular comes from the Latin *scapula*, for shoulder. As with many types of classical liturgical and monastic garb, the scapular developed from clothing worn in secular society. Specifically, a scapular is a stylized apron worn over the alb.<sup>1</sup> Our scapular, first used in 1996, may properly be worn by all vowed members of the Order, both by our ordained and our lay members. Many have decided to wear it at gatherings of the Order, some for all phases of the gathering, and others for the liturgical services only. Members are free to decide if and when they will wear the scapular.

Our O.S.L. scapular was developed in cooperation with the Robert Gaspard Company of Brookfield, Wisconsin (1-800-784-7567) and must be ordered directly from the company at the cost of \$85 each, plus postage and handling. It is not available through Baubles and Beads or O.S.L. Publications.

Our use of the O.S.L. scapular reflects several developments in the evolution of the Order. It witnesses to our continuing appropriation of the monastic tradition, a process that began when the Brotherhood of Saint Luke, founded in 1946, shortly thereafter changed its name to the Order of Saint Luke. We’re still figuring out what it means to be an Order. Does it have anything to do with what we wear?

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<sup>1</sup> For more details see *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, Volume XIII, online edition copyright ©2003 by K. Knight.

### *Abbot's Desk* (cont.)

In the early versions of our Rule of Life and Service, members insisted, “We hold the validity of the ministerial office.” Among other things, this commitment meant the wearing of “recognizable clerical garb” and “at least a pulpit gown in morning worship and sacramental services.”<sup>2</sup> More than a few insisted that “recognizable clerical garb” meant the wearing of the clergy collar, although our founder Brother Romey Marshall worked to dispel the notion that “we are a bunch of cranks who insist on being peculiar—wearing our collars backwards...”<sup>3</sup> As you might infer, this part of the original rule addressing clerical garb assumed that all members of the Order were either clergy or prospective clergy. Such is, of course, no longer the case. From all indications, there was little substantial agreement about this calling to wear “recognizable clerical garb,” so the provision was eventually dropped from the Rule.

So then, what shall we say about clothing and life in the Order? More than any particular garment that we may wear, we insist that it is more important that we have put on Christ in baptism. We are called to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, and every virtue of the Holy Spirit, especially love. When we wear such spiritual vestiture, we make a worthy offering of thanksgiving to God. (See Colossians 3:12-17). Wearing our simple apron, appropriate for both ordained and lay members, worthily embodies our calling to serve the world through our prayers of our hearts and through the work of our hands.

Your brother,  
Mark W. Stamm, O.S.L.

### *From the desk of the Prior General*

Contact Prior General Stanley Tanner, O.S.L. at [stanosl@aol.com](mailto:stanosl@aol.com)

### **2004 Convocation and Retreat**

The **2004 Convocation and Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke** will be held **18-21 October**, in the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of **Oklahoma City**, Oklahoma. The subject of our gathering will be the report to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church of the Holy Communion Study Committee, entitled This Holy Mystery. We expect to have with us Dr. Ed Philips, chairperson of the Committee, Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker, one of the members of the Committee, and receive a presentation from Dr. Mark Stamm, Abbot of the Order. We encourage you to begin making your plans to join us for an exciting time.



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<sup>2</sup> *The Versicle* 1:2 (Pentecost 1951), 8.

<sup>3</sup> *The Versicle* 4:1 (Epiphany 1954), 6.

# Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

## MAY

<b>S</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Philip and James R, W-pm</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b>
M	3	Thomas Coke W
T	4	Monica W
W	5	Olof Gustav Hedstrom W
T	6	W
F	7	W
S	8	Julian of Norwich W
<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b>
M	10	W
T	11	W
W	12	W
T	13	W
F	14	W
S	15	W
<b>S</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b>
M	17	Harry Hosier W
T	18	Jacob Albright, Mary McLeod Bethune W
W	19	W <b>Eve of Ascension W</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Ascension Day W</b>
F	21	W
S	22	W
<b>S</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b> <b>Ascension Sunday W (optional)</b>
M	24	William Edwin Robert Sangster W
T	25	The Venerable Bede W
W	26	W
T	27	John Calvin W
F	28	W
S	29	W <b>Eve of Pentecost R</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Pentecost R</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>The Visitation W</b>

## JUNE

T	1	Justin G
W	2	The Martyrs of Lyons G
T	3	G
F	4	G
S	5	G <b>Eve of Trinity Sunday W</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday W</b>
M	7	Chief Seattle G
T	8	G
W	9	Columba and Aidan G <b>Eve of Thanksgiving for The Holy Eucharist W</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for The Holy Eucharist W</b>
F	11	Barnabas R
S	12	G
<b>S</b>	<b>13</b>	
M	14	Basil the Great G
T	15	Evelyn Underhill G
W	16	G
T	17	G
F	18	Matthew Simpson G
S	19	G
<b>S</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	21	Thomas Bowman Stephenson G
T	22	Alban G
W	23	G
<b>T</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Nativity of John the Baptist W</b>
F	25	G
S	26	G
<b>S</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	28	Irenaeus Peter Jones or Kahkewaquonaby G
<b>T</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Peter and Paul R</b>
W	30	G

