Honoring Great Ministers of the Gospel
Father Virgilio Elizondo & The Rev. Dr. Allan A. Boesak
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Cover photo: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, President of OST, with this year’s recipients of an Honorary Doctorate: Fr. Virgilio Elizondo and the Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Two kinds of teachers

When I was student in the seminary, I had two kinds of teachers: One kind would have us read great secular thinkers, but always with the intent of wanting to help show where these thinkers were wrong. Our intellectual task as Catholic seminarians, they would tell us, is to be able to defend Catholicism against the kinds of criticisms found in the writings of these secular (sometimes, anti-Christian) thinkers and to keep our own faith and teaching free of their influence. The second set of professors approached things differently: They would have us read great secular thinkers, even if they were bitterly critical of Christianity and Catholicism, but with the intent of seeing what we positively could learn from them. These are great minds, they told us, and, whether sympathetic to Christianity or not, we have something to learn from them. Do not read uncritically, was their challenge, but still read with the intent of being instructed.

Early on as a seminary student, because I was still insecure intellectually, I leaned more towards the self-protective approach of the first set of professors and read most secular thinkers defensively. I have to smile now as I look back on the idealistic, but naive and intellectually frightened, young man I was then, a 19-year-old undergraduate trying to poke holes in the likes of thinkers like Nietzsche, Feuerbach, Marx, Freud, Durkheim and Lenin. I imagined myself David fighting Goliath. It seems misguided and grandiose now, but I still have a fondness for that 19-year-old who was engaged in this battle.

Later on, precisely because some of the valuable insights in a number of great secular thinkers began to break through, despite my resistance, I began more and more to lean towards the approach of the second set of professors who had invited us to learn from others’ insights, no matter the cloak of the author. Now as I age, both chronologically and in ministry, I find that I am richer and more compassionate to the exact extent that I can do that, namely, remain faithful to the truth wherever I find it, no matter its source. Hence, today I find myself drinking from intellectual wells of every sort. I still read with a critical eye, but now also with a thirst for the insights these writers have into life and the soul.

Sometimes, in our fear of being tainted in our orthodoxy, we forget that many of the great theologians in Christian tradition were unafraid to pick up pagan thinkers, mine their insights for truth, and then blend these with their faith: St. Augustine did this with Platonism. Thomas Aquinas, in the face of considerable ecclesial criticism, did the same thing with Aristotle. Ironically, centuries later, we now take many of their intellectual categories, which they originally took from pagan thought, as our very criteria for orthodoxy.

More recently, liberation theology, at its best, has done this with Marxist theory: just as feminism, at its best, has done the same with secular social theory; however, many of these efforts have been viewed, in the name of orthodoxy, with either suspicion or positive rejection. Dare one say that Jesus did the same thing? He picked up parables and stories that were current in his culture and tailored them to further his own religious and moral teachings. Moreover, he taught, with precious little equivocation, that we are to honor truth wherever we see it, irrespective of who’s carrying it.

But isn’t this syncretism? If one picks up truths from diverse pagan and secular sources and harmonizes them with one’s Christian faith, how does one avoid the accusation of being syncretistic?

Picking up truth from a variety of sources is not syncretism. Syncretism is combining insights gleaned from everywhere in a way that is uncritical of internal contradiction. But we must not confuse tension with contradiction. Tension is not necessarily a sign of contradiction; it’s often the opposite: True faith is humble enough to accept truth, wherever it sees it, irrespective of the tension it causes and irrespective of the religion or ideology of whoever is speaking it. Big minds and big hearts are large enough to contain and carry large ambiguities and great tensions; and true worshippers of God accept God’s goodness and truth wherever these are manifest, no matter how religiously or morally inconvenient that manifestation might be.

God is the author of all that is good and all that is true! Hence, since no one religion, one church, one culture, one philosophy, or one ideology contains all of the truth, we must be open to perceive and receive goodness and truth in many, many different places – and we must be open to the tensions and ambiguity this brings into our lives.

