50s
William H. Graham Sr., M.A. 1954 (A&S), of Silver Spring, Md., former chairman of CUA’s drama department from 1953 to 1993, received the Olney Theatre Center’s Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his 50 years of working as an artist, teacher, administrator, and leader in the theater. The award was presented to Graham by Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett at the Arts and Humanity Executive Ball in October 2011.

70s
Charles P. Wentz, B.S.E. 1970, M.S.E. 1972 (ENGR), a lead flight test engineer for Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems (NGAS), in San Diego, accepted a 2011 Engineers Council Award in February 2011 on behalf of a team he led for early delivery of two unmanned aircraft. In September he received the NGAS 2011 President’s Award for significant contributions in 2010.

Garwood Whaley, M.M. 1970, D.M.A. 1977 (MUSIC), former assistant professor of music at CUA, was the recipient of the Medal of Honor at The Arts and Humanities Centre in December 2011. The Medal of Honor recognizes conductors, educators, composers, and others whose unique service to music education and continuing influence on the development and improvement of instrumental ensembles deserve special recognition.

Paul R. Ahn, Ph.D. 1971 (A&S), was presented with the Barry University 2012 Faith and Freedom Award, which recognizes women and men whose lives, work, and/or volunteer activities embody the values of respect and justice in addressing the challenging issues of communities. He was presented with the honor for his advocacy and leadership at Camillus House to provide programs and services for those who are poor and homeless in Miami-Dade County, Fla. Since 2004, Ahn has served as president and chief executive officer of Camillus House, a Roman Catholic nonprofit organization.

Lt. Col. Anthony Vallillo, B.A. 1971 (A&S), of Woodbury, Conn., has been a member of Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the USAF auxiliary, for a number of years. When Hurricane Irene swept up the East Coast in late August 2011, he flew the first photo survey of the Hurstonic River after the storm passed. After that flight, he spent the rest of the week at the State Emergency Operations Center as the CAP liaison to FEMA and the state of Connecticut.

Robert J. Asman, B.A. 1973 (A&S), had an exhibit at Philadelphia’s Print Center titled “Silver Mine,” a retrospective exhibition of an exceptional photographic career characterized by idiosyncratic experimentation with the boundaries of black and white photography.

Rev. Jonathan Morse, B.A. 1974 (A&S), M.R.E. 1976 (THEO), of the U.S. Army Reserve, has been promoted to the rank of major. He is presently serving on active duty as the Roman Catholic garrison support chaplain at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. He is a priest of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Chicago. His son, Justin Morse, B.A. 2011 (A&S), graduated in three years with a degree in history.

Patricia J. Baldwin, Ph.D. 1975 (MUSIC), was named professor emerita at York College of Pennsylvania, where she is the only woman to have received this honor. She was chairperson of the Department of Nursing for 14 years. She is now retired and living in Winchester, Va.

Sylvia Lagoungen, B.M. 1975 (MUSIC), of Haysville, Md., has been listed in SmartCEO Magazine as one of the top certified public accountants in the Washington region for 2011, the second consecutive year she has been honored.

Ellen M. (Weinstein) Zane, M.A. 1975 (A&S), received a Hero in Health Care Award from the Visiting Nurses Association of Boston at its 125th anniversary gala celebration in October 2011. She is vice chair of the board of trustees and former president and CEO Tufts Medical Center.

Sara Sonet, M.S.L.S. 1976 (LIS), of Silver Spring, Md., a research librarian at the U.S. Supreme Court, is the 2011 recipient of the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award from the American Association of Law Libraries.

Sister Patricia A. Eck, C.B.S., M.S.N. 1977 (NURS), of Marriottsville, Md., has been congregation leader for the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris since 2009 and is chairperson of Bon Secours Ministries, the sponsor for Bon Secours Health System. She received the Papal medal, Croix Pro Ecclesia et Pontific, in November 2011. This is the highest honor given to a member of a religious community by the Vatican. Sister Eck received the medal at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

James O’Brien, Ph.D. 1977 (MUSIC), has been appointed a trustee to the Science Museum of Virginia. He is professor of psychology at Tidewater Community College, where he has taught since 1972. He and his wife, Mary Louise, live in Norfolk, Va., and have three children, Chris, Andrew, and Marquis.

