Mabel Coyne – was an oblate in St. Benedict’s monastery. She served as an assistant curator in the 1960’s (1966 & 1967). Among her contributions was caring for the Chandonnet Collection. In late fall 1966 she corresponded with many famous botanists from around the country to learn about more about collectors who had exchanged specimens with Chandonnet and were included in his collection. She gathered a large series of mini biographies about the collectors associated with Chandonnet.

Father James Hansen, OSB – was born in Jacob's Prairie (MN) on July 25, 1874. He came to St. John's in 1889 and made vows as a Benedictine monk seven years later (1896). In 1901 he was ordained as a priest and was assigned to be assistant pastor of Richmond. As a remedy for his tuberculosis he spent considerable time outside studying plants and animals. He ultimately because an expert on insects (accumulating a collection of about 10,000 specimens) and plants. He returned to St. John's after a year (1902) and became a professor in the School of Science where he remained active until his death on July 19, 1934. He was the author of several publications, including one entitled, "Evolution: Its Present Standing" in 1922. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, charter member of the Entomological Society of America, and member
of the Minnesota Academy of Science. Father James was truly a scientific renaissance man – perhaps the best overall biologist the Biology Department has ever seen. He was an all-around expert in most areas of biology and was an outstanding teacher and scholar. In honor of his contributions, the CSB/SJU Biology Department invertebrate collections are named after Father James.

**Father Gunther Rolfson, OSB** – is a past curator of the St. John's Herbarium. He occupied this position in the late 1960's after returning from his graduate studies in botany at the University of Oregon. Upon his return, Father Gunther then began a botanical legacy that continues to influence our communities. For example, in 1966 Fr. Gunther and his students began to work in the newly constructed Greenhouse and he established a 25-acre botanical reserve just east of East Gemini Lake in the area that is now part of the savanna restoration project. Many of his plants can still be found growing along this hillside. Not only was he a popular professor in the Biology department, but Fr. Gunther also served as registrar, director of admissions, founder and director of the counseling center, vice president for academic affairs, President of the University, chaplain of St. Benedict's Monastery and pastor of St. Catherine's Church (Farming, MN).

**Stephen G. Saupe, Ph.D.** – received his B.S. in biology from Lynchburg College (VA) and completed his M.S. (1977) and Ph.D. (1981) in botany at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He is currently Curator of the Herbarium. He assumed this position in 1994 when Dr. Zaczkowski retired. Dr. Saupe's research interests are in the floristics of Minnesota plants, especially those of rocky outcrops. He is also interested in chemosystematics. Among his accomplishments as curator are: (1) supervised the merger of the formerly separate collections from CSB and SJU and reorganized the collections phylogenetically; (2) supervised moving the herbarium to its new location after the renovation of the Science Center in 1998; (3) developed displays on Minnesota Grasses and Winter Weeds; (4) started the computer database; (5) completed a variety of floristic studies of the campuses; (6) wrote multiple documents about the history and use of the herbarium; (7) created a web site for the herbarium; (8) initiated the development of a library and reference collection; and (9) developed the laminated and teaching collections. He has deposited many specimens
into the herbarium including about 200 specimens from New Zealand.

**Father Paul Schwietz, OSB** – born November 18, 1952 in St. Paul (MN) but his family moved to Omaha (NE) where he spent his school years. He graduated from St. John's University with a major in biology. He entered the novitiate soon after his graduation in 1976 and completed his seminary studies and was ordained in 1982. Father Paul completed a master's degree in forestry at the University of Minnesota and as partial fulfillment of his degree he developed a landscape plan for St. John's. Upon graduation in 1985 he began to put the plan into action as the land manager of St. John's Abbey. Among his many accomplishments, Father Paul implemented projects to restore the St. John's wetlands (60 acres), prairie (50 acres) and oak savanna (40 acres). He also was involved with landscaping the inner campus area and established the St. John's Arboretum.

Father Paul was nicknamed, "The Padre of the Pines," for his outstanding work with the St. John's Arboretum and his deep love for the land. In 1996 Father Paul received the Bronze Medal award from the Minnesota Horticultural Society for his dedication to land stewardship.

Father Paul was a strong supporter of the Bailey Herbarium and he is sorely missed by all after he suffered a cardiac arrest on the morning of May 4, 2000. Father Paul apparently took his last breath in the ambulance on the way to the St. Cloud Hospital when it was near the entrance to I-94. It is certainly fitting that Father Paul's spirit now blows over his beloved prairie and all the sacred lands at St. John's.

**Sister Remberta Westkaemper, OSB** – known to friends as "Remy," was born January 2, 1890 in Spring Hill, MN and died 98 plant-filled years later on March 13, 1988. Sister Remberta received her bachelor’s degree from CSB in 1919 and her M.S. (1922) and Ph.D. (1929) degrees from the University of Minnesota. She played a formative role in development of the natural sciences at CSB. She started teaching at St.
Benedict's and collected plants extensively in Stearns county. She deposited more than 600 plants in the herbarium. Sister Remberta served as the first full-time president of CSB from 1957-1961. She then taught biology and physiology from 1961-1973 when she retired and received the honor of professor emerita. She was a member of Sigma Xi Honor Society and the MN Academy of Science. She received many accolades including an "Award for Distinguished Service to Science", "Outstanding Teacher of America Award" in 1972, and an entry in Who's Who Among Women. Sister Remberta loved field work and got excited about teaching and finding specimens. She kept hard candy in her pocket to give to her students in the field when they needed energy. She was famous for her pair of blue high-topped tennis sneakers that served as her standard foot gear for years of fieldwork.

