

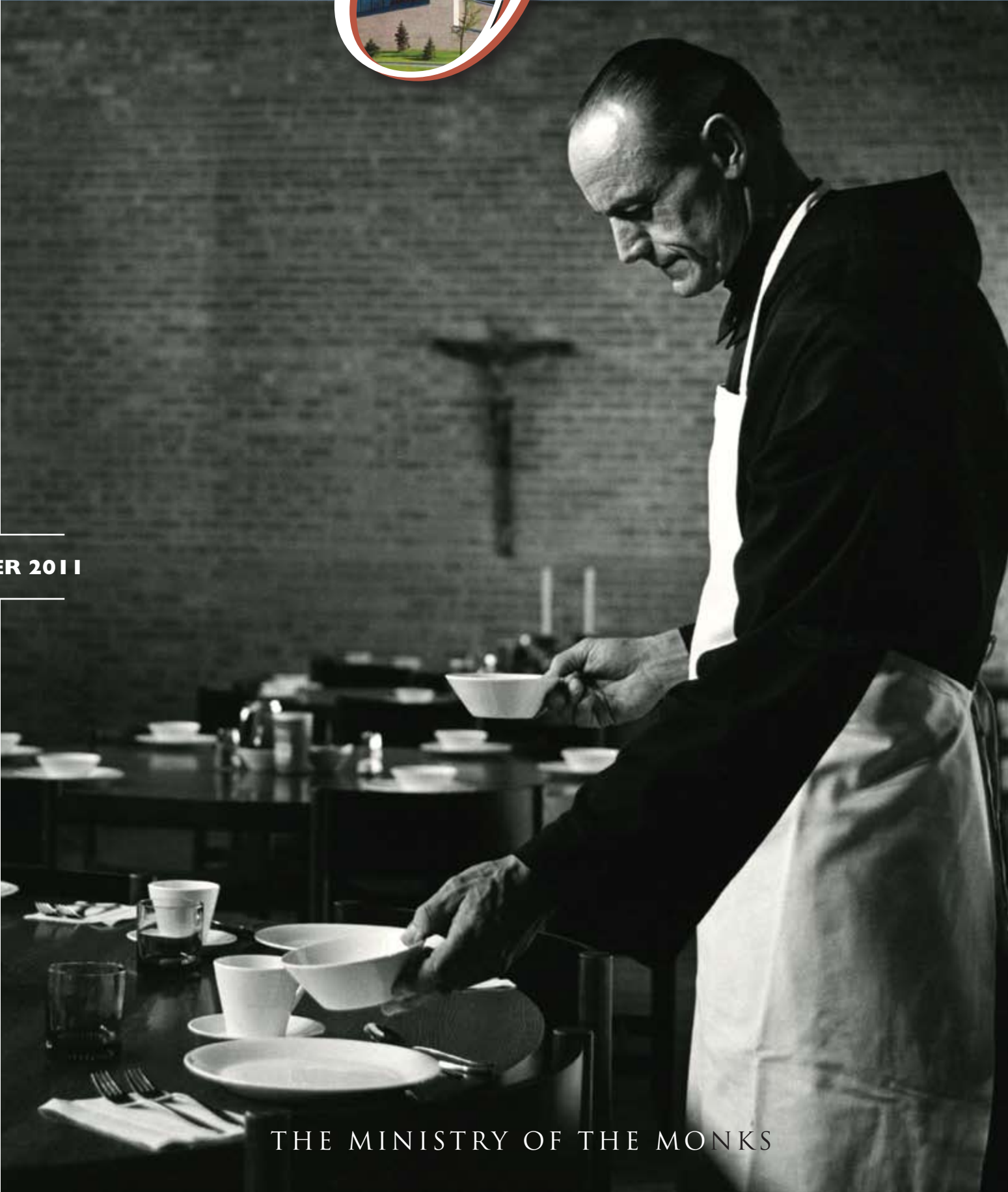
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FROM THE EDITOR

The Spirit of Pentecost is the Spirit of Giving!

As I was celebrating Mass one day at Sacred Heart Monastery and Villa St. Benedict where I am the chaplain, the first reading was from the book of Sirach, chapter 35. It read:

In a generous spirit pay homage to the LORD,
be not sparing of freewill gifts.
With each contribution show a cheerful countenance,
and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.
Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
generously, according to your means.

For the LORD is one who always repays,
and he will give back to you sevenfold.

As usual, God amazes me since the above scripture captures my ministry at the abbey as director of abbey advancement. Christian spirituality involves generosity. We disciples are to be generous with our time, our toys and our trinkets. If we hoard these things, why should we expect our loving God to be so generous?

And, we monks who benefit from your generosity need to be grateful for your kindnesses. According to our Holy Father St. Benedict, in a spirit of good stewardship, we are "to regard all the utensils of the monastery, including property, as if they were the sacred vessels of the altar." (Rule of Benedict, chapter 31). We take good care of your gifts and we ask the Lord to give back to you sevenfold.

May the Light of the Lord shine upon you and your families in these days after Pentecost!



