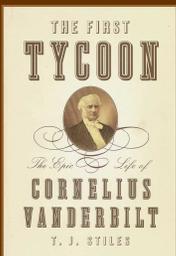


## Institute Updates

- We will be renovating six apartment bathrooms the last two weeks of May 2010. The final four bathrooms are scheduled for renovation in May 2011. The work will be done by the University's Physical Plant department.
- We have hired two CSB student workers, Jennifer Kunkel and Abby Gallagher, to assist with this summer's writing workshops and other events.

## News to Note

- T.J. Stiles, son of long-time Board member and former chair, Carol Stiles and her husband, Cliff, recently received the Pulitzer Prize for his work entitled *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*. Congratulations, T.J.!
- Ethiopian native Mersha Mengstie, a doctoral candidate studying at the University of Hamburg, Germany, will join us as a short-term scholar, in collaboration with the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, for 4 weeks in May 2010. Mersha is a deacon in the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church.



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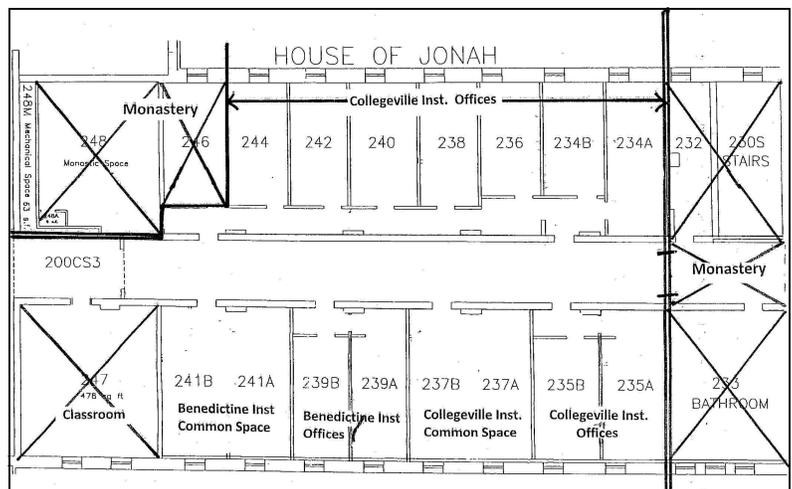


We're excited to welcome Richard Lischer to the Institute this coming August. Richard will lead *Writing and the Pastoral Life*, a writing workshop held at the Institute over the last three years. Richard has taught and lectured widely in the areas of practical theology, ministry, religious autobiography and preaching. In his written work he has explored the interactions of preaching, politics and contemporary culture, notably in *The Preacher King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word that Moved America* and in his most recent book *The End of Words: The Language of Reconciliation in a Culture of Violence*. His theological memoir, *Open Secrets*, evokes the hidden dynamics of ministry in a small-town parish. He is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has nine years of pastoral experience in rural and suburban settings. He has taught in the areas of homiletics and ministry at Duke Divinity School since 1979.

*"I also gave thanks on those walks, for God was clearly present to me....God became the secret outlet for everything bottled up within me, the Big Ear to my big hurt."*  
from *Open Secrets*

## Scholars' Studies Update

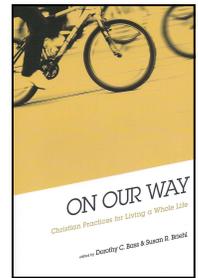
Discussions continue regarding the new space for the Institute scholars' studies now planned to be located in the House of Jonah (2nd floor Quad). Jonah House, consisting of up to eleven studies, is premier space that would place scholars in close proximity to both the School of Theology offices and the new Benedictine Institute.



## THE BOOK NOOK

A FEW EXAMPLES OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY FORMER RESIDENTS

**Dorothy C. Bass** (2005/06) co-edited (with Susan R. Briehl) *On Our Way: Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life* (Upper Room Books, 2010). Twelve authors, who come from a variety of backgrounds and Christian denominations, open the door to Christian practices for living a whole life. Look for **Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove's** (Summer 2008) chapter on *Living as Community*.



**James Leo Garrett, Jr.** (Summer 1977) is the author of *Baptist Theology: A Four-Century Study* (Mercer University Press, 2009), issued in the year of the Baptist quadricentennial. James' most recent book is a comprehensive history of Baptist confessions of faith, major Baptist theologians, and major Baptist movements and controversies.

**Lisa Hickman** (Summer 2008) shares an 'A-Ha' moment that came from a recent viewing of *The Saint John's Bible* at a local monastery in western Pennsylvania. Her essay is called "Shepherd Girls." You can access it under the February 2010 tab at: [http://www.youngclergywomen.typepad.com/the\\_young\\_clergy\\_women\\_pr/](http://www.youngclergywomen.typepad.com/the_young_clergy_women_pr/)

### Monsignor John A. Radano visits Collegeville Institute



Msgr. Radano, former member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, visited over lunch with several scholars, Institute

staff and board members, and Abbey representatives during his visit to campus late March. At the luncheon, he spoke about the achievements of ecumenism, and responded to questions from those in attendance.

Msgr. Radano has been a leader in the ecumenical movement for over 30 years. In 1985 Pope John Paul II appointed him Delegate of the Pontifical Council's Western Section. In 1986 Pope John Paul II appointed him as Papal Chaplain, and in 1993 Prelate of Honor. In 2008 Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary. He is currently an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, and has recently been appointed a visiting professor at the Pontifical University St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) Rome.

### Scholars Keeping us in Touch with the World

**Cyndy McRae** (Fall 2009)

returned from Uganda in mid-February after having taught at Uganda Christian University in Mukono for six weeks. Cyndy is pictured with her students on the last day of class, sporting the hat and bag with which the students gifted her.



Walter Cardinal Kasper (L) and Scott Cowdell

To complete his landmark tenure as Prefect of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Walter Cardinal Kasper has summed up 40 years of official Vatican dialogue with Anglicans, Lutherans, Reformed and Methodists in a new book called *Harvesting the Fruits*. A three-day symposium was held in Rome with five international representatives from each

tradition, celebrating the achievements and taking stock of future challenges and opportunities. Anglican priest **Scott Cowdell** (Spring 2010) participated in this February symposium. Msgr. Radano was also in attendance (see article to left).

**Weldon Nisly** (Spring 2010) spent 12 days in Iraq and Jordan in January 2010 in follow-up to his 2003 Iraq Christian Peacemaker team trip.

Weldon was seriously injured during his first trip, and for seven years

"longed to return to the town and find the Iraqi Good Samaritans who cared for us (*he and other CPT'ers*) while our country invaded theirs." To Weldon's delight, he did find his caretaker, medical assistant, Jassim Mohammed (pictured above), who had cared for him at the Rutba Clinic.

