

Dr. William Manseau Named Prime Bishop and Resigns as Dean of M.Div. Program



Bishop William Manseau, SBM, MA, D.Min., D.Min
Prime Bishop, Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of America
President, St. Barnabas Mission

Dr. Manseau was named Prime Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of America and became the President of St. Barnabas Mission on January 1, 2013. Because he anticipates this new role will require a significant amount of his time, Dr. Manseau has decided to resign as Dean of the M.Div. program.

He was ordained as a Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Prelature bishop in the Catholic Reform Movement on June 11, 2011 in the St. Barnabas Chapel at the Cathedral of St. Anthony in Detroit, MI for service in the International Society of the Apostles, Sts. Peter, Thomas and Mary Magdalene and its Vicariate of the Good Shepherd, the St. Barnabas Mission and the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of America.

Manseau has been Dean of the Master of Divinity Degree program since Global Ministries University was established more than ten years ago and put together the program, using the M.Div. of Andover Newton University as a model.

GMU Offers Outstanding Peace Studies Programs

Global Ministries University offers degrees and certificates with a concentration in Peace Studies. The following peace studies courses are facilitated by Shahinaz El Hennawi, M.A., who resides in Alexandria, Egypt:

Education for Social Transformation This course will help participants develop an understanding of the main roots of violence and culminate in a student designed program to shift knowledge, attitudes and behaviors towards a culture of peace.

Gender and Peace Building Designed to provide theoretical and practical experiences in the importance of incorporating the gender dimension in peace processes.

Additionally, GMU offers a tuition-free Mini-Certificate in Peace Studies in an effort to promote peace in the world. Participants take two peace studies courses and submit a project that is intended to promote peace.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Recent events in the United States such as the defeat of any legislation to curb gun violence and the tragic bombings in Boston at the conclusion of the Boston Marathon may seem to be signs of societal pathology and the decline of civility and social harmony. Yet in the midst of these tragedies we also encounter the heroism of those who responded to these tragic events – the New Town families who lost their children and have now become a force for social change, as well as the first responders and medical personnel who came to the immediate aid of victims of the Boston attacks without regard to their own personal safety.

Throughout the world we can find many stories of courage and heroism that do not get reported in the media. We might ask what is the source of such strength in the face of malevolence and misfortune? It cannot come from a purely psychological or sociological paradigm of human motivation. I believe we must look to the spiritual and theological realm for the only kind of ultimate meaning that allows us to find hope in the midst of possible despair over such tragedies. In the midst of the horror of WWI, Teilhard de Chardin came to his immense vision of the Noosphere and expressed in his mystical treatise *The Hymn of the Universe* and in his scientific work *The Phenomenon of Man*.

Global Ministries University also represents such a hopeful vision for the future of the human family and our planet earth through our emphasis upon interfaith collaboration, Peace and Social Justice, the convergence of spirituality and science, and our use of sophisticated communication technologies to connect people around the globe within a spiritually enlivened community.

GMU is presently using Internet-based technologies much like Teilhard de Chardin envisioned in his futuristic writings to span the globe and find common bonds with people of all cultures and spiritual and cultural identities. Within the coming months we will begin to make available Podcasts and videos created by our faculty, students and friends of GMU in which they will share their insights into our evolving universe. The events we are co-sponsoring in Kenya this coming August will also become available through our web site in the fall of this year.

Gerald Grudzen, PhD, President
Global Ministries University

MEET OUR FACULTY

Mary Ann Schoettly, M.Th., one of the many competent instructors on the Global Ministries University faculty, is proudly featured in this publication.

Mary Ann teaches Creation Spirituality for Global Ministries University. She holds Masters Degrees in Theology, Administration and Supervision, and Science and also holds certificates in Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction. Mary Ann is a life-long teacher – in high school classrooms, colleges, religious education programs, Stephen Ministry and retreat work.

Mary Ann was ordained to the Roman Catholic Women Priests in April, 2009 and currently pastors Sophia Inclusive Catholic Community, in Sussex County, NJ. She also volunteers as a Spiritual Caregiver with the Chaplain's Office at Newton Memorial Hospital, leads a Spirituality Group for Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services, and facilitates a small faith-sharing community. Mary Ann lives in Northwest New Jersey. She has three adult children and two delightful granddaughters.



STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Global Ministries University student body includes a variety of outstanding individuals with diverse and notable backgrounds and ministries. Rose Mewhort is highlighted in this edition.



Rose is enrolled in the Doctor of Theology degree program (formerly Doctor of World Religions). She decided to enroll at GMU because of her lifelong passion to study the diversity of thought, particularly concerning culture, the family and expressions of faith. When checking our curriculum, she was impressed with the array of courses on topics so relevant to her journey as a Catholic woman who has lived on the edges for many years. She has had friends of many cultures from childhood.

Rose has earned the following degrees and diplomas, which are listed in chronological order:

- BA in Psychology
- Diploma in Nursing
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Art
- Diploma in Art Therapy
- Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology

She worked as a nurse and is now retired from nursing; however, she currently paints professionally and has had a number of shows in Canada. In recent years, she participated in the program of preparation for Roman Catholic Women Priests and was ordained to the priesthood in 2010. Rose lives in a hermitage of her own making, a three acre forested lot on Galiano Island BC., commuting to Vancouver and Victoria for basic necessities and visits with family and friends. She is single and has a dog, a cat and two budgies.

When asked how she feels about completing her program and graduating, Rose asserted: *"I am enjoying my courses so much, I have not been thinking of graduating!"*

CLASSROOM SHOWCASE

Students of Global Ministries University produce outstanding coursework. This paper was submitted by Diana Milesko, a GMU graduate. She is a retired instructor of English, Humanities, and Communications and holds a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola University, as well as a Doctor of Ministry from GMU.

Diana was raised as a Roman Catholic, is a very talented and humorous writer, has written articles for Catholic magazines, and recently published a book about her Catholic experience, *Faith Stories of One Good Catholic Girl*. The following material – which is also found in her book – is an excerpt of one of her assignments submitted in a course entitled *The Role and Identity of Jesus*. The focus of the assignment is Salvation and this segment of her submission covers (with tongue in cheek) Catholic dogma related to the salvation of babies:



According to Catholic dogma, all the babies who died but were not baptized went to hell before Jesus saved humankind, even though they committed no sin at all. Purgatory was established in 593 AD by Gregory the Great. In 1439 it was proclaimed doctrine by the Council of Florence. Now it was official: if a good person died before going to confession, they went to purgatory, a fiery place where their souls were purified by pain. They could get relief from this pain if a living person had Masses said for them (by paying the Church to do so), by praying for them (this one's free), or by making donations to the Church (almsgiving).

First the Church put all the babies who died but weren't baptized in hell and eternal damnation. Then, because that didn't sit right with people, the babies were sent to Purgatory, a holding tank where they got purified but had to wait until Judgment Day to get into heaven. Anybody who made it to Purgatory could not be sent back to Hell. They were headed for the glory land. The next relocation of those babies occurred on April 22, 2007, when Pope Benedict XVI had the International Theological Commission publish a 41-page document called 'The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die without Being Baptized.' For goodness' sakes, NOW where were they putting those poor little tykes? I felt sorry for those babies, being dragged hither and yon just because the Church can't figure out what to do with them ever since Aquinas invented original sin. Probably the only thing those little ones wanted was to get some sleep.

For more information about her book: *Faith Stories of One Good Catholic Girl*, go to the author's website, dianamilesko.com.

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