

HONORING THE PAST



EMBRACING THE FUTURE

# Message from the President

As we near the end of Fontbonne's centennial celebration, I hope you'll mark your calendars for one or more of the following events.

On Thursday, April 20, Dr. Corinne Mason will give the final faculty lecture at 7 p.m. in the Lewis Room. Her presentation, "A Mr. Kleinschmidt: Unraveling the Global History of the Man who Brought the Eurasian Tree Sparrow to St. Louis" is the result of one of Dr. Mason's sabbatical projects.

Dr. Anton Koekemoer, a research astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, will give a talk entitled, "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God': Faith and Science in Harmony" on Friday, April 28, at noon in the Black Box Theatre. The audience is invited to participate in a tour of the universe and see the discoveries revealed by the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes.

Join us for the burying of the centennial time capsule which will take place before the end of the spring semester. The date is yet to be determined based upon the weather and the conditions of the ground. Please look for more information on this anniversary event.

The centennial gala will be held at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton on May 13. Tickets are still available although we expect to have a sell-out crowd. Come and be recognized as part of Fontbonne's success in educating students as we pay tribute to our founders, present and previous board members, and the faculty and staff who have contributed to the legacy of our university!

As part of our centennial celebration, I'm pleased to announce a new initiative, a one-week formation program for faculty and staff that will take place each morning during the week of May 22-25. Participants who sign up for the program will be invited to learn about the history of Fontbonne; the history, charism and ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet; the Catholic intellectual tradition; the principles of Catholic social teaching and more.

Each day will begin at 8:30 and continue until noon. Participants will share a light breakfast or lunch each day with social time to get to know others on campus. The activities each day will include a brief time for prayer and reflection as well as two guest speakers on one of the focused topics of the week as outlined above. A tour of the Motherhouse and meal with the CSJs are included. Information will be forthcoming about how to sign up for this program which will be held to 10-12 attendees.

- Dr. Nancy H. Blattner, President

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## Mark Your Calendar

### APRIL

- 1:** Easter Egg Hunt (tentative)
- 14:** Fontbonne Day
- 20:** Motherhouse tour and lunch with CSJs; 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- 20:** Dr. Corinne Mason. "A Mr. Kleinschmidt': Unraveling the Global History of the Man who Brought the Eurasian Tree Sparrow to St. Louis."
- 26:** Motherhouse tour and supper with CSJs; 4 – 6 pm
- 28:** Academic Exhibition; 9 am – 1 pm / 4 – 5 pm
- 28:** Anton Koekemoer, Hubble Space & James Webb Telescopes research astrophysicist, lecture 12 – 1 pm
- 30:** Honors Convocation

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## From the Archives



Care of the Earth is part of Fontbonne students' responsibility as global citizens. Here, Fontbonne students and faculty celebrate the first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, with Congressman Jim Symington. How do you care for the Earth and celebrate Earth Day

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## The Saint John's Bible: Understanding the Illustrations

**Rejoice!**



*ZECHARIAH 9:9 - 17, 10:1 - 5*

*"Lo, your kind comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."*

**Are the words and images in this illumination complementary or in tension?**

"This final messianic vision is by Hazel Dolby and includes text from Zechariah 9:9: "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he." However, the tone of the image is not what we might expect for an illumination titled

“Rejoice!” For that mood we would do better to return the Messianic Predictions in Isaiah. This image draws on the link made between this passage in Zechariah and the Triumphant Entry celebrated on Palm Sunday. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem on a donkey, greeted by people singing Hosanna and calling him the messiah, the Son of David, laying down palms in his path (Matt 21:1-10). He does not come to rule, however, but to prepare for his crucifixion.

“The king” here arrives on a donkey, with head bowed. The donkey is a colt, and the man’s feet hang almost to the ground. Even the donkey looks sad! The palm trees remind us of Palm Sunday but also of Ezekiel’s vision of the temple with its palm trees in the garden outside the gate. In the upper left-hand corner of the image is the shadow of a city. This is another indication that the vision has an eschatological dimension. The kingdom is not of this world, not even of Jesus’ time. Victory, we are being told here, is not found in the portrait of a proud conquering hero, but in our Suffering Servant.

This is the last illumination in Prophets, aside from the closing motif of the winged seraphs and temple grid. It is quiet and filled with paradox, like the begging of the Christian Holy Week. Jesus rides the donkey to Jerusalem, aware of what will happen there. What will happen is necessary for the ultimate glory of Easter and salvation and the final glorious vision of God’s kingdom. It is proper that the book ends with a vision of a journey. All of these prophets have taken their own journeys, responded to the call, and acted their part in salvation history.”

*Extracted from "The Art of the Saint John's Bible" by Susan Sink*

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