



# The Alaskan Shepherd



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*Some give by going to the Missions*

*Some go by giving to the Missions*

*Without both there are no Missions*

## **THE ALASKAN SHEPHERD** **THE FIRST 50 YEARS: 1960-2010** **PART II**

**Editor's Note:** *"The year 2010 finds The Alaskan Shepherd celebrating 50 years of publication!" This Part II issue continues where Part I ended, in the year 1969: "It was a most happy and satisfying moment when the time came to hang our large painting of Our Lady of the Snows (Arctic Snows) in the main office. It is our hope that with the expanded space and room for growth we now have, with it will come more volunteers familiar with office routine, that will give one year of service working in the ALASKAN SHEPHERD OFFICE."* Shortly after Catherine Calvin wrote this letter,

announcing the *Shepherd's* new home, the whole *Shepherd* operation was moved to the basement of the newly built Cathedral before moving to its final and current resting place in the unfinished basement of the Chancery building in 1969. *Photos Alaskan Shepherd and Chancery Archives, unless otherwise noted.*

**—Patty Walter**

*The Alaskan Shepherd*, after being located only briefly in the basement of the newly erected Sacred Heart Cathedral, moved to its new and current home—that of the Chancery building basement, in 1969. It was during this transition that Rita Johnson would hire Morva Hoover.

Father Edmund A. Anable, S.J., retired in 1981. Father Louis L. Renner, S.J., Fr. Anable's successor as editor, wrote his first official issue in July-August of that year entitled: *St. Therese of the Child Jesus: Patroness of the Alaska Mission.*



**Bishop Donald Kettler poses with The Alaskan Shepherd staff, standing left to right: Lin Craig, Patty Walter, and Pat Welborn. Kneeling left to right: Katrina Francesco, Lita Goodall, and Megan Hockin.**

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**Morva Hoover and Father Louis L. Renner, S.J., in The Alaskan Shepherd office, on the occasion of her retirement, on March 21, 1989.**

In his 20+ years as “Editor,” Father Renner wrote and/or edited 122 Alaskan Shepherd issues.

By this time, the Shepherd had become a fine-tuned operation. Father Renner was able to leave the running of the office to his well-trained and conscientious staff and devote his time to writing and to the management of the fundraising portion of the Shepherd Program.

Through the years, a number of devoted women, beginning with Catherine Calvin, in 1960, have managed The Alaskan Shepherd office. Rita Johnson served as Office Manager from 1965-86; Morva Hoover (on the staff since 1969), 1986-89; Sylvia Bouillon, 1989-91; Ann Ostenoski, 1991-93; Pat Welborn, 1993-2003; Lucy Dalsky, 2003-06; Mary Ann Stewart, 2006-08. In mid-2008, Lin Craig put on the Shepherd Office Manager hat, which she still wears today.

Pat Welborn has fond memories of her time as Office Manager: *I could never have hoped for*

*a better job. Given the chance to compose “the perfect job,” I could never have dreamt such a joyful place of work. I really felt my time in The Alaskan Shepherd to not be a job at all, but rather a ministry, a gift.*

*I felt sorry for anyone who did not have the chance to open those sincere and at many times, heart-melting letters. On one day, a letter would transport you to the doorstep of a donor who told you all about her family and her garden. Minutes later, you would meet the elderly gentleman of 96, who proclaimed that he was just as in love with his 94-year-old wife as on the day she became his bride. On another occasion you would have to reach for a tissue as you read, “In this past year, my wife passed away and I have been diagnosed with cancer, I*

*also lost my job, but here is a donation.” The generosity and loyalty of our dear donors always amazed me. They taught me that when people are in their most despairing times, their generosity seemed to triple, and it was often then that they thought of us and our needs in our Missionary Diocese.*

*I remember one wonderful piece of advice passed on to me from Sylvia Bouillon, the previous office manager who trained me. Sylvia said, “Pat, when you open this letter, treat it and every letter thereafter, as if it were the only letter you received this day. Give it your utmost attention and be sure to honor the donor’s every request.” It was, quite simply, great advice. I passed Sylvia’s wisdom on to each person I trained.*