Fr. Becket

Fr. T. Becket A. Franks, O.S.B.
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MEA CULPA: In the Fall 2010 issue, we failed to include Br. Guy as a photographer and the name of Br. Pius Chen, O.S.B., as a member of the abbey living in Taiwan.

You can assist the monks in their great venture of Christian discipleship!

If you are interested in giving to the monastic community there are many options! They include:

- **Cash gifts** — You can make out a check to St. Procopius Abbey.
- **Stock gifts** — In making a gift of stock you may be eligible for a tax benefit.
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- **Matching gifts** — Many companies match or even double your charity.
- **Planned gifts** — You can make a bequest in your will or trust.
- **IRA Rollover** — A charitable rollover from your IRA may be a convenient way to make a gift to the Abbey. Please call to receive more information about the potential benefits of this type of giving.

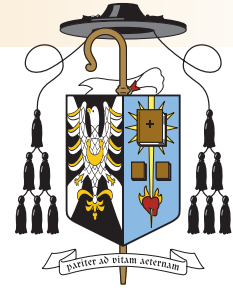
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Call the office of Abbey Advancement for assistance with a donation or for more information at (630) 829-9253.

Online Giving is now available on the Abbey website—www.procopius.org/giving/WaysToGive



THE RIGHT REVEREND AUSTIN G. MURPHY, O.S.B., ABBOT



Dear Friends

This past March we concluded the 125th anniversary year for St. Procopius Abbey. To celebrate the closing of this anniversary year we installed a couple of display cases and hung commemorative pictures in our lobby. The anniversary of our founding is March 2, but we had our celebration on the following Sunday, March 6. For the occasion we were honored to have Bishop Joseph Siegel, the bishop-administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, preside at Solemn Vespers. Following Vespers was a festive reception attended by various friends of the Abbey. It was a joyous occasion. Please turn to page nine to read more.

I would like to share with you some remarks made during Solemn Vespers. I tried to express then what I consider the ultimate reason for our joy in celebrating.

On behalf of the monks of St. Procopius Abbey, we wish God's many blessings upon you and your loved ones. And as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, let us pray that the Spirit of truth and love guide us always!

Peace in Christ,

Abbot Austin G. Murphy, O.S.B.

Why have a celebration at the end of 125th anniversary year? Is it an excuse just to have another party? I don't think so. Rather, a 125th year anniversary is of course noteworthy and, so, it is worth celebrating both at its beginning and at its end.

But I think we should ask, What precisely are we celebrating this evening?

We could say that we are celebrating the past and there would be some truth to that. We have in our lobby mementos of the past. When we go to the reception downstairs, there will be other reminders of our past, namely, photographs of the past. Still, I don't think it is the past that we are primarily celebrating.

Is it the future? Well, perhaps in a way. This commemoration should point us toward the future. As I recently told the monks here, God's work in this community in the past is an encouragement for our future. As He has been a work here in the past, I trust He will continue to work in and through this monastic community. But still, we are not celebrating so much the future. After all, it would be kind of odd to celebrate what has not yet happened.

Tonight, we celebrate God. As I just indicated, our past 125 years are a witness to God's fidelity. 125 years is indeed quite an accomplishment, but the accomplishment is primarily God's. It is not primarily ours or the monks before us. It is primarily God's. And we celebrate God's love and fidelity.

That love endures forever, Scripture tells us (Ps 136). And as for His fidelity, Scripture says that even if we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for that is simply who He is (2Tim 2:13).

It is fitting that we have this celebration on Sunday. Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the resurrection that is the sign par excellence of God's faithful love toward His Son. And by extension that faithful love is offered to us in Christ.

May we rejoice today as we celebrate God. And in all things, may He be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We, the Benedictine monks of Saint Procopius Abbey, are called by Christ to live the Gospel in community.



THE MINISTRY OF THE MONKS

We seek God by a life of prayer, obedience, and personal conversion.



ST. PROCOPIUS ABBEY

THE MINISTRY OF THE MONKS

by Fr. Becket

WHAT DO “MONKS” DO? Many people think that we just sit around and pray all day. Others think that we live a cloistered life and we never go anywhere. Many visitors are curious about the “house on the hill” at the “four Benedictine corners” of Lisle: St. Procopius Abbey, Sacred Heart Monastery (Benedictine Sisters), Benet Academy and Benedictine University.

In the past issues of *The Clerestory*, we told you about our prayer and spirituality. Now we want to tell about what we do all day. Our primary ministry is to live the monastic life in community. But because of the needs of the Church, we may teach, though we are not a teaching order. We may minister in a parish, though we are not a parish order. We may minister as chaplains, but chaplaincy is not a main ministry for us as monks in the Catholic Church.

Whenever we monks process at the Sacred Liturgy, or at Lauds (Morning Prayer) and Vespers (Evening Prayer), we process in “*statio*.” St. Benedict insists on good order in his Rule. Good order means that we take our place in the community according to the date of our profession of monastic vows: obedience, stability and conversion to the monastic manner of life. It does not matter if one is a prince or a pauper. We walk in *statio*, “in place,” that is, according to our entrance into the community, or whether the abbot has promoted us to a higher office, e.g., prior, subprior, etc.