Ron Rolheiser, OMI
Boesak, Elizondo feted at dinner

Oblate School of Theology's two distinguished honorary doctoral degree recipients, the Rev. Dr. Allan A. Boesak and Father Virgilio Elizondo, were feted at a special dinner May 8 in the Whitley Theological Center by OST trustees, administration and faculty.

On the following evening, at OST's 2014 Commencement, Dr. Boesak was awarded an honorary Doctor of Theology and Justice degree for his tireless work in bringing down apartheid in his native South Africa. He holds the Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice and Reconciliation Studies at Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University in Indianapolis. He also is Theologian in Residence at the International Institute for the Study of Race, Reconciliation and Social Justice. Father Elizondo was awarded a Doctor of Pastoral Theology degree for his contributions to international theology and his application of those theological insights to parish life. He is Professor of Hispanic and Pastoral Theology at the University of Notre Dame and is recognized internationally as the Father of U.S. Latino Theology.

During the dinner program, Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, President of OST, characterized the honorees as “special persons of faith, dedication and courage,” adding, “Dr. Allan Boesak and Father Virgil Elizondo, like the prophets and evangelists of old, have served the people with fidelity and courage, particularly when they’ve stood alongside the poor.” He asked God to “bless them by letting them feel our appreciation of their persons and their work.”

Father Elizondo brought the top Latin American theologians and pastoralists of the time to the Mexican American Cultural Center (now the Mexican American Catholic College): Gustavo Gutierrez, Segundo Galilea, Jose Marins and others.

Father Elizondo’s insights on mestizaje (mestizo culture and religion) “were truly groundbreaking, viewing the mixing of two cultures as creating a distinct new culture that builds on both sources of its heritage. This is particularly important in interpreting the reality of Mexican Americans,” said Father Bob Wright. He noted that Father Elizondo’s equally groundbreaking book Galilean Journey and his lectures all over the country have brought him international recognition. At Oblate College of the Southwest (as OST was called in the 1970s), Father Elizondo helped integrate Hispanic culture and ministry more solidly into the Oblate College curriculum.

Dr. Boesak, a native of South Africa, is a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. In 1982, he introduced a motion for the World Alliance of Reformed Churches to declare apartheid a heresy contrary to both the Gospel and the Reformed tradition. The worldwide body adopted a Declaration on Racism, suspended South Africa’s white Dutch Reformed Church and unanimously elected Boesak president of the alliance, whose churches include more than 50 million people. Dr. Boesak was instrumental in obtaining the release of Nelson Mandela from prison and worked tirelessly in collaboration with Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu in leading efforts to end the scourge of apartheid in his native country. He has received the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award.

Thank you to all who helped make the first-ever Big Give SA an enormous success. Oblate School of Theology received 37 gifts totaling $3,280 during the 24 hours of online giving May 6. 467 Bexar County nonprofits signed up. In all, 21,351 gifts totaling $2,063,733.50 were made.
Oblate School of Theology conferred three Doctor of Ministry degrees, 31 master’s degrees and 15 Certificates of Advanced Studies for Pastoral Ministry at Commencement May 9 in the Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel.

Also, the Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa and a longtime colleague of Archbishop Desmond Tutu in ending apartheid in their country, was awarded an honorary doctorate in Theology and Justice and was Commencement speaker; Father Virgilio P. Elizondo, a native of San Antonio’s West Side who is internationally renowned as the Father of U.S. Latino Theology, received an honorary doctorate in Pastoral Leadership.

Father William Antone, OMI, Provincial of the United States Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Chairman of the OST Board of Trustees, awarded the diplomas to the graduates, while Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, PhD, conferred the academic hoods.

Servando Guerrero Ponce, a graduating seminarian for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, received the Father Pierre Keralum OMI Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Master of Divinity. The faculty, administration, fellow graduates and the congregation gave him a warm standing ovation as he received the award from Father Antone.

Vicki K. Petty received the Master of Arts in Spirituality.