*Working with Father Renner was an added blessing. He was the perfect boss. Father was humble, complimentary, and deeply respectful. At the same time, he was quick-witted, kind, and he never failed to make you feel as if you were much more brilliant than you really knew you were. We Shepherd ladies, Shepherdesses as Father called*



*Father Renner stands next to the “Renner Way” sign, a gift from the Chancery staff. The sign marks the path in the spruce and birch filled wood that lies between “Kobuk Center” (the residence of Bishop Kettler and priests) and the Chancery. From 1987 ( the year “Jesuit House”—the present “Kobuk Center”— was built) to 2002, Father Renner walked this path countless times.*

*us, were always honored to meet any request that he would make, especially because of the kind person he was.*

With the passing of the pen, in 1981, Father Anable passed on a book of instructions to Father Renner in which he explained the operation in detail. Within its now tattered pages he explained, *Some organizations make special attempts to obtain annuities—delayed gifts—notes—remembrances in wills and large donor programs, among other efforts. Because of the fact that we are in Alaska and working from Alaska—most of these attempts are not practical. Because of the very small staff, it is impossible to make serious attempts in these types of fundraising, which depend almost completely upon the use of several men to actually visit donors or possible donors. To accomplish this, we must obtain in the names of individuals to whom*

*we may make our appeal. For this reason, we depend entirely upon the use of rented lists.*

It was in Father Anable’s day, as well as in Father Renner’s, and is now in my own day, a great concern that we be considerate of people’s privacy and that we quickly take care to adhere to all requests in regard to unwanted solicitations. Since 1960, Editors of *The Alaskan Shepherd* were faced with the challenge of building a database of supporters with the grand challenge being that of distance. With only eight of our 46 parishes being self-supporting, it was a necessity to reach outside of Alaska for financial assistance. Fr. Anable developed a direct mail

fund-raising effort that included renting lists. List Brokers assisted Father Anable by suggesting lists of names of people they thought would be sympathetic to our cause and might be willing to collaborate with our mission. It is not an ideal way to make possible our ministries here in this missionary diocese, but it has been able to do just that. People on these lists receive our appeal. The appeal is titled, “Can You Help the Missionary Diocese of Northern Alaska?” It is meant to communicate the dire need of our mission parishes and to introduce our Missions and our Missionaries. If we become aware that our appeal is unwanted, we take every step possible to communicate this to our list managers. Since the lists are purchased in advance, the actual removal of names takes time. As I say, it is not an ideal program, but it has, thanks to God’s blessings and the kindness of many people, worked for us. We receive very little negative feedback. We never, under any circumstances, sell, exchange, or give out the names of our benefactors. This has been and continues to be our sacred pledge. Additionally, though the Shepherd does purchase

names, we have never sold our list. It is a costly process, but it has built, over the past fifty years, a wonderfully loyal base of benefactors and good friends to this poor Missionary Diocese. Since 1973, we have also produced an annual calendar, which also provides a source of income for the missions.

Father Edmund A. Anable, S.J., born in 1903, passed away in 1992, on June 24, of natural causes. Father Renner's description of Father Anable, in *Alaskana Catholica* reads, *He was a man of well-forged steel. One who knew him for many years said of him that he had a "penchant for efficiency," that he was a "born boss," because he knew not only the how of things, but also the why. "Anytime, anytime!" were his words, when someone needed a favor he could render. People had trouble with his last name, misspelling it even on the cake he cut into as he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was fiercely loyal to God and the Church. He was a fisher of men, and he was a fisher of fish. He was a frontier priest.*

Currently *The Alaskan Shepherd* is mailed directly out of Portland, Oregon, via a mailing company, Journal Graphics. That business relationship has been a trusted and reassuring anchor throughout almost 40 years. In 2005, Ali Hassannia, who had worked with Father Renner in the 1980's, announced his semi-retirement from JG but continued to oversee the Shepherd account. Mary Roberts, who had been handling the Shepherd printing and production for some time, became my



