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Notre Dame professor to deliver annual Moreau Lectures

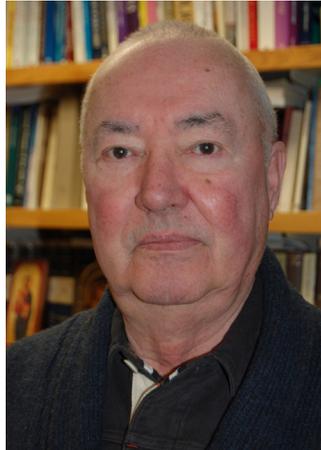
Blessed Brother Andre Besette, C.S.C., was the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be declared a Saint during a canonization ceremony held in Rome this past Sunday.

King's will mark the occasion with several events this week.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the Chapel of Christ the King. The Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, will preside.

Dr. Lawrence Cunningham, the John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, will commemorate the canonization during two free public lectures at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the Burke Auditorium.

The lectures will focus on Brother Andre's life in terms of the tradition of doorkeeping in the Bible and in Christian spirituality.



Dr. Lawrence Cunningham

Cunningham is the 32nd speaker in the history of King's Moreau lecture series.

The notable author of three Catholic Press Association award-winning books, Cunningham's scholarly interests are systematic theology and culture and the history of Christian spirituality. His most recent book is "A Brief History of Saints." He has edited or written 16 other books and co-edited the academic monograph series "Studies in Theology and Spirituality." He is also an associate editor for a number of scholarly journals.

The Moreau Lecture Series brings renowned theologians to the King's campus to address issues of social justice, peace, morality and Catholic identity as well as other subjects relevant to the lives of students, Catholics, and all other people concerned with the significant issues facing the Church and society today.

The King's College Moreau Lecture program is named in honor of Blessed Father Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Holy Cross Community that established King's College.

For further information on the Moreau Lecture, please contact Rev. Daniel Issing, C.S.C., assistant professor of theology, at ext. 5491 or e-mail danielissing@kings.edu.

Federal grant to prepare PA students for primary care

King's has been awarded a federal grant of nearly \$1 million to expand the Physician Assistant Studies Program by providing financial aid to students who are interested in specializing in primary care. The grant was made by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Affordable Care Act.

The \$990,000 grant to King's will enable the College to enroll five additional students in the highly competitive two-year professional phase of the PA master's degree program in each of the next five academic years.

King's received one of 32 grants made

nationally and was the largest of four given to Pennsylvania institutions as part of the Expansion of Physician Assistant Training Program.

According to HRSA, 65 million people, more than one-fifth of the country's population, reside in more than 6,000 Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas. There are 164 such areas in Pennsylvania, including 23 in Luzerne County.

"Due to population growth, aging and other factors, experts predict that physician demand will outpace supply through at least 2025," said Frances Feudale, D.O., director of the Physician Assistant Studies Program and project director.

According to national experts, the newly enacted Affordable Care Act will add an estimated 30 million new patients to already stretched primary care physician practices.

While the nation's medical schools are increasing efforts to educate and train more physicians, this alone will not be enough to address these shortages.

Changes such as improving efficiency through the use of competent advanced practice clinicians, non-physician providers, and mid-level providers will also be needed to ease the increasing burden. Physician Assistants are trained health care providers able to meet some of this growing need.

Renowned poet Naomi S. Nye to read excerpts of her work

Renowned poet and author Naomi Shihab Nye will read excerpts of her work during a free public reading at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the Burke Auditorium. Nye is the 2010 Visiting Writer, a program sponsored by the English Department.

Nye gives voice to her experience as an Arab-American through poems about heritage and peace.

"Naomi Shihab Nye is a voice that America needs in its time of trouble," said former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins. "Her clarity combined with her verbal kindness and her knowledge of multiple cultures provide a strong, audible message that the only hope for reconciliation and understanding lies in the ideals set by the human heart."

Nye is the author of numerous books of poems, including *You and Yours*, which received the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award, as well as *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East*, a collection of

new and selected poems about the Middle East.

Nye has received the Carity Randall Prize, four Pushcart Prizes, and awards from the Texas Institute of Letters and the International Poetry Forum. She has been a Lannan Fellow, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Witter Bynner Fellow.

Her poems and short stories have appeared in various journals and reviews throughout North America, Europe, and the Middle and Far East. Nye earned a bachelor's degree in English and world religions from Trinity University. She was recently elected a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. She currently lives in San Antonio, Texas.

A book signing follows; books will be available for purchase prior to the event at King's/Wilkes Barnes & Noble Bookstore and at the reading.

The reading is a part of King's "Experiencing the Arts" series. For more information, contact

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Naomi Shihab Nye

St. Bernardine's Gospel choir to perform this weekend

Saint Bernardine's Gospel Choir will perform a free concert of traditional gospel songs and contemporary religious compositions at King's at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, and during the 11 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, Oct. 24, as part of the College's "Experiencing the Arts" series.

The concert and the liturgy will be held in the J. Carroll McCorrick Campus Ministry Center. The performance is co-sponsored by King's Theatre Department, the Office of Diversity, and Campus Ministry.

The Saint Bernardine concert will also feature the sounds of King's choir, Cantores Christi Regis, who join the performers on stage during selected songs of faith.

The Gospel Choir has performed throughout the Baltimore area as well as in Rome for the late Pope John Paul II, and was featured on a Palm Sunday service broadcast on NBC.

For more information, visit the Experiencing the Arts Calendar at www.kings.edu, or contact Music Director Rob Yenkowski at ext. 6044 or e-mail rayenkow@kings.edu.

King's adds VISTA volunteer



Jeffrey Bowlby

Jeffrey Bowlby will serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA member at King's for the 2010-2011 academic year. The position is funded by a federal Americorps grant, which is provided directly to VISTA members to cover living expenses.

A native of Mount Holly, N.J., Bowlby will develop educational programming (nutritional, environmental, entrepreneurial) and arrange events for the children at the McGlynn

Learning Center and continue to develop the Wilkes-Barre Community Garden project located near the South Street Bridge.

Bowlby earned a bachelor's degree in biology and environmental science from King's, where he participated in the study of ecology of tropical ecosystems in Peru this past summer. While at King's, he was the recipient of a Moreau Scholarship and member of the College's Dean's List. He also served as a peer tutor and a resident assistant in the college residence halls.

An avid volunteer, Bowlby provided assistance at the Garden State Animal Hospital and worked with children whose parents were terminally ill during a "Get Away Day" at Samaritan Hospice in Cherry Hill, N.J. Locally, he volunteers at McGlynn Learning Center and the CEO Food Bank.

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