

# GANNON



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### Our Events



### Our Big News

#### Monday, April 30

- **Retirement Celebration.**

Honoring Joyce Wilhelm, assistant professor of Nursing. 2 to 4 p.m., Boardroom, Old Main.

#### Tuesday, May 1

- **Memorial Service for Dr. John Duda.**

11 a.m., A.J.'s Way, in memory of Dr. John Duda, associate professor of Psychology.

#### Friday, May 4

- **Celebrate Nursing Day.**

11:30 a.m., third floor foyer, A.J. Palumbo Academic Center. To honor nursing students during National Nurses Week. Scholarships will be awarded, and several health care agencies will be on hand with career information.

- **Retirement Celebration.**

Honoring Dr. Gregor Reinhard, dean of Humanities, Business and Education. 3 to 5 p.m., Old Main Boardroom.

#### Sunday, May 6

- **Senior Farewell Mass.**

8:30 p.m., Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

- **Midnight Pancake Breakfast.**

9:30 p.m. to midnight, Gannon Cafeteria. Give our students a study break and volunteer for one of two shifts. Call Nancy Kelly, President's Office, ext. 5800.

## GU to honor 2 at Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner

Two local women who have distinguished themselves nationally and internationally will be honored May 3 as Gannon University hosts its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner.

Honored will be Sister Christine Vladimiroff, OSB, prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie and former president of the National Second Harvest Food Bank, and Susan Kemenyffy, artist and chair of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

As part of its mission, Gannon University prepares its students for leadership roles in their careers and community life. Each year, the university presents the Distinguished Pennsylvanian Award to individuals whose exceptional accomplishments exemplify this mission. Distinguished Pennsylvanians serve as important role models for Gannon's students, the Erie community and the commonwealth.

Vladimiroff has dedicated her life and her career to education and key social justice issues. During the first phase of her professional life, this Erie native concentrated on education – her own and that of her students at Mercyhurst College and St. Benedict Academy in Erie and at St. Joseph School in Oil City. She then served the Diocese of Cleveland's Education Office as its multicultural coordinator, secretary of education, and superintendent of schools.

Also devoted to social concerns, Vladimiroff spent seven years as president and chief executive officer for the Second Harvest National Network based in Chicago. During that time, she was actively involved in dealing with food and hunger issues on a national level.

She returned to Erie in 1998 when she was elected the 16<sup>th</sup> prioress of the Erie Benedictine Sisters.

Vladimiroff has received numerous awards for her education and social justice activities. These include the Adrian Dominican Educational Leadership

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## Our Sympathies

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### Sympathy extended

Please remember all in your prayers as we regrettably announce the death of:

✠ **Mary L. Raymond**, April 23, mother of **Anita Miller**, director of Research, University Advancement.



## Our Folks

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### Prayers requested

✠ Prayers were requested April 24 for **Fr. Joseph Gregorek**, professor of Biology, for a special intention.

✠ Prayers were requested April 24 for the **grandmother of Aimee Hunchuck**, Gannon student.

✠ Prayers were requested April 27 for **James Miller**, assistant professor, Accounting, for a recurrence of leukemia that had been in remission for four years. He is scheduled for radiation.

### Celebrating birthdays...

☺ May 1... **Faye Fromknecht**. ☺ May 3... **Shelly Wilmoth, Sheila Dwyer-Grove**. ☺ May 4... **Charles Ramsey, Patricia Oligeri**. ☺ May 5... **Kimberly Blount, William Doan, Andrew Larson, Michael Panza**. ☺ May 6... **Richard Gammon, Sr. Michele Healy, Jill Slomski, Stacy Kraus**. ☺ May 7... **Michael Bucholtz, Sharon Krahe, Michael Bane**. ☺ May 8... **Sarah Drexler**. ☺ May 9... **Jeffrey Costello**. ☺ May 10... **Fr. Robert Susa, David Steiner**. ☺ May 11... **Fred Beil, Rebecca Curtis, Richard Bukowski**. ☺ May 12... **Ned Lottie, Denise Winschel, Michelle Homan**. ☺ May 13... **David McGarvey**.



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### Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner

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Award from Barry University; the Catholic Woman of Achievement Award from the College of St. Elizabeth; the Distinguished Alumna, Sister Carolynn Herrmann Award for Outstanding Community Service, and the Archbishop Oscar Romero Award from Mercyhurst College; and the Leadership Award bestowed by the Second Harvest National Network upon her departure in 1998.

Kemenyffy is recognized internationally for her accomplishments in the world of fine art. Born in Springfield, Mass., she is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Grant as well as an Assistant's Grant. In 1997, she was appointed chair of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Using her skills to motivate another generation of artists, Kemenyffy has taught at Mercyhurst College, the Erie Art Museum, the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater, Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas; and the University of Iowa Psychopathic Hospital and Clinic in Iowa City.

Kemenyffy has been a contributor to numerous art collections, including those at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, the International Ceramic Museum in Kecskemet, Hungary, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She has hosted many one-person exhibitions and has written extensively on art and art education.

Among the honors bestowed on Kemenyffy for her many contributions and achievements are the Friend to Art Education recognition presented by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association and the Women of the Year 2000 recognition presented by the Women's Roundtable. In addition, she was nominated to the Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Women and was selected one of the Top 50 Community Leaders of the Tri-State Region by *Erie & Chautauqua Magazine*.

The event is being organized by a 20-member volunteer committee chaired by Marne Roche.

The Distinguished Pennsylvanian Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. May 3 at the Bel-Aire Hotel.



## Our Notes

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### Pancakes at midnight

Volunteers are needed to serve students at the Midnight Pancake Breakfast May 6. Give students a break from studying for finals and join other faculty and staff members in feeding our hungry students. The event will be from 9:30 p.m. to midnight Sunday, May 6. Door prizes also are needed. To volunteer or donate a door prize, call **Nancy Kelly** in the President's Office at ext. 5800, or contact her at [kelly001@gannon.edu](mailto:kelly001@gannon.edu).