*Journal Graphics, Portland, Oregon.*

*The team at Journal Graphics, left to right: Bruce Smith-Scheduler, Peggy McNitt - Mailing Customer Service, Mary Roberts - Printing Customer Service, Dan Deardorff- Post Press Manager, Phil Bridge - President, Pam Carlile-Mailing Manager, and Dianne Bullas - VP of Operations.*

new "go to person" in all matters regarding the Shepherd. In both Ali and in Mary I have been fortunate to develop not only a cohesive and efficient business relationship but also dear personal friendships. In 2009, Journal Graphics took on the entire printing and mailing of both the newsletter and the annual appeal. Formerly, AdMail, Inc., had handled the mailing of both. It was a difficult decision to conclude the business partnership with the good people at Admail Inc., and particularly with owners Bill and Susi Stevens and account representative Chris McClary. All had become dear friends. The final decision was one of financial necessity.

Another key partner to the mailing process is CENVEO, an envelope company out of Portland. Dann Howell took over the Shepherd account in 2006 from John Price. Never was there a more smooth transition. Fr. Anable had worked with Transo Envelope Company out of both California and Oregon. Fr. Renner had ordered his envelopes from



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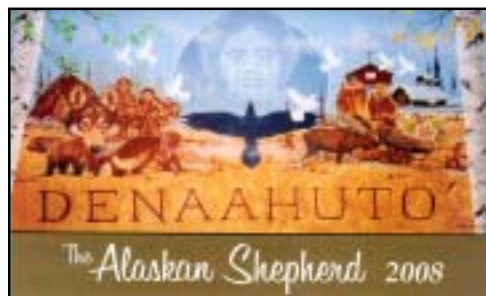
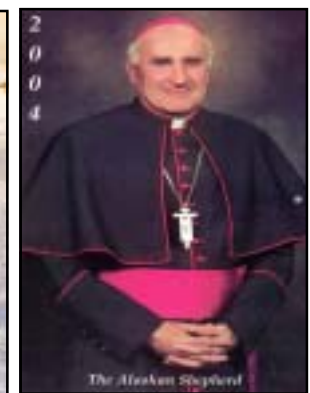
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# SHEPHERD CALENDARS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS...



Mail Well. In 2004, Mail Well was purchased by CENVEO. When John announced his retirement in 2006, I worried only briefly regarding the idea of developing a new working relationship with a new envelope representative. In John, I had supreme confidence and I especially valued his ability to anticipate the Shepherd's needs: to initiate envelope orders and keep the communication between both the mailer and myself smooth and functional. I need not have worried, for in Dann Howell I have found exceptional service, competence, and efficiency. I find myself praying that he will never retire! (Sorry Dann!)

A more recent partnership is that with Trinity Direct. Prior to 2005, editors of the Shepherd rented these lists from two agencies, Mail Communications and Catholic Lists. In 2005, Mail Communications closed its doors. Owner Charles Parrish and account representative Jack Savage had become trusted friends and colleagues. It is not an understatement to say I felt a bit challenged to choose another list broker to help procure donors for the missions. At a National Catholic Development Conference in October of 2005, I met John Kehoe, the founder and owner of Trinity Direct, a company he started in 1997. Mr. Kehoe, John, has over 30 years experience working for nonprofits that include the Food for the Poor, Dominican Sisters of Hope, and the Archdiocese for The Military Services. He has been a featured guest speaker at many fundraising and marketing conferences including the Direct Marketing Association, National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), and the Association of Fund Raising Professionals (AFP) – both international and regional. He has been an honored lecturer at New York University, Kean College, and Seton Hall University. John put me in touch with Katherine "Kathy" Benazet, who was to become my list broker and dear friend. Kathy, along with Garfield Vassell, the Assistant Director of Computer Services makes sure the Shepherd list is processed with the utmost confidentiality, that it meets current postal guidelines,



*Dann Howell*

**CENVEO**



*John Kehoe*

**Trinity  
Direct  
Owner**



*Katherine Benazet*

**List  
Broker**



*Garfield  
Vassell*

**Director of  
Computer  
Services**

and that our benefactors' requests are quickly met. My gratitude to them is abundant.