Master of Arts in Theology recipients were Mary Elizabeth Campa, Terence Kasonde Chota, OMI, Dawid M. Karchut, OMI, Gervan Santos Azevedo de Menezes, Chaplain (Major) Pablo Pérez-Maisonet, Rita Segura Velasquez and Annette Esther Winfield.

Receiving the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry were Daniel Calderón, Melody Escobar, Lizett Farias, Amelia Gonzalez McKnight, Juan Mercado and Nyangu’au N.D. Darius, OP Miss.

Master of Divinity recipients were Allan Oluoch Alaka, Nader Nabil Ata, OFM Conv., Lucio Castillo Escamilla, OMI, Jesus Jesse Esqueda, OMI, José Garza-Hernández, Richard Amoto Giner, OSST, Servando Guerrero Ponce, Scott Janysek, Kien Trung Kieu, Gervan Santos Azevedo de Menezes, Paul Huy Nguyen, Toan N. Pham, Francisco M. Quiroz-Carrizales, David Paul Uribe, OMI, and Victor R. Valdez. The Master of Divinity recipients, all seminarians, also received the Certificate in Advanced Studies for Presbyteral Ministry.

Doctor of Ministry recipients were Alexander Palomaria (Clinical Pastoral Education), Robin Stephenson-Bratcher (Clinical Pastoral Education) and Fanny Tabares (Hispanic Ministry). Palomaria’s dissertation title was “Oasis Airmen Ministry Center: A Proposed Strategy for Promoting Airmen’s Attendance at the Presidio Defense Language Institute, Monterrey, Calif.” Stephenson-Bratcher’s dissertation title was “Compassion Fatigue: Spirituality and Coping with Failure.” Tabares’ title was “Opción Preferencial por los Pobres en el Rostro de los Indocumentados Latinos que Cruzaron la Frontera Mexico-Estados Unidos: Facilitando el Intercambio de Dones en la Diócesis de Kalamazoo, Michigan.”

Gervan Santos Azevedo de Menezes, Francisco Quiroz-Carrizales and Victor R. Valdez also completed requirements for the Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology. This ecclesiastical degree is offered through an affiliation with Saint Paul University in Ottawa and is accredited by the Holy See’s Congregation for Catholic Education. It will be conferred at a later date.

Faculty, Board of Trustees and Graduates, 2014
2014 degree candidates show varied face of the Church

The graduates of Oblate School of Theology’s various degree programs, as usual, give testimony to the rich cultural diversity of the Church. All 15 graduates in the Master of Divinity program were seminarians about to be ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood. They were born in such diverse places as the United States, Mexico, Vietnam, the Philippines, Kenya and Brazil. Eight have since been ordained and the others are soon to be ordained. These men represent the dioceses of San Antonio, Brownsville, El Paso, Laredo, Nashville, and San Bernardino; and the religious congregations of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Trinitarians and the Conventual Franciscans. Three also have qualified for the Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology offered at OST through an affiliation with Saint Paul University in Ottawa and accredited by the Congregation for Catholic Education and will receive that ecclesiastical degree at a later date.

The graduates in the other degree programs reflect OST’s desire to equip both future priests and laity professionally for a variety of ministries in the Church. The graduate in the Master of Arts in Spirituality program is a Methodist woman. Of the eight graduates in the Master of Arts in Theology program, three are Catholic women and one is a Seventh-Day Adventist minister. The other four are priesthood candidates: two diocesan seminarians and two from the Missionary Oblates. Five of the six graduates in the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program are Catholic laity, three women and two men. The other was a seminarian with the congregation of the Dominican Missionaries for Deaf Apostolate.

The three graduates receiving the Doctor of Ministry degree reflect the ecumenical breadth of that program. Dr. Alexander Palomaria is a Methodist military chaplain. Dr. Fanny Tabares is the director for multicultural ministry, especially Hispanic ministry, in her diocese. Dr. Robin J. Stephenson-Bratcher is a Church of Nazarene military chaplain. (By Father Bob Wright, OMI)

IFP graduates 30, LMI 16

Oblate School of Theology's Instituto de Formación Pastoral/Pastoral Formation Institute graduated 30 students and the Lay Ministry Institute 16 on May 10, 2014. Certificates for completing the two-year programs were awarded in OST’s Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel.