Nick Zaczkowski, Ph.D – received his B.S. in biology from St. John's University, Collegeville (MN). He earned his M.S. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and his Ph.D. in Botany from North Dakota State University. He completed additional botanical studies at the University of Minnesota Biological Station at Lake Itasca, the University of Montana - Flathead Lake, and Emporia State University (KS).

His chief botanical interest is floristics, having collected, photographed and conducted field trips in all the major life zones of North America from the Sonoran Desert of the Southwest to the alpine tundra of the Rocky Mountains. He has studied changes in vegetation associated with strip mining in western North Dakota as well as the pre-operational flora at the Northern States Power generating plant in Monticello (MN). Dr. Zaczkowski also also published on the breeding biology of Vaux's Swift.

Dr. Z, as he was known, taught for many years in the joint bio department. Among the courses he taught were into bio, Plant taxonomy, Plant Kingdom, Aquatic Ecology and a popular January Term course, Biology of the Sonoran Desert. He had numerous advisees, at least one of which who went on to earn a Ph.D. He is an expert on the local flora, especially prairie species.

Dr. Zaczkowski retired from full-time teaching in 1996 but continued to work in the herbarium for many years. He was involved with botanical studies at Quarry Park (Waite Park, MN).
Student Assistants & Friends (listed alphabetically)

This section includes those students who were ‘official employees’ of the herbarium, or who spent many hours there. We are especially grateful to the student assistants because they are the ones who have done the majority of actual work. We hope that this list is complete, but if there are errors or omissions, please contact the curator.

Elizabeth Anderson (CSB 1987) – Lyz (shown below with Dr. Saupe).

Alexis Bernstein (CSB 2017)

Katie Barclay (CSB 2021)

Ryan Buus (SJU 2004)
Elizabeth Clysdale (CSB 1995) – shown below with Dr. Zaczkowski

James Cronin (SJU 2000)

Mary Cox (CSB 2005)

Ryan Decorsey (2008)

Kristi Elliot (CSB 1985)
Mark Ellman (SJU 2020) – in addition, completed several projects on sap flow in the genus Acer.

Michael Ellman (SJU 2020) – like his twin, he also worked on multiple projects regarding maple sap.

Jeff Evander (SJU 1980’s)

Troy Foede (SJU 1994) – though never an official ‘assistant’, he was never far from the herbarium and completed a summer study of the campus flora with Mary Mack.

Adam Gallagher (SJU 2001) – another fan of the herbarium and a poet who wrote a “pome.” (pictured below with Sarah Young)
Sarah Geislinger *(CSB 2007)*

David Grandmaison *(SJU 1999)* – another fan of the herbarium who organized a mushroom study group during his senior year.

Cody Groen *(SJU 2014)* – completed multiple research projects including a study of rare plants and also made beautiful time-lapse movies of plants. He received the Botanical Society of America, Young Botanist Award.

Maria Greenwood-Sanchez *(CSB 2013)*
Katie Hagen (CSB 2005)

Jake Hauger (SJU 2019) – though not an assistant but spent lots of time in the herbarium working on research.

Amy Haupert (CSB 1999)

Sarah Hegg (CSB 2005)

Olive Hogan-Stark (CSB 2015)
**Terra Hudlow** *(CSB 1999)* – Terra helped move the Herbarium into its present location after the renovation of PENGL.

**Vicki Hutson** *(CSB 1983)*

**Christine Johnson** *(CSB 1997)*

**Kristine Johnson** *(CSB 1983)*

**Caitlin Kennedy**

**Robert Koch** *(SJU 1999)*

**Heather Laflin** *(CSB 1999)*
Mary Mack (*CSB1995*) – though never a herbarium assistant, she did an extensive survey of the St. John’s flora with, Troy Foede, and Dr Zaczkowski Summer 1993.
Steven McGreevy (SJU 2001) – not only a fine assistant but Steve completed two research projects, "A History of the St. John's Prairie" and "Spore Loads at a newly activated compost facility in Central Minnesota." As a consequence, he was selected by the Botanical Society of America to receive the Young Botanist Award, their highest undergraduate award.

Elise Miller (CSB 2020) – not an assistant, but a plant lover who completed two botanical projects and was a recipient of the Botanical Society of America Young Botanist Award.

Trisha McIntyre (CSB 2003) – below right, with Sara Scott presenting the poster from their study of the “Medicinal Plants of Bagaces, Costa Rica.”

Anna Pilsbacher (CSB 2010) – also completed studies of campus ferns and using leaf margins as a proxy for mean annual temperature.
Ilyse Putz *(CSB 2020)* – completed research projects on phenology and lichens.

David Radabaugh *(SJU 1998)*

Eric Remus *(SJU 1996)*

Sara Scott *(CSB 2003)* – created the display in the case to the left of the herbarium entrance. Also completed an honors thesis on prairie plants and studied medicinal plants in Costa Rica with Trisha McIntyre.
Courtney Schirmers (CSB 2011)

Nathan Warnert (CSB 2008)

Agnes Wawra (CSB 2002) – one of the few assistants who worked all four years in the herbarium.

James Wollock (SJU 2003) – a double major in math and biology, spent hours studying specimens in the Bailey Herbarium completing two independent projects ("A Study of Families in the Bailey Herbarium" and "Is Spring Coming Earlier? An Analysis of Flowering Data from Hepatica americana").
Katrina Viegas (CSB 2003) – pictured at the Maui Tropical Fruit Plantation (HI) standing in front of *Allamanda cathartica*, Katrina also completed a project entitled, "Response of *Helianthus annuus* roots to changes in soil density."

Sarah Young (CSB 1999) – in addition to her work in the herbarium, Sarah completed a project on *Opuntia fragilis*. 