Ordo prepared by Br. Jack Fahey

### ***News from Saint Paul: DMin track in Wesleyan Spiritual Formation***

(Received from Brother Robert Martin, Director of Doctor of Ministry Degree  
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Saint Paul School of Theology is offering a new D.Min Track in “Wesleyan Spiritual Formation” commencing January 2005. Students will learn about historical as well as contemporary practices that integrate heart, mind, and hand, and that develop dynamic leadership to foster greater communion and mission in ecclesial communities. Spiritual formation in a Wesleyan perspective uniquely draws upon the orthodoxy and orthopraxis of the early church: Methodism grew out of the Anglican Church which was profoundly shaped by Benedictine spirituality. and takes its bearings from three fundamental beliefs that John Wesley had about church leadership: 1. Leadership is grounded in discipleship. 2. The inward and outward movements faith are inextricably connected. 3. Persons learn and practice discipleship best in covenantal communion. These principles are ecumenically broad-based and holistic: contemplative, missional, and liberative practices are integrated within a Eucharistic theology of Christian life.

In addition to courses offered on the Saint Paul campus in Kansas City by its full-time faculty, the track involves 2 conferences and 2 retreats. The first conference and retreat are organized around the theme: “Leading a Holy Life”. The second conference and retreat have as their theme: “Leading a Holy People”. The themes express the movement in the track through discipleship to leadership. The conferences are cosponsored with the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas; the retreats are cosponsored with the **Benedictine Sophia Center in Atchison, Kansas**. Emphasis will be placed upon reordering one's personal life in light of liturgical rhythms, the call of God to personal and social holiness, integrating contemplative and missional expressions of spirituality, and understanding more fully the pressing problems in society. For more information: see the Saint Paul website: [www.spst.edu](http://www.spst.edu). Or contact Karim Tadrus, (800) 825-0378, [ktadrus@spst.edu](mailto:ktadrus@spst.edu)

### ***News from the Chapters***

The **Perkins Chapter** celebrated the Easter Vigil for the third consecutive year. Approximately thirty persons gathered in Perkins Chapel on the campus of S.M.U. Eleven members of the Order led the worship of almost two hours. Margaret Stamm served as cantor. The organist/pianist was Sally Hoover. Marci Pounders, an Episcopalian student [who can preach!] at the School of Theology, preached the homily. Readers included Beth Besterfeldt, Brian Bosworth, Mark Chambers, Carole Devore, Leslie Irwin, Gordon Johnson, and Michelle McCarty. Abbott Mark Stamm presided at the Eucharist and Br. John Taylor presided at the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.

Following worship refreshments were served and conversation enjoyed [before all departed to grab a short night's sleep before sunrise worship in many places!!].

In addition to this annual worship the Perkins Chapter gathers each Friday at 7:30 am for prayer, often led by Abbott Mark.

## *Beads and Baubles*

*(Great gifts for others, or for yourself. A good way to raise awareness of the Order.)*



### **Window Decal                      \$3 each**

The Order's logo is rendered in a **window decal**, suitable for display on a car windshield, trunk lid, or bumper. This high quality decal is available:

- Window Mount (with the adhesive on the face)
- or Surface Mount (adhesive on the back).

### **Embroidered Logo                      \$3 each**

The logo of The Order is rendered on a **schiffli-embroidered emblem** suitable for sewing on the upper left sleeve of vestments. It is available:

- \* as a patch on a white field (for albs)
- \* and a patch on a black field (for cassocks or "academic" gowns).

## Original Design Crosses and Medallion



Don Drumm, an artist in Akron, Ohio has created an original design for The Order of Saint Luke. His stylized rendering of the sign for Luke (the winged ox) is produced in pewter and is suitable for wearing as a pectoral cross. The Winged Ox Cross, is 5.3" high.

**\$30 each**



Mr. Drumm has also cast the emblem for Luke as a pendant, which may be worn suspended from a cord or chain. The Winged Ox Medallion, is 2.8" high.

**\$15 each**

## Celtic Cross with Logo



Newly available is a Celtic cross with the logo of The Order at its center. The Celtic Cross may be ordered with either a chain or a cord.

**\$25 or \$130** (Sterling Silver, special order)

### **The O.S.L. Golf Shirt**

Available in a full range of sizes from M to XXL.

\$17 each, please remember to specify size

Shipping and handling for the above items will be calculated when the order is sent to you, but may be estimated as follows: 10% of the Order with a minimum of \$1 for most orders or \$4 if the order includes clothing.

**Order** any of the above items by email: **wbsosl@ntelos.net**.

Include your UPS address and Visa or MasterCard number, and include the following subject line: "Beads and Baubles Order".



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Information for *The Font* can be sent to me via email: [esmoore@alum.mit.edu](mailto:esmoore@alum.mit.edu), or to my home address: P.O. Box 6, Durham PA 18039.

Please remember to keep Brother Tim and Sister Nancy Crouch surrounded by our prayers.  
Grace and Peace,  
Sr. Sue Moore

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