Father Virgilio Elizondo, one of two honorary doctorate recipients at OST's commencement ceremony the previous evening, addressed the graduates in both English and Spanish without a prepared text. The San Antonio native and Professor of Hispanic and Pastoral Theology at the University of Notre Dame reminded graduates that they were disciples of Christ in mission. He congratulated them for taking their baptism seriously, having dedicated themselves to deepening their knowledge of Jesus Christ and having expanded their commitment to follow him by reaching out to others in ministry.

“We are called to start on the peripheries of society – among the street people, the prostitutes, the prisoners, the immigrants and many others – and to confront the ‘temples’ of society – the idolatry of money, upward mobility and pleasure – so as to bring in the reign of God in unconditional love among all people,” he said.

IFP/PFI graduates included Debbie M. Albarado, Olivia A. Bernsen, Sylvia Patricia Betancourt, Kristopher Cardenaz, Paula Angelica Carmona, Irene Flores Chavez, Minnie D. Cruz, Rita Lorraine De La Cruz, Erin A. Deleon, Minna Delgado, Nubia M. Duran, Nora C. Escamilla,
Oblate School of Theology honored Clifton J. Bolner and more than 40 members of his extended family April 10 in gratitude for decades of generous support of OST and of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate at the School’s 15th annual Spring Gala. Clif Bolner, founder and chief executive officer of one of San Antonio’s most successful family-owned businesses, Bolner’s Fiesta Products, is very well-known for his generosity to numerous causes in San Antonio and beyond.

The event was celebrated at the Whitley Theological Center on the OST campus before some 275 family members, Oblates, friends and supporters of the School. Veronica Salazar Escobedo and her husband, Ruben M. Escobedo, both Honorary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, chaired the event. Veronica conceived the idea of the Spring Gala while a trustee and has chaired it each year since its inception in 2000. Ruben has co-chaired the event with her for the past four years.

The Bolners also have supported Seton Home, St. Peter-St. Joseph Children’s Home, Our Lady of the Lake University, the Witte Museum, San Antonio Museum Association, Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital, Cancer Therapy and Research Center and Texas A&M University; the Catholic parishes of Our Lady of Grace, Blessed Sacrament, St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph (downtown); various local Catholic schools; and many other causes and institutions within and beyond the community.

Clif Bolner’s many honors have included the Archbishop Francis J. Furey Outstanding Award Medal, Central Catholic High School’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood/Sisterhood Humanitarian Award and the Humanitarian Award given by Catholic Charities. He also is a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University.

The Bolner family has supported OST and other Oblate projects as far away as Zambia. Family friend Billy Fuller, who served the Zambia mission for three years, said Mr. Bolner’s support helped him to build a wing for a hospital at the Santa Maria Mission in Lukulu, to build a school building for the Christian Brothers, to build a leper colony from the ground up and to buy a sorely needed ambulance. Father Pat Guidon, OMI, observed that Mr. Bolner is deeply and widely respected as a businessman of vision and a recognized success in the competitive world. “It is too soon to speak of ‘legacy,’ yet the evidence is already present: the name Bolner is its own legacy. Somebody once wisely said, ‘The reward for something well done is to have done it,’ and we are witnesses to how that is lived in the Bolner family.”
Pope Francis has captured the world’s attention with a variety of comments and departures from Vatican protocol, but once he got that attention, he didn’t hesitate to issue a challenging message, Las Cruces Bishop Oscar Cantú told students and faculty recently at Oblate School of Theology.

The nation’s youngest Latin Rite diocesan bishop, Bishop Cantú had been San Antonio’s auxiliary bishop until his installation as Bishop of Las Cruces, N.M., on Feb. 28, 2013, the very day of Pope Benedict XVI’s retirement. He was the guest speaker March 20 at OST’s 2014 Student Issues Forum, speaking on “The Francis Effect.”