Thomas J. Wallen, B.Ch.E. 1977 (ENGR), of Goldwyn, Va., was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is currently the managing member of Thomas J. Wallen, P.E., Attorney at Law, L.L.C., specializing in intellectual property, environmental, and construction law. He is also an adjunct professor of chemical engineering at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Nichlaus Rappa, B.M. 1978 (MUSIC), completed a three-year term as president of the Minnesota River Valley Music Teachers Association and recently moved to Virginia Beach, Va. He is in the process of setting up a new studio to compose music and to teach piano and composition.

80s
Albert Rottini, B.S.Arch. 1981 (ARCH), obtained his real estate license in New Jersey. He will be affiliated with ERA Justin Realty in Rutherford, N.J.

archivist for the Diocese of Brooklyn. McNamara has written two books on the history of the Church in New York City and is working on a third.

Linda Vondorschmidt-LaStella, M.F.A. 1984 (A&S), designed “Community” two 100-square-foot sculptural wall works commissioned for the New Capital Health Medical Center Hopewell in Hopewell Township, N.J. Fabricated in her Metuchen, N.J., studio Earthsong, the murals reflect the two communities associated with the hospital: Trenton, the original location, and Hopewell Township, its new home. Designed as mandalas, they are round images that have roots in healing and spirituality across time and culture.

Susan L. Carlson, M.S.N. 1987 (NURS), assumed the role of immediate past president of the National Gerontological Nursing Association (NGNA), after leading the organization during the successful two-year term. NGNA, a professional nursing association dedicated to improving the care of older adults, has roots back to CUA. NGNA was founded in 1981 by the membership of CUA nursing faculty member Sister Rose Tereza Baber, A.S.C., B.S.N. 1961, M.S.N. 1962 (NURS). Carlson, a certified gerontological nurse practitioner and assistant clinical nurse specialist, is employed in the Neurology Department at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare Systems in San Antonio.

Robert S. Ianelli, B.A. 1987 (A&S), an associate at the University of Kansas football staff as recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach, after serving the previous two years as the head football coach at the University of Akron.

David A. Zerhul, J.C.L. 1987, J.C.D. 1998 (THEO), has been named rector of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Lewiston, Pa., and director of finance and diocesan administration for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

Ray Nedumon, B.A. 1992 (A&S), president of Saint Louis High School in Chicago was featured in the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper in December 2011 for his work with the youth ministry program at his parish, Holy Spirit, in Crown Point, Ind.

Monica J. Williams, B.A. 1992 (A&S), of San Francisco, has been appointed director of cemeteries for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. She oversees the seven Catholic cemeteries of the archdiocese and will draw on her prior experience as a funeral director and cemetery manager.

Toddle Howarth

Danielle E. Howarth, B.A. 1993 (A&S), has joined the Baltimore office of the law firm Ballard Spahr as an associate in the real estate department. She represents developers and investors in property acquisition, financing, restructuring, leasing, and sale transactions. She is also active in the communications, McNamara has written two books on the history of the Church in New York City and is working on a third.

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courts as well as arbitration forums. His practice also involves representing individuals and companies in connection with government investigations and enforcement matters. He also donates a considerable amount of time to pro bono matters. In 2007 and 2010, the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania named him to the Bench of Honor in recognition of his commitment to represent indigent persons in the Philadelphia region.

Ryan P. Robichaux, B.A. 2004 (A&S), has been hired as an associate by the law firm of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in Birmingham, Ala. He is a member of the firm’s government affairs and litigation practice groups. While based in the firm’s Birmingham office, he represents clients before the executive and legislative branches of government in Montgomery, Ala., and Washington, D.C. He also provides clients with litigation expertise in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi.

Nicholas Bell, B.A. 2004 (A&S), has joined the Pittsburgh-based law firm Mayer, Ullisch & Scott as an associate attorney. He is a member of the litigation and resolution dispute group and represents clients in both state and federal courts in a variety of complex commercial and business disputes.

Kevin J. Kimble, Ph.B. 2007 (PHIL), of Lemoore, Calif., was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Trenton in June 2011. Jeremy R. Moss, J.D. 2007 (LAW), an associate with the law firm Mercado-Trigiani, was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York in October 2011. She also won first prize in a vocal competition sponsored by the Choir of St. George’s Chapel in London. In 2011, she was named the first female professional music director at the University of Oregon.