The format of this article describing the ministry of the monks is in *statio*, i.e., according to each monk’s place in the community. Even if the monk does not live at the Abbey, he keeps his same place in the community, unless the abbot decides otherwise.

The next few issues of *The Clerestory* will continue with more monks and the descriptions of their ministries at the abbey, at the schools, and at the parishes.

We employ the tools of the spiritual craft in the school of the Lord's service.



Abbot Austin G. Murphy, O.S.B.

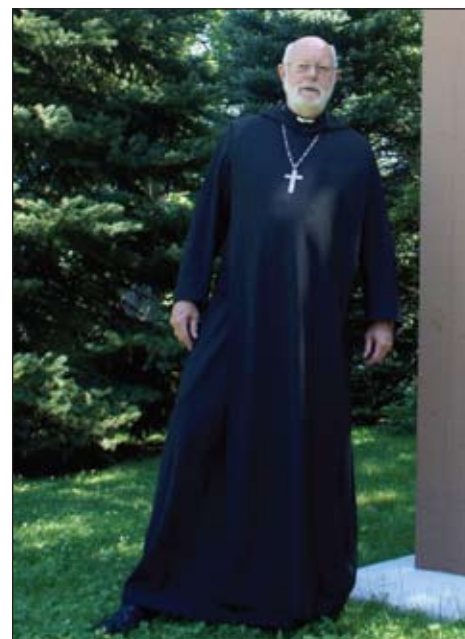
Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B., is the tenth abbot. Born in New York on March 25, 1974, he is the youngest monk to be elected in our history. He is the father of the community, presiding over all spiritual and temporal affairs. He chairs the abbey board of advisors called “The Council of Seniors,” and, as chancellor, sits on the trustee boards of Benet Academy and Benedictine University. Abbot Austin is involved with the major religious leadership of our Joliet diocese, attends the meetings of the major superiors of men religious, and when he has some time, continues to work on his doctoral dissertation researching St. Augustine’s notion of inspiration. Beginning in July, the abbot will be the novice master. *The abbot professed monastic vows on September 6, 1997, and was ordained a priest on July 3, 2004. He was elected abbot on June 24, 2010 and blessed on September 18, 2010.*

Archbishop Daniel Kucera, O.S.B.

Archbishop Daniel Kucera, O.S.B., is the fifth abbot of the community, having served from 1964-1971. Born in Chicago, May 7, 1923, Pope John Paul II named him as the eighth archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa. After his thirteen years in Dubuque, Archbishop Dan retired to Denver, CO, and then finally moved to Villa Raphael, the retirement center for the retired priests of the archdiocese of Dubuque. *Archbishop Dan professed monastic vows on June 14, 1944, and was ordained a priest on May 26, 1949. He was ordained auxiliary bishop of Joliet on July 21, 1997, named bishop of Salina, Kansas in 1980, and in 1983, archbishop of Dubuque.*

Abbot Hugh R. Anderson, O.S.B.

Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B., is the eighth abbot of the community. Today he serves our community and the church as the fifteenth Abbot President of the American Cassinese Congregation, the congregation to which St. Procopius Abbey belongs. His task is to preside over congregational meetings of the abbeys, and often travels to different parts of the world to support the work of the congregation. In his spare time at home, Abbot Hugh oversees the garden, vineyard and orchard areas on the abbey property. He served our community for eighteen years as abbot, from 1985-2003. *Born in Ohio, Illinois, on January 30, 1938. He professed monastic vows on June 24, 1959, and was ordained a priest on May 22, 1965.*



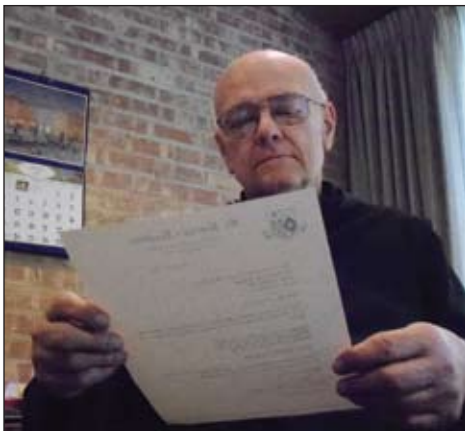


Abbot Dismas Kalcic, O.S.B.

Abbot Dismas Kalcic, O.S.B., is the ninth abbot of the community. Born in Joliet, Illinois, January 1, 1929, Abbot Dismas served the community as abbot from 2003 to 2010. He just returned from his sabbatical at Marmion Abbey in Aurora, Illinois where he taught Advanced Placement Economics at Marmion Academy. Abbot Dismas will be doing spiritual ministry and chaplain work in the Joliet diocese. *He professed monastic vows on June 26, 1955, and was ordained a priest May 27, 1961.*

Brother Columban Trojan, O.S.B.