From the beginning of his pontificate, the prelate observed, “Pope Francis spoke a very humble message, and then came a signal: a break in protocol. He asked the people for a blessing. That’s not a very common thing, not exactly the protocol one would expect; usually, you ask a blessing from someone who has some sort of authority in your life.” It turned out to be only the first of many protocols Pope Francis broke during his first year, the Las Cruces prelate observed.

During the Holy Thursday liturgy, “he washed the feet not only of men but of women, and in fact of some who were not Christian. Many people were hurt by that, not because they were women or non-Christians but because there were set rubrics in the liturgy that say it is men who are to have their feet washed,” he commented. Personally, he said, “I believe that the moment of washing the feet of 12 people is about service, not priesthood; there are good moments in the liturgy to reflect on the priesthood, and they need to be handled properly.”

The message, he explained, was that “There is a bigger picture, a bigger law, that we need to be concerned about, and he has repeated that over and over. What are the rules and laws that capture us? Do they prevent us from seeing the bigger picture of living the Gospel? He began to preach spontaneously, something we hadn't seen, and used language we hadn't heard, certainly not from a pontiff. So we saw clearly that it was a new day. Some were delighted, some hurt. Some wondered about his commitment to the so-called non-negotiables, where he complained about our small-mindedness, while others were delighted with his focus on the poor, on the disenfranchised and on the marginalized.”

For the second part of his talk, Bishop Cantú read parts of Francis’ first apostolic exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). The document contains a statement the Pope said he often had made as archbishop to his priests in Buenos Aires: “I prefer a church that’s bruised and broken and dirty because it's been out in the streets rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.” Bishop Cantú noted that “the media loved it. They'd never heard this kind of language from the Vatican. It’s the kind of language we’d hear from our Old Testament prophets. It shakes people up.”

“Now that he has our attention, he’s calling us to conversion - in the church, for sure; in society; in the global economy, our cities and our nations – so we can't simply remain in this exuberance, in this so-called ‘Francis Effect.’”

Oblate School of Theology is stepping up its recycling efforts this year, creating more visibility for recycling containers throughout the campus, said Sister Linda Gibler, OP, chair of the School’s Integrity of Creation Committee.

Highlighting the year’s efforts was the Eco-Logo Contest, won by David Uribe, OMI. His distinctive logo combines the flame (the Light of Christ) from the OST logo; the cross over the Benson Theological Center from the Building on Faith Capital Campaign logo; and the international recycling symbol – three curved arrows forming a continuous cycle. It also carries the slogan “Oblate School of Theology Recycles.”
Oblate School of Theology will offer three new scholarships for all first-time students who meet specific academic requirements beginning in the fall semester of 2014, said René Espinosa, Vice President for Finance and Human Resources.

The Trustee Scholarship will be for full tuition ($4,770 for academic and $4,240 for professional degrees). The academic degrees are the Master of Arts in Theology and Spirituality; the professional degrees are the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry. To qualify, a student must have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.9 and a MAT score of 450. The President’s Scholar Award will be for $1,500 toward the academic degrees and for $1,400 toward the professional degrees for a student with an undergraduate GPA of 3.75 and a MAT score of 400. The Dean’s Scholar Award will be for $1,100 towards the academic degrees and $1,000 towards the professional degrees for a student with an undergraduate GPA of 3.25 and a MAT score of 350. For more information, inquire at the Registrar’s Office, (210) 341-1366, ext. 212.
OST Community News

FACULTY

Rose Marden, Associate Dean for Continuing Education, successfully defended her Doctor of Ministry dissertation, titled “Why Don’t They Come? Enhancing Participation in Parish Adult Faith Formation” April 9 at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The degree was awarded May 17.  

Father John Markey, OP, Assistant Professor of Theology, had his new book, Moses in Pharaoh’s House, published this spring by Anselm Academic. It reflects on liberation in the context of North America and examines the dualisms between “us” and “them.” It presents a spirituality of conversion for the privileged and develops a connection between the liberation of the oppressed and conversion of the privileged.  