Stephanie Stang, B.M. 1975 (MUSIC), and Dennis Ferry, M.M. 1974 (MUSIC), married on Oct. 3, 2011. Stephanie is assistant principal flutist of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra and the Washington National Opera Orchestra as well as instructor of flute at The George Washington University. Dennis recently returned to the U.S. after 31 years as principal trumpet of the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in Geneva, and is currently a freelance musician in the Washington, D.C., area, where they live.


Laura Waltz, B.B.E. 2002 (ENGR), and Jason McCormick, B.C.E. 2001 (ENGR), were married on May 29, 2011. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich.


Siobhan Barrett Dinkel, B.A. 2004 (A&S), married John Kelly on Oct. 1, 2011. Their wedding party included Siobhne Dinkel, B.S.B.A. 2006 (A&S), who served as the maid of honor. Siobhan also received her B.M.A. from Marymount University in August and is working for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, supporting risk management on multifamily projects. John is a budget analyst for the Architect of the Capitol, which oversees the infrastructure of the Capitol complex. They live in Takoma Park, Md.


Mary F. Krawczyk, B.A. 2007 (A&S), and Jeffrey D.K. Ludwig II, B.A. 2007 (A&S), were married on July 9, 2011. They live in Crofton, Md.

Births

Timothy P. O’Brien, B.A. 1988 (A&S), and wife Patricia Siobhan Barrett Dinkel and John Kelly

announce the birth of their third child, Michael Patrick, on March 18, 2011. Michael joins sister Caitlin, 7, and brother, Timmy, 5. The family lives in Bethesda, Calif. Tony Longo, B.A. 2003 (A&S), and husband Louis welcomed a daughter, Gabriela Mary, on Sept. 11, 2011. She joins brother Rafaat at their home in Highland, Md.

Christopher Tiddy, B.C.E. 2003 (ENGR), and wife Jessica (Cipper) Tiddy, B.B.E. 2003 (ENGR), announce the birth of their daughter, Leona Cipper Tiddy, on July 28, 2011. The family lives in Leawood, Kan.


Deborah Dubensky, B.S. 2000 (A&S), and husband Henry Dutton announce the birth of their first child, Benjamin Thomas Doregy, on Nov. 26, 2011. They live in Port Washington, N.Y.

Laura Cuzzarelli, B.S.N. 2001 (NURS), and husband Justin Jones welcomed their first child, Avery Grace, on Feb. 19, 2011. They live in Washington, D.C.


Shawna (Rike) Longo, B.M. 2001 (MUSIC), and husband Tony Longo, B.A. 2003 (A&S), announce the birth of their son, Owen Harrison, on Nov. 3, 2011. The family lives in Morris Plains, N.J.


Sally (Oram) Santellano, B.A. 2003 (A&S), and husband Louis welcomed a daughter, Gabriela Mary, on Sept. 11, 2011. She joins brother Rafaat at their home in Highland, Md.

Michael E. McCormick, M.S.E. 1961, Ph.D. 1966 (ENGR), a writer, entrepreneur, venture capitalist, and teacher who escaped from communist Czechoslovakia to the United States, published the memoir Prague: My Long Journey Home: A Memoir of Survival, Denial, and Resistance (Abbey Press, December 2011). It depicts his life as one of Europe’s “hidden children” in World War II and his struggle to reconnect with his native country after the Velvet Revolution. The book was awarded

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Helen Pouzaek Wink, B.S.N. 1951, of Melbourne, Fla., Aug., 6, 2011.

Michael Warsaw

When Michael Warsaw (B.A. 1984) set out to study liturgy at Catholic University, he did not expect to one day find himself CEO of the world’s largest religious media network. “I really had no thought of being involved in Catholic media,” he recalls. But while serving as the assistant director of liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Warsaw was asked to establish a communications department for the Basilica and serve as its first director.

It was during that time that Warsaw (pictured below, center) met Mother Mary Angelica, founder of the Eternal Word Television Network. The network’s inspiring and effective evangelization led him to join in its mission in 1991.

Through his work at EWTN, Warsaw has come to appreciate the increasingly important role played by Catholic media in the Church’s work, a view shared by Catholic leaders. “For the Church’s efforts to be effective there has to be a regular presence on every media platform that it can use,” says Warsaw.