In April of 2010, longtime friend, list broker, and owner of Catholic Lists, Sharon McGlynn, closed her doors. Sharon had been diagnosed with lung cancer and regrettably closed the business after 50 years of operation. Sharon holds the distinction of being the one business colleague to have worked with all editors of *The Alaskan Shepherd*.

In all these changes, throughout the 50 years of Shepherd fundraising, all editors recall feeling extremely fortunate to have developed lasting friendships in these esteemed business associates.

On August 6, 2000, Michael J. Kaniecki, S.J., Bishop of Fairbanks, died suddenly of a massive heart attack at Emmonak, Alaska. The Diocese of Fairbanks was now without a bishop, and was to remain so for nearly two years.

The year 2001 found me training to take on the role of Office Manager of the Alaskan Shepherd, when Father Renner asked me if I would consider training for the Editor position. I had worked with Father for only about a year, but I had known him



since arriving in Alaska in 1988. He had concelebrated at my wedding in 1994, and been present at the baptisms of my first two children in 1997 and 1998. I knew him to be kind and wise. I felt incredibly unworthy to follow this Alaskan pioneer and great Missionary as Alaskan Shepherd.

*Sharon McGlynn, Catholic Lists, first began working with Fr. Edmund A. Anable, S.J., in 1977. Sharon holds the distinction of working with all three editors of The Alaskan Shepherd. Catholic Lists closed their doors in 2010.*

In 2001, upon the passing of Bishop Robert L. Whelan, S.J., Father Renner asked me to “give it a go!”—that is, to write the Shepherd about Bishop Whelan, announcing his passing. I felt ill. I loved to write. I had been editor of my high school paper and I had written some articles for a Department of the Army publication, *The Stars and Stripes*, while a student in Germany. While in college, I continued to write, but I questioned whether my writing would ever be the quality acceptable for *The Alaskan Shepherd*. Still, because of my great respect for Father Renner, I tackled the assignment with a great deal of determination. I recall his first edits clearly. My carefully composed article was drenched in red ink—it needed bandages. Father Renner kindly proofed, encouraged, and trained me over a period of many months. I was still unconvinced in my ability. One day I received a visit from then chancellor Sister Marilyn Marx, S.N.J.M. She casually handed me a letter sent to her by Father Renner. The subject line read, “RE: Patricia “Patty” Walter as a potential successor to me as Editor of the *Alaskan Shepherd*.” I remember swallowing hard and then reading what finally convinced me to accept the position. Amid a letter filled with kudos and confidence in my writing ability, Father had written, *To the extent that I can judge, Patty is possessed of the personal spirituality and the spiritual outlook necessary to one undertaking this spiritual ministry of paper and pen.* I remember thinking that if I truly believed this to be a ministry and not just a “job,” if I believed it to be a mission, and an apostolate, then I could begin to tackle the mechanics of the position and leave the inspiration to the Holy Spirit. Father ended his letter with; *Frankly, this matter has been on my mind, and in my prayers, for quite some time. It is my considered opinion that Patty would be well qualified for the editorship of the Alaskan Shepherd.*

In April of this year, now eight years later, Father Renner found a copy of this letter and sent it to me. On the backside, he wrote the following: *Dear Patty, I often thank sincerely a kindly*

*Providence for prompting me to address this Memo to Sister Marilyn and for her favorable response to it. You have more than lived up to our expectations. May you have many more happy, successful, fulfilling years as head of the Alaskan Shepherd Program! Blessings and all best wishes... Louis L. Renner, S.J.*

I recall writing, in 2002, the Shepherd issue dealing with Father Renner's "exiting." I was pleased with the copy and I eagerly passed the text on to Father for his approval. The memory of his response still makes me laugh. He had circled a few paragraphs and he had underlined a few of my more "flowery" descriptions of him. As he handed it to me, he referred to my article as an attempt to canonize him before he was dead. I tried to tone it down but my admiration was hard to disguise.