Brother Columban Trojan, O.S.B., is the prior of the community. Abbot Austin consulted the community and appointed Br. Columban to serve again as the manager of the house (having served as prior under Abbot Hugh). He is responsible for most of the abbey schedules and assigns different tasks to the monks as needed, especially when parishes call for confessors and weekend parish Mass assistance. Whenever the abbot is away from the abbey, Br. Columban is in charge. As prior he serves on the Council of Seniors. He is involved with the finance and investment committees and alternates with Br. Charles and Br. Guy as a driver for those going to parish on weekends. Br. Columban is a member of Benet's board of directors, represents the abbey as a member of the advisory board to the vicar for religious in the Joliet diocese, and is president of the board for Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery in Oak Forest, IL. He remains the long time moderator of the Mother's Club at Benet Academy. *Br. Columban was born in Gary, Indiana on October 20, 1940. He professed monastic vows on March 25, 1960.*





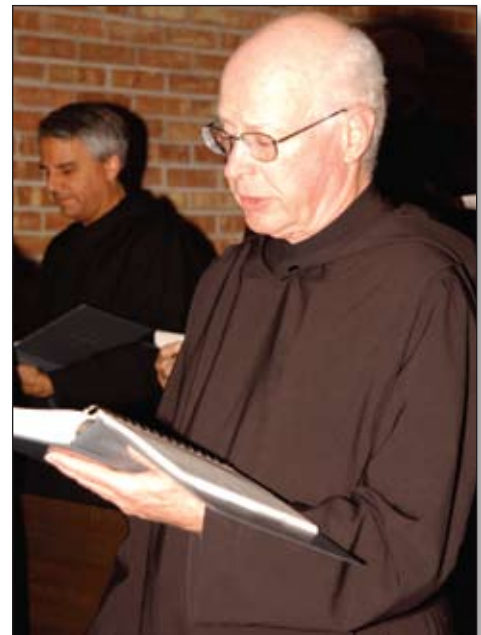
Brother Gregory Perron, O.S.B.

Brother Gregory Perron, O.S.B., is the subprior of the community, working closely with the abbot and prior. He is secretary to the “chapter,” the voting body of those monks who are in solemn vows. Also, he serves the community as the infirmarian, caring for the health of all the monks, especially the sick, the infirmed and the elderly. Often we see him driving some of the members to doctors and passing out medications for the older monks. Besides his abbey duties, Br. Gregory is President of the North American commission for Monastic Interreligious Dialogue and chairman of its Board of Directors. Monastic Interreligious Dialogue (MID) is an organization of Benedictine and Trappist monks and nuns committed to fostering interreligious and inter-monastic dialogue at the level of spiritual practice and experience between North American Catholic monastic women and men and contemplative practitioners of diverse religious traditions. In their Bulletin 85, Br. Gregory wrote an article titled, *Into the Unknown Land: Exploring the Frontiers of Fundamental Theology and Interreligious Dialogue in a Pluralistic Age*. For more information about MID, and to read more about Br. Gregory’s work, you may want to consult their website: <http://monasticdialog.com>. Br. Gregory was born in Kankakee, Illinois, on March 5, 1971. He professed monastic vows on March 20, 1993.



Father Thomas Chisholm, O.S.B.