On his rise to network CEO in 2009 and more recently publisher for its new affiliate newspaper National Catholic Register, Warsaw reflects, “It’s certainly been a very fulfilling journey.”

The journey began with his education in the liberal arts and religion at Catholic University, where he met his wife, Jacqueline. Later, Warsaw (M.M. 1988) “was in my time at CUA that I first came to truly understand the universal nature of the Church and first came into contact with people from around the world who faced lived experience of the Church was very different from my own.”

Though his classes did not focus on learning about the media, Warsaw believes that his University education laid a solid foundation for his later work. “I think you learn the importance of the Church, not the medium,” he says. “Anyone who feels called to work in Catholic media should first get a solid understanding of the Church and the philosophical and theological foundations of her teachings.”
Bishop David William Antonio
New Filipino Bishop Credits CUA

More than 4,000 people turned out for the ordination of Bishop David William Antonio (S.T.L. 1993, S.T.D. 1999) in August 2011 at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Paul in Vigan City, Philippines. He says it was a day he won’t soon forget.

About 300 priests and 17 bishops concelebrated. “To me this was a clear manifestation of the ecclesial nature of the event as well as my episcopal ministry. Some said it was auspicious because seemingly even the heavens conspired or at least cooperated. June to October is rainy season in the Philippines and on the day of my ordination, one would expect a wet celebration. Lo and behold, the heavy rains did not come until after the reception in the afternoon,” recalls Bishop Antonio, who says he was “deeply touched by the large number of people who attended the liturgical celebration.” At 48, the newly ordained auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia is the youngest bishop in the Philippines. A native of the country, Bishop Antonio was born in Santo Domingo, Ilocos Sur. He was ordained a priest in 1988.

He entered Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary in Vigan City after his sophomore year in high school upon the encouragement of the priest-director of his parochial school, who “discerned the priestly vocation in me,” says Bishop Antonio. “The calling, however, became a lot clearer to me only after my first year in the theological seminary. I had asked for a leave of absence from the seminary to work as a college teacher. I felt that I was not happy with what I was doing. It was as though my heart kept telling me to return to the seminary.”

As a student at Catholic University during the 1990s, Bishop Antonio says he was well prepared for his work as a “theology teacher, seminary formator, pastore; and now as a bishop.” It was at CUA, he says, that he “learned to take the theological enterprise seriously.”

The professors at CUA’s School of Theology and Religious Studies taught him not only “the necessity of remaining faithful to the deposit of faith but always seeking better, more effective, and creative ways to present, celebrate, and defend this faith, particularly in view of contemporary challenges. Considering that a bishop is primarily a teacher of the faith, I know my CUA education is being put to good use,” he says.

Bishop Antonio was not the only CUA alumnus to be ordained in the Philippines last year. On Dec. 12, Most Rev. Luis Antonio G. Tagle (S.T.L. 1987, S.T.D. 1992) became the 32nd archbishop of Manila in a ceremony at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Intramuros. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 13. Archbishop Tagle has been a member of the International Theological Commission of the Vatican since 1997 and is the chairman of the Commission on the Doctrine of the Faith of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of the Philippines.

Faculty/Staff
Mary Ann Dimond, administrative assistant in several CUA departments from 1986 to 1999, of Gaithersburg, Md., Oct. 4, 2011.
Grayson Wagstaff, dean of the music school.

James P. O’Connor, M.A. 1949, Ph.D. 1952, former chair, Department of Psychology, dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; and vice provost and dean of graduate studies, from 1951 to 1985, of Ashton, Md., Nov. 12, 2011.

Correction
Gerald S. Schillon, B.Ch.E. 1950, of Vero Beach, Fla., died Dec. 31, 2010. In listing his obituary in the fall 2011 issue we incorrectly abbreviated his engineering degree.

Steven Strunk, Longtime Music Professor
Steven Strunk, a professor of composition and music theory in the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, died on Feb. 20, 2012. He had been a faculty member since 1973.

He was known for his original and complex musical compositions and as an accomplished jazz pianist. He was regarded as one of the most important scholars among theorists who studied jazz composition.

At CUA, he directed many dissertation projects and taught thousands of graduate and undergraduate music students in the theory classes. “He had recently noted how much joy he still took from teaching even introductory courses and how much the students of CUA delighted him,” recalled Grayson Wagstaff, dean of the music school.