

Cletus

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Brother Cletus Behlmann, S.M., is a Marianist Brother, artist-in-residence, and director of the St. Mary's University Art Center.

"Cletus," as he signs his work, is almost shockingly productive—and imaginative. The drive that fires that productivity and imagination is not something you see on the surface. On the surface, he is quiet and unassuming. Yet the drive is there and it can be seen on the canvas in bold, bright colors and artistic inventiveness.

The religious themes in his paintings and other works bring with them a special joy and are as much appreciated and appropriate in the home as they are in the numerous chapels and religious settings where his creations are on display.

Cletus frequently travels and captures the spirit of locales he visits, ranging from a tiny French fishing village to a cloistered Greek monastery high on Mt. Athos or the Great Wall of China. His work leaps with excitement. Happy, warm hues race from one end of the spectrum to the other and always in the distinctive Cletus style.

Perhaps the most telling factor in Brother Cletus's work is his attitude about it. "It's not a job," he says. "It's something I love to do."

● Media

Watercolor, metal sculpture, acrylic, batik, ceramic, hand-made paper, linoleum cut, serigraphy, collage, stained glass

● Watercolor Painting Trips

Europe (5x), Mexico (6x), China (1x), Japan (3x), Guatemala (1x), USA

● Liturgical Artist and Consultant for Church Projects

St. Mary's High School, St. Louis, Missouri
St. Brigid's Parish, Leon Valley, Texas
St. John Neuman Parish, San Antonio, Texas
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Kirby, Texas
Coker Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas
United Church of Christ, Florida Conference, Orlando, Florida
United Church of Christ, Leisure City, Florida
United Church of Christ, Texas Conference, Austin, Texas
Mount Carmel Convent, New Orleans, Louisiana
Dominican College, New Orleans, Louisiana
Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
Taegu Air Force Base, Korea
Christ Church Lutheran, San Antonio, Texas
Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
St. Gabriel's Parish, San Antonio, Texas
St. John Neuman Parish, Lubbock, Texas
Our Lady of the Assumption, Harlingen, Texas
Novitiado Marianisti, Queretaro, Mexico

● Publications

American Artists of Renown, 1981-1982
Artists of Texas, Vol. II, 1988
St. Mary's University *Gold and Blue*, Spring, 1989
University of Dayton *Quarterly*, Winter, 1991
Barons Who's Who in Interior Design, 1992 Intl. Edition