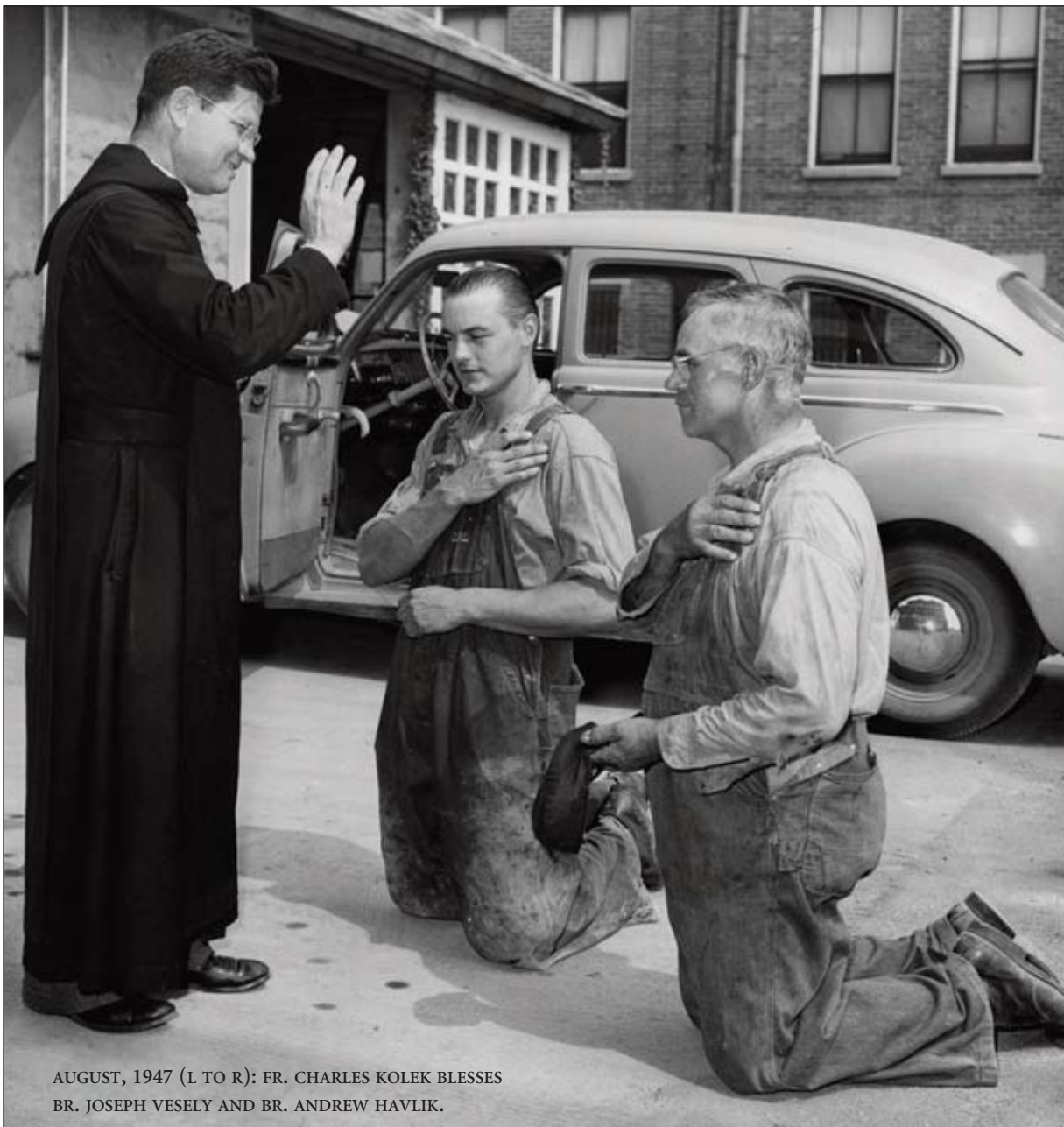
Father Thomas Chisholm, O.S.B., is the guest master who does the scheduling, cleaning, greeting, and meeting the many guests who come and go from the guest house. He is the abbey “almoner,” an ancient church word for a “chaplain who distributes money or food to the poor.” Fr. Thomas is also the sacristan who sets up for daily Mass. He is the one who clothes the altar, prepares the sacred vessels for the Eucharist in the abbey church, and sets out the vesture for the abbey priest-monks. On weekends, Fr. Thomas assists the pastor by celebrating the sacraments at St. Francis Church in Bolingbrook, and, during some weekdays, he celebrates mass for the sisters of Loretto Convent in Wheaton. Fr. Thomas was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 11, 1939. He professed monastic vows on June 19, 1970 and was ordained a priest on June 24, 1989.



A Life Lived in Balance: Brother Joseph Vesely, O.S.B.



Brother Joseph Vesely, O.S.B., is our oldest professed monk, who celebrated 90 years of age on May 29! He professed monastic vows on November 13, 1942. In his sixty-eight years of monastic life, Br. Joe, as we call him, is a wealth of archival history. While at the abbey he has performed many tasks and ministries, among them being, caretaker of the orchard, fellow worker on the abbey farm, and, the monk in charge of the refectory (the abbey dining room). It is this latter ministry that is featured on the cover of this issue.



AUGUST, 1947 (L TO R): FR. CHARLES KOLEK BLESSES BR. JOSEPH VESELY AND BR. ANDREW HAVLIK.

Hopefully, our living the monastic life brings peace and joy to each member.



THE MINISTRY OF THE MONKS

The Spirit call us to be men of deep personal prayer and eager participants in communal prayer: the Work of God and the Eucharist.

Praying for the needs of the Church is not difficult for Br. Joe. He grew up in a very prayerful pious family.

Growing up in Downers Grove, Illinois, Br. Joe lived with his family on a hill. He says that he could see the abbey from his property. The third of seven children, John, as he was baptized, took the name of one of his own brothers, Joseph, in 1942. His parents, Valentine and Rose, raised the family speaking Czech, and encouraged the children to be religious. His family gave the Church two priest-monks who were his uncles: Fr. Cosmas and Fr. Stanley. His sister, Therese Herzog, still lives in the area with her husband, Ernie.

Br. Joe has been a monk for sixty-five years. He says that his prayer ministry furthers the mission of the abbey because since he has trouble walking he prays more. His lack of getting around deepens his contemplation. Br. Joe may be retired at the Abbey but he never sits still. Often he can be found meditating in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel or praying his favorite form of prayer, the Stations of the Cross in the Marian Chapel. "There," he says, "are themes there that I meditate on." And he adds, "My prayer helps me deal with my emotions."