In 2002, Father Renner received a letter from Father Provincial, Robert E. Grimm, S.J., informing him: "Now is the time to take up a new mission. On behalf of the Society, I mission you to a ministry of scholarship. I mission you to continue your work writing a history of the Catholic Church in Alaska and ask you to go to Gonzaga University

*Jesuit Community as a scholar in residence to carry out this ministry." In 2005, Bishop Donald J. Kettler wrote, for the jacket blurb of Father's newly published book, Through years of dedicated research, writing, and documentation, Father Renner has created a succinct yet comprehensive guide detailing in total clarity and conciseness the history of the Catholic Church in Alaska. Within this historic documentation the reader can reference over 225 years of Catholicism in Alaska. Father Louis L. Renner, S.J., has accomplished in Alaskana Catholica a momentous feat—a magnum opus.*

Since 2005, over 1300 copies of *Alaskana Catholica* have been purchased through *The Alaskan Shepherd*. In 2008, Father Renner completed his 5th book. In his autobiography, *A Kindly Providence*, he tells the story of a dedicated missionary priest. A scholar, a teacher, and always a Jesuit priest, he taught German and Latin at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, edited *The Alaskan Shepherd*, and served as pastor of two different Indian villages on the Yukon River during his 40 years in Alaska. He was a recipient of the "Governor's Award for Friend of the Humanities," in 2002. You will find his books in the Vatican Library. To date, we have sold over 800 copies of *A Kindly Providence*.

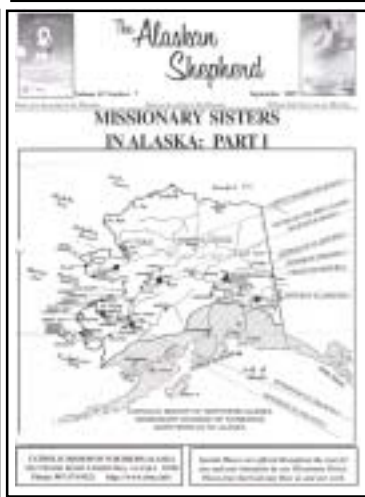
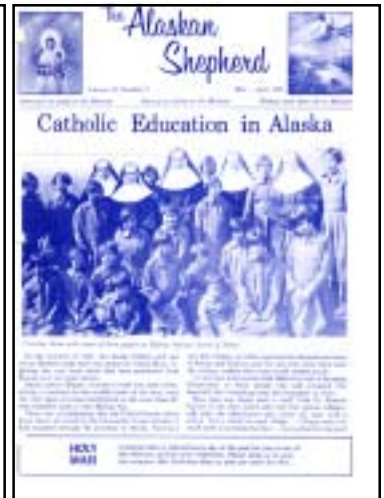
In 2003, I submitted copies of *The Alaskan Shepherd* to be considered for the Archbishop T. O'Meara Award. Later that fall, the *Shepherd* received an award from The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, "for promoting a mission spirit in mission territory."

In 2007, *The Alaskan Shepherd*, began selling Our Lady of the Arctic Snows note cards in quantities of 10 for \$5.00. Additionally, thanks to the generosity of renowned Alaskan artist Jon Van Zyle, the *Shepherd* began selling note cards, entitled, "Denaahuto," in packages of five for \$20.00. The cards depict a beautiful 4' x 8' mural that Jon custom painted for the people of



**1996 Alaskan Shepherd Staff: Morva Hoover, Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., Lucy Dalsky, Karen Schauer, & Pat Welborn.**

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**1992 Alaskan Shepherd Staff:** Joellen Douglas, Pat Welborn, Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., Julia Kerr, & Ann Osentoski.



