

DR. CAROL HOUGHTON CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MOUNT

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Dr. Carol Houghton came to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in January 1985, under former Rector, the late Msgr. Richard M. McGuiness, as a member of the faculty teaching Canon Law and Scripture. While at the Mount, she lived in Dubois Hall on the Terrace. In 1990, Dr. Houghton, a canon lawyer, accepted a position with the Diocese of Harrisburg and presently serves as its Chancellor. In 1992, she returned to the Seminary on a part-time basis to teach Canon Law.

"I have seen many changes," says Dr. Houghton, "including the physical building, the academic program and the people who have served at the Seminary. The Mount is richer for having had them, and I will never forget them or what they have given ... those who are still living and those who are now with God."

A constant source of edification for her has been the commitment of the Rectors and the faculty to teaching, formation and to the spirit of the Mount's founders. She is also strengthened by the faith and joy of the seminarians: "They give me hope and keep me young!"

As a member of the faculty, she has helped seminarians appreciate and understand the role of canon law in the life of the Church as they seek to assist those in need and act with both charity and justice in specific circumstances. "I am truly blessed to have been a part of the Mount's Seminary community and family for these 25 years, and I am deeply grateful to all who have, in any way, touched my life on this special mountain. May we continue to work together for the glory of God and the good of His people," she added.

CURTIN HONORED BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

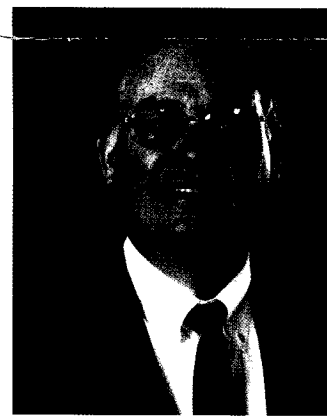
Daniel F. Curtin, chair of the Rector's Council, received the Benemerenti Medal conferred by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in recognition of his meritorious service to the Holy See. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, made the presentation on October 3, 2011, at the Seton Awards Dinner in Washington, D.C., sponsored annually by the National Catholic Educational Association.

Since his graduation from the Mount in 1964, Dan has devoted his entire career to Catholic education — serving in the Archdiocese of Washington as teacher, Vice Principal and Principal of Mackin Catholic High School and also Secretary to the Cardinal for Catholic Education. Until his recent retirement, he was Executive Director of the NCEA's Department of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education for the past 12 years. In addition to Dan's service to the Mount as Chair of the Rector's Council, he has been Chair of the Seminary Gifts Committee for the Bicentennial Generations Campaign, member of the National

Alumni Council, Vice President and President of the National Alumni Association and past Chair of the Board of Trustees. Currently, he is a member of the Trustees' Seminary Committee.

Seminary Rector Msgr. Steven P. Rohlf, S.T.D., said: "Dan has been tireless and unwavering in his commitment to Catholic education and his service to the Mount. This honor is truly well deserved and our Seminary community extends to him our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations."

The Benemerenti Medal was created in 1832 by Pope Gregory XVI to recognize outstanding service to the Church.



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A pilgrimage to Rome, October 6-14, 2012, with Fr. Leo Patalinghug, assistant professor of pastoral theology and homiletics, is being offered during the Fall Break. The pilgrimage will include a day in Orvieto, two days in Assisi, and five days in Rome. The cost is \$2,000 per person and includes airfare, hotel, transportation, breakfast and visiting the beautiful and historic sights. Alumni priests who are interested in the pilgrimage should contact seminarian Bob Garrow at ragarrow@email.msmary.edu.