Br. Joe first joined the abbey in 1940 as a workman. Under Abbot Procopius Neuzil, he joined the community in 1941 and was professed as a lay brother in 1942. Lay brothers did much of the work of the community and were never required to pray the Divine Office in choir. Neither did they have a voice in the major decisions of the abbey. But after Vatican II, the community structure changed, and, under Abbot Daniel Kucera, Br. Joe took solemn vows in 1964. Since then, he says, he is always "impressed with the camaraderie of the community."



AUGUST, 1947. BROTHERS IN BEN CHAPEL (L TO R) FIRST PEW: BONIFACE SPIEGELBERG, SEBASTIAN KUHN; SECOND PEW: ANTHONY HUBKA, ROBERT SAUL, GEORGE ROONEY; THIRD PEW: JOSEPH VESELY, EDWARD AUSTIN, SYLVESTER DVORAK; FOURTH PEW: MATTHEW NETREBA, BENEDICT KOHOUT, CYRIL POHANKA; FIFTH PEW: NORBERT FUCIK, PAUL PESKO, STEPHEN MASZAR.



BROTHERS ASSISTING AT EASTERN RITE MASS CIRCA 1960S (L TO R): RAPHAEL KOZEL, SEBASTIAN KUHN, JOSEPH VESELY.

BR. JOE AND THE LATE FR. DEMETRIUS LOADING A TRUCK AT THE CICO BUILDING BY THE ABBEY ORCHARD.

BR. JOE ENJOYING SOME SUNSHINE ON THE PORCH OF THE ABBEY CLOISTER GARDEN.



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS



When the late Fr. Vitus Buresh, O.S.B. published the history of St. Procopius Abbey in the centennial year of 1985, he wrote that “On March 2 [1885] Rev. Nepomucene Jaeger, O.S.B., formally took charge as Pastor of St. Procopius Parish [Chicago]...the four Benedictines... were the nucleus of the future St. Procopius Abbey.”

On March 2, 2010, the abbey celebrated 125 years of monastic life in the Chicagoland area. To commemorate the event, the community commissioned Nancy Galbraith, (above, right) professor of music at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, to compose sacred music. Her work, *Lumen Christi*, was performed in the abbey Church on March 2 following the chanting of Vespers by the monks and some 130 guests.

Written for SATB Chorus, flute, percussion and organ, the sacred concert began with “Lumen Christi, Deo Gratias,” as the singers processed into the church ringing hand bells. Directed by Mr. Thomas Octave, (above, left) professor of music at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, the Benet Academy Madrigals gathered around the altar in the abbey church and sang seven movements. Nancy composed *Lumen Christi* after discussing Eucharistic theology and Benedictine Spirituality with Fr. Becket, Br. Augustine and Tom Octave. The evening concert included the baroque flutist, Stephen Schultz, faculty member at Carnegie Mellon University; soprano soloist, Angela Presutti-Korbitz, Chicago; the tenor soloist, Marc Stingely, faculty member at Benedictine University; main organist, Josie Merlino, Pittsburgh; assisting Ms. Merlino, Br. Augustine Mallak, O.S.B., abbey organist and music director; the Benet Madrigals led by Brian Wand, chair of the music and performing arts department at Benet Academy; percussionist Rich Alifantis, faculty member in the music department at Benet Academy; and keyboard/piano, Todd Russ, faculty member in the Mathematics department at Benet Academy.

On March 6, 2011, the Most. Rev. Joseph Siegel, D.D., presided at Vespers with the monks and invited guests to close the 125 year celebration. Intertwined with a Vespers upon the occasion of the Dedication of a Church, the Benet Madrigals sang William Byrd’s *Haec Dies, This is day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it*. Then, before the recessional from the church, the Madrigals finished the evening prayer with Nancy Galbraith’s “O Nata Lux.”

Receptions for the invited guests followed both Vesper celebrations.

Our legitimate diversity found in community will be a source of strength and mutual enrichment.



ABBEY JUBILARIANS



(L TO R): ABBOT DISMAS, FR. KENNETH, AND FR. BECKET.

60 YEARS PROFESSION

FR. KENNETH ZIGMOND, O.S.B. was born in Chicago on October 23, 1931. He professed monastic vows on June 24, 1951, and was ordained a priest on June 1, 1957. For thirty years Fr. Ken has served St. Joan of Arc Parish as parochial vicar.

50 YEARS ORDINATION

ABBOT DISMAS KALCIC, O.S.B., was born in Joliet, Illinois, January 1, 1929. He professed monastic vows on June 26, 1955, and was ordained a priest May 27, 1961. The monks elected him as their ninth abbot on December 30, 2002. Having finished a sabbatical at Marmion Abbey and Academy, Abbot Dismas returned to the abbey in May, 2011, to begin some chaplain work and spiritual ministry at the university and in the Diocese of Joliet.

25 YEARS ORDINATION

FR. BECKET FRANKS, O.S.B., was born in Evergreen Park, Illinois, on September 21, 1954. He professed monastic vows on August 12, 1978, and was the first priest ordained by the Most Rev. Roger Kaffer, D.D., auxiliary bishop of Joliet, on June 28, 1986. After many years of teaching and ministry at Benet Academy and Benedictine University, Fr. Becket was assigned the duties of Director of Abbey Advancement and Development, and, as assistant to the abbot. Fr. Becket is the chaplain for the Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart and their retirement center, Villa St. Benedict, on the Benedictine "four corners."