**1993 Alaskan Shepherd Staff:** Sharon Ridlington, Julia Kerr, Morva Hoover, Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., Pat Welborn, & Sylvia Bouillon.

Ruby, Alaska. The original adorns the wall behind the altar in St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church in Ruby—a mainly Athabaskan Indian village on the Yukon River in Alaska’s Interior. The painting is the inspiration of Harold Esmailka and was dedicated on June 25, 2006, by Father Joseph Hemmer, O.F.M.

Now in 2010, just as it was in 1960, *The Alaskan Shepherd’s* intent is to continue to provide our generous benefactors with the ‘living picture’ of our missionary religious and lay people.

Many articles and material for articles have been contributed by Eskimo and Indian lay people, sisters and brothers, deacons and priests.

Through the pages of *The Alaskan Shepherd*, you can expect to read about a great variety of subjects: of people, and groups of people, and places. You can be there, with them—you can become a Missionary.

The Little Sisters of Jesus, the Ursuline Sisters, the Sisters of Providence, and the Sisters of St. Ann have all been featured in issues of *The Alaskan Shepherd*. Issues have been devoted to the Franciscan Friars and their work along the middle Yukon. The Paulist Fathers and ministries at North Pole and the University of Alaska have been written-up in the Shepherd. Several issues dealt with the Brothers of Christian Instruction and their work. Biographical sketches have appeared about priests, sisters, and bishops: Anable, Boileau, Case, Giloley, Soucy, Tozzi, Whelan, Renner, Kaniecki, and Kettler—to name only a few.

In the back issues of the Alaskan Shepherd you can read about the Catholic Schools in Fairbanks, about Bishop Whelan and the House of Prayer, about the building of Sacred Heart Cathedral, about the building of the churches at Healy, Barrow and Pilot Station, about the moving of the church at Alakanuk, and about our award-winning radio station in Nome, KNOM. *The Alaskan Shepherd* can take you to Little Diomed Island in Bering Strait, to villages such as Kotlik, Koyukuk, Chevak, Ruby, Emmonak, Nome and many more. If you want to shiver, read about “The Great Cold of January 1989,” or read “Father Tom’s Ordeal by Blizzard,” a two-part account of how Father Provinsal nearly froze to death. Read about Bishop Kaniecki’s travels aboard the Cessna 207 and fly with Bishop Kettler to remote villages where he shepherds to his widely scattered flock.

Be there to witness the Stickdance at Kaltag, or Eskimo dancing at the Tekakwitha Conference at St. Marys.

Notice of our three annual novenas—Novena of Grace, Novena in Honor of the Sacred Heart, and Novena in Honor of St. Therese—appear in *The Alaskan Shepherd*. During these three Novenas, the priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay staff remember you and your intentions specifically.

It is wonderful to be part of such a noble mission and to direct *The Alaskan Shepherd* fundraising program. It is my greatest hope that I can contribute in a meaningful and historically significant way to *The Alaskan Shepherd*, for the years I remain on board. I hope personally to preserve its integrity in a way equal to that of its past editors.

The recording of these past 50 years would not be complete without a heartfelt thank you to you—the co-missionaries—our generous benefactors. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support. Thank you for your kind notes, for your Box Tops and Campbell labels for our Catholic Schools, for sharing your personal triumphs and your personal heartaches. Thank you for sending us first class stamps and for the many Anniversary cards and Christmas cards. My gratitude to you is immense, for you are the true heroes of *The Alaskan Shepherd*.

With all our gratitude,

Fr. Edmund A. Anable, S.J., Editor  
1960-1981

Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., Editor  
1981-2002

&

Patty Walter, Editor  
2002-?



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**2000 Alaskan Shepherd Staff: Pat Welborn, Lucy Dalsky, Dory Powell, Morva Hoover, & Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J.**



**2002 Alaskan Shepherd Staff: Tweet Burik, Bob Mantei (Director of Maintenance), Pat Welborn, Fr. Louis L. Renner, S.J., Dory Powell, Patty Walter, & Lucy Dalsky.**