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Rita S. Velasquez, Assistant Director of Lay Ministry, earned a Master of Arts (Theology) degree from OST May 9. She already has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College.  

Father Bob Wright, OMI, Professor of Systematic Theology, received the Patrick Foley Award from the Texas Catholic Historical Society for his historical essay on the Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle in the society’s 2013 journal. He also presented on Oblate Missionaries along the Rio Grande from 1900-1948 at a meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. He gave conferences on “Mission Today” at the 75th anniversary convocation of the Missionary Oblates in the Philippines and visited the Oblate missionary work there May 19-28.  

Father Ronald Wayne Young, OMI, an assistant professor of missiology at OST from 2000-2005, died April 27 of a stroke in Mission Hills, Calif. An assistant professor of missiology at Saint Paul University in Ottawa before his retirement, he was editor of OST’s Offerings theological journal until 2012.  

ALUMNI/AE

Celina Villagarcia, M.A. (Th) ’12, published Pulp, a small book of poems telling a story of her feelings about being a mother, a wife, a child in the borderlands feeling torn between two cultures, and the angst of making the transition from being an activist to motherhood. The book is available through Mouthfield Press for $14.
Thirteen Oblate School of Theology employees were honored at a Tuesday community luncheon April 1 for reaching various five-year milestones in their service to the School.

Maria Garcia, Director of the Donald E. O’Shaughnessy Library, received a crystal globe representing the Oblate world for her 25 years of service.

Rito Rodriguez and Joe Espinosa Jr., maintenance staff, were honored for 15 years of service, and each received a crystal flame.

Ten-year honorees Bonnie LaMelle Abadie, Director of Lay Ministry; Morris Lim, Physical Plant Director; Robert Rodriguez, maintenance staff; and Rita Velasquez, Associate Director of Lay Ministry, each received a glass paperweight.

Joanne Aleman, circulation clerk at the Donald E. O’Shaughnessy Library; Jorge Garza, maintenance staff; Rita Mays, a cook at the Oblate Renewal Center; Diana Morin, accounting clerk in the business office; Ana Maria Ramirez, housekeeper at the Pat Guidon Center; and Father Bill Zapalac, OMI, pastoral associate at the Oblate Renewal Center, were honored for five years of service. Each received a mounted certificate of appreciation. All 13 honorees also received a cash gift of $10 for each year of service to OST.

Can even a “widow’s mite” be a significant gift?

Ever wished you could leave Oblate School of Theology a legacy gift, but think your estate may not be sufficient to benefit both your loved ones and OST?

Leaving the School a small percentage of your estate – no matter how small – would be of considerable help.

For more information about how you can impact the future of OST or to notify us that you included the School in your estate plans, please contact Lea Kochanek: lkochanek@ost.edu or (210) 457-7731.
SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday, August 26: 2014-2015 Bridges to Contemplative Living 9-week series begins, 1-3 pm, The Rock House

Saturday, September 6: 2014-2015 Portraits in World Mysticism monthly series begins, 9 am-noon, Whitley Theological Center

Monday, September 15: OST Alumni Gathering, 6:30 pm, Whitley Theological Center

Wednesday, September 17: Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI’s four-week lecture series begins, 7-9 pm, Whitley Theological Center

Saturday, September 20: Dr. Renata Furst and Mary Wilder present Women, Desire and Dangerous Things, 9 am-4pm, Whitley Theological Center

Saturday, September 27: 2014-2015 Sankofa Institute Lecture Series begins, 9 am-noon, Whitley Theological Center

Wednesday, October 1, OST co-hosting Assumption Seminary Alumni Homecoming Social, Assumption Seminary

Saturday, October 25: Oblate 285 Benefit, 5:30 pm – Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel, 6:30 pm – Social at Whitley Theological Center

Monday, November 10: Oblate Open golf tournament, 8 am tee-off at TPC San Antonio – Canyons Course