More than \$25,000 Raised for Benedictine Monks and Sisters from Developing Nations

On November 14, 2010, donors from both the abbey and monastery gathered at Sacred Heart Chapel and Villa St. Benedict in Lisle for an evening of prayer, dining, and wine tasting. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., guests prayed

Vespers with the Benedictine sisters and monks. In attendance were (below from left): **Abbot Hugh Anderson, O.S.B.**, Abbot President of the American Cassinese Congregation; **Abbot Claude Peifer, O.S.B.**, St. Bede Abbey; **the Most Rev. Notker Wolf, O.S.B.**, Abbot Primate; **Sister Judith Ann Heble, O.S.B.**, the Moderator of the Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum (CIB); **Abbot John Brahill, O.S.B.**, Marmion Abbey; and **Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B.**, St. Procopius Abbey.



Complete with sommelier and a five course meal of carpaccio, venison, duck, koby beef and lobster, and truffles for dessert, approximately fifty people raised more than \$25,000 so that monastic men and women from developing nations can study theology at the international Benedictine college in Rome, Sant'Anselmo. Located at St. Vincent Archabbey, the St. Benedict Education Foundation sponsored the evening. The foundation is grateful for everyone's support and generosity.



ROSEMARY WISNOSKY SPEAKS WITH FR. BENOIT ALLOGGIA, O.S.B., MONK OF ST. VINCENT ARCHABBEY, DIRECTOR OF THE ST. BENEDICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

THE PROCOPIAN OBLATE

By Fr. David



Aspects of Oblate Formation

Leach year, usually during the month of February, The Catholic News Publishing Company issues its *Guide to Religious Ministries for Catholic Men and Women*.

For the current year the substantial volume is identified as the "32nd Annual Edition." The primary focus of this book is to provide "Listings of the Religious Communities of Priests, Brothers, and Sisters Active in the United States."

St. Procopius Abbey has a full page description of our monastic life with the encouragement for interested men to contact the abbey by responding to the website, by mail or e-mail, or by phone

A few years ago, the book added a section "Associates, Oblates, Secular Institutes, and Other Communities." An entry identifying Oblate life at St. Procopius Abbey exists there along with some fifty other Benedictine Communities that have Oblates associated with them! It isn't hard to realize how ready Benedictine men and women are to share their approach to living the Gospel life.

The men and women associated with St. Procopius Abbey gather for a monthly meeting on the second Sunday of each month, except for May when the meeting is on the first Sunday. During each meeting various topics relative to living the Oblate life are discussed. While

the Rule of St. Benedict was written for people living in community, Oblates do find ways to apply the principles to their daily living in the world.

ABBOT ADDRESSES OBLATES

During the February meeting, the Oblates received a special treat by hearing from Abbot Austin who spoke about ideas contained in a booklet he published recently titled "Practical Wisdom from the Monastic Tradition." The title did bring to mind the publication of a book a few years ago that tried to show how Oblates could live monastic values "without leaving their day jobs!"

Abbot Austin provided each Oblate attending the meeting with a copy of what he calls "Part One," a series of eight chapters that focus on such topics as "Desire," "The Mind," "Emotions," "Perceptions," "Jesus the Savior," "The Heart," "Battle of the Heart," and "Purity of Heart." Each of these chapters in some ways builds around the issue of "desire" that was defined and explained in the first chapter.

In explaining the idea of "desire," Abbot Austin spoke about desire with a capital "D." He explained that "Desire is a formidable force and each one of us has to reconcile with it. Just as we cannot get around having to choose between good and evil, we cannot get around having to contend with Desire.



OBLATE KEVIN ILLIA SPEAKS WITH ABBOT AUSTIN AT AN OBLATE MEETING.

When Desire becomes misdirected it can be a frightful force."

Abbot Austin suggested that "the proper approach is to train and educate Desire. This is what true asceticism does and it is what causes virtues to arise in the soul. The training of Desire is a great work and a very arduous one, but all the labor is well worth it, for when properly channeled Desire wells up to nothing less than eternal life!"

OBLATE MEETINGS

Second Sunday of the month
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Contact Fr. David Turner, O.S.B. for more information. (630) 829-9266
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ABBEY PRAYER & WORSHIP

The monks invite you to join them for morning and evening prayer, especially solemn vespers at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. These are the usual Mass times, please call the Abbey switchboard at (630) 969-6410 to confirm Saturday Solemnity times or any other schedules.

Worship will be in the abbey church, unless noted (LC) indicating the Lady Chapel.

Monday – Saturday

Lauds	6:25 a.m.
The Conventual Mass	7:00 a.m.
Mid-day Prayer (LC)	12:00 noon
Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Compline (LC)	7:00 p.m.

Sunday

Lauds	6:25 a.m.
The Conventual Mass	11:00 a.m.
Solemn Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Compline (LC)	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 3

The Solemnity of St. Procopius, Abbot
First Vespers 4:30 p.m.

Monday, July 4

The Solemnity of St. Procopius, Abbot
Lauds 6:25 a.m.
The Conventual Mass 11:00 a.m.
Solemn Vespers 4:30 p.m.

Monday, July 11

The Feast of St. Benedict, Patriarch of Western Monasticism
The Conventual Mass 7:00 a.m.

We unite in charity so that we can be a hospitable community and a well known spiritual resource to help all people in their search for God.



ABBHEY ADVENTURES

Chronicling our great venture of Christian discipleship.



■ In February, The DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville, Illinois, awarded **Br. Kevin** and eleven of his Benet Academy art students, first place for their paintings for the new windows for the museum. The work was titled *Chagall for Children Public Art Project*. The museum sought entries from area high school art departments. Above (l to r): *Giraffe, Octopus and Seahorse*.

■ Some time ago, **Abbot Austin** published a book review of *Evagrius Ponticus: The Making of a Gnostic* by Julia Konstantinovskiy, in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 36, Issue 1 (March 2010): 83.

■ **Fr. Julian** joined Shayk Abdul Raschied at De Paul University on February 8 to make presentations about the chants used in their respective prayers. **Fr. Robert** and some members of the abbey schola members from Benet Academy sang eight Gregorian pieces.

■ On February 17, **Fr. James** presented a talk at St. Joseph's Parish in Downers Grove titled, "Blessed John Henry Newman and the Second Vatican Council."

■ **Fr. Becket** hosted sixty-three guests with Dr. Fletcher of Benedictine University at "Lent at the Abbey" on Saturday, April 9. The topic was "Walking Resolutely Toward Christ,"

a theme established by Pope Benedict XVI and the *Rule of Benedict*. Twice a year the monks sponsor a day of reflection and an experience of Benedictine Spirituality.

We accept that life is dynamic and that change is necessary and to be expected.

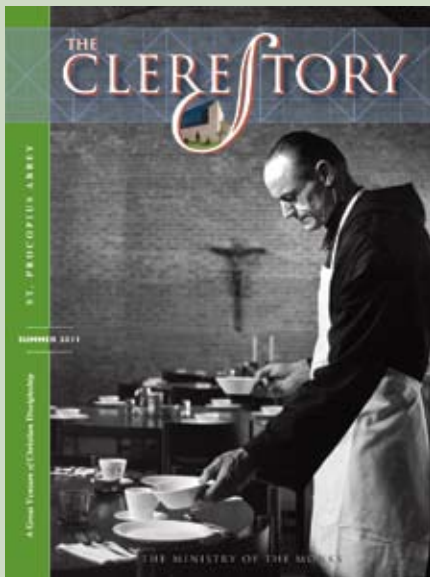


■ On March 4, **Br. Rick** was honored by Benedictine University at its annual Founders Day celebration. Pictured here with **Br. Rick** is the president, **Dr. Bill Carroll** (right), and the provost, **Dr. Don Taylor**.

■ It is not easy to keep a secret when planning a surprise birthday party dinner. And it is even more difficult to keep it a secret when a few hundred alumni are invited to join in the celebration in honor of a beloved monk. But on April 13, Benedictine University honored **Fr. David** on his seventy-seventh birthday with a surprise party and the announcement of a new scholarship in his name. Nearly 150 alumni, monks, and guests greeted him with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday," and for once in his life, **Fr. David** was speechless. The alumni office of Benedictine University raised \$15,000 for the **Fr. David Turner, O.S.B. Scholarship Fund**. Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship may call the director of Alumni Relations, Julie Nelligan, 630-829-6077, or email her at jnelligan@ben.edu.



FR. DAVID'S FAMILY WAS ON HAND FOR THE CELEBRATION. TERRY FOLLIARD, NAVIGATOR FOR THE FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, REMINISCED ABOUT FR. DAVID.



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■ Over the weekend of April 8 and 9, **Br. Augustine** and **Fr. Julian** attended “Mystical Body, Mystical Voice for Church Musicians” in Mundelein, Illinois. The Liturgical Institute of the University of St. Mary of the Lake presented a program specially designed for church musicians who desired to draw deeply from the rich wells of meaning opened up by the implementation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal. Principal speaker Fr. John-Mark Missio was joined by Fr. Douglas Martis, director, and Christopher Carstens to explore the scriptural richness of the new missal and how music signifies and makes present the heavenly realities.



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■ Remember the Blizzard of 2011? According to the National Weather Service, Lisle saw a total of 17 inches of snow on February 1. This was the third highest snowfall in Chicago’s history. Both the university and prep-school closed providing the monks with a snow day. Fr. Becket and Br. Charles were picked-up by a snowplow from Villa St. Benedict so that they could celebrate Mass on Candlemass Day.

IN MEMORIAM of all of our confreres, relatives, friends and benefactors

+ June Solecke, cousin of Fr. Julian + Bruce Dankowski, cousin of Fr. Julian

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