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## SAINT BENEDICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends of Sant' Anselmo,

*"The Holy Spirit, in the variety of his gifts, unites us and enables us to contribute to the building up of the Church in holiness. In this great work, each of us has a part to play; each of us, as a 'living stone', is needed for the growth and the beauty of God's holy temple. Let us ask the Lord to help us to take an ever more active part in the Church's life and mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and with Jesus as our cornerstone." (Pope Francis—June 26, 2013)*

Thanks to your generosity, the Saint Benedict Education Foundation is able again this year to provide scholarships for monks and nuns from poor monasteries to study at Sant' Anselmo, the International Benedictine University in Rome

Your support of the educational apostolate of Sant'Anselmo, is a source of encouragement to all of us.

Sant' Anselmo contributes significantly not only to the spreading of such Benedictine values as peace, hospitality, community and prayers throughout the world, but also to the life of the Universal Church by preparing young men and women to go forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in all cultures and lands.

Through our educational programs at Sant' Anselmo, we are working

to make God visible in the lives of those who will become leaders in the Church and teachers of the faith around the world, particularly in developing countries where the Church is growing most rapidly. Many are being called to religious life and the priesthood in these countries, but their communities and local churches often lack the resources to provide a strong spiritual formation to these men and women who are willing to say "yes" to the call to serve God and His people. We are pleased that Sant' Anselmo can help the Church in its mission to spread the gospel to all people, wherever they may be, by assisting with the formation of Benedictine religious and priests who will exercise their ministry throughout the world.

Thank you again for your support and be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Peace,



Father Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B.

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## FOUNDATION SUPPORTS LIBRARY PROJECT

Thanks to the generosity of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, the library of the Pontifical University of Sant' Anselmo is undergoing a transformation. This “high-tech

makeover” will make it possible to track and inventory every book and permit librarians to immediately locate books that might have been misplaced. Librarians are now available to assist the Benedictine monks and nuns who study at Sant' Anselmo with up-to-date research technology.

This “smart-stock” system greatly enhances students’ research capabilities. The basic tools include base stations and current computer software. With computerized entrance gates and computerized chips in each book, inventory is performed automatically. A wide-ranging wi-fi traces each book, and helps retrieve lost or misplaced books. Previously, an inventory took up to a month, involved all four librarians, and required library closure during the period of inventory. The new computerized system also enables users to scan entire





research topics and have immediate access to specialized topics of interest. Users can browse the book and determine quickly whether it is pertinent to their needs.

The library at Sant' Anselmo includes more than

160,000 books and over 300 journals covering topics such as liturgy, monastic history and spirituality, patristics and theology. To contribute to this project please use the form on page 15 and mark "library" in the space provided.





## SPRINGTIME DINNER AT RIZZO'S

The Pittsburgh-Latrobe-Greensburg Chapter of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation hosted its third annual "Celebrate Springtime" Dinner at Rizzo's Malabar Inn in Crabtree on March 15. Nearly 160 donors savored the hot and cold antipasti and complete dinner of homemade pasta, roasted lamb and chicken with sun-dried tomatoes and artichokes. A dessert buffet included Rizzo's homemade chocolates. The Saint Benedict Education Foundation Medal was awarded to Dr. Richard and Johnette Seecof for their support of the foundation in memory of Johnette's parents, who were also loyal friends of the foundation, Pat and John Spisso. The dinner is one of two annual events that the chapter hosts to raise funds for scholarships for Benedictine monks and nuns from third world countries. The second event is the "Sunset at the Barn" (see page 15). Above, Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey, provides attendees with an update on Sant' Anselmo. On the opposite page, clockwise, from left, are Richard Stillwagon and his wife Joanna; Lou Falbo and Mary Smetka; and Father Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B., president of the foundation presenting the Medal to Johnette Seecof.



## **POPE FRANCIS AT SANT' ANSELMO ON ASH WEDNESDAY: A HUMBLE ARRIVAL**

Pope Francis arrived at Sant' Anselmo on Ash Wednesday (above), where he began the annual Lenten procession to Santa Sabina for Mass (photo at top, right). Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., and Brother Bruno Cadore, O.P. master of the Dominican Order, process together to the Dominican Basilica of Santa Sabina. In the photo at left, Pope Francis leads the procession from Sant' Anselmo to Santa Sabina.







# *Chicago-Lisle Area Mark Your Calendars!*

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*Join Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., Abbot Austin Murphy, O.S.B. of Saint Procopius Abbey, Sister Judith Ann Heble, O.S.B., of Sacred Heart Monastery, and Abbot Philip Davies of Saint Bede Abbey, as well as guests such as (at left) Abbot John Brahill, O.S.B., Dennis and Rosemary Macko Wisnosky of Naperville, and Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B. of Saint Vincent Archabbey, for this year's dinner and wine tasting event in Lisle, Illinois.*



## PENNSYLVANIA FUND RAISER

Clockwise, from top left, are some photos from the Pittsburgh-Latrobe-Greensburg Chapter of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation's "2013 Sunset at the Barn" gala. Pictured are, Michael and Carolyn Backus; Tom Luscombe and Berardo Maragni; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D'Astolfo and Carolyn; Melinda Sherid, Carolyn Backus, Maryanne Cherubini and Pam DeMezza; Monsignor William Rathgeb and former Latrobe Mayor Barbara Griffin; Angelo and Pam DeMezza; Vincent A. Sarni, Joanna Stillwagon and Sandra Sarni.





*Save the Date!*

## *Sunset at the Barn!*

**T**he Fourth Annual "Sunset at the Barn" Gala will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2014. The Gala includes entertainment, refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, an exquisite Italian buffet and a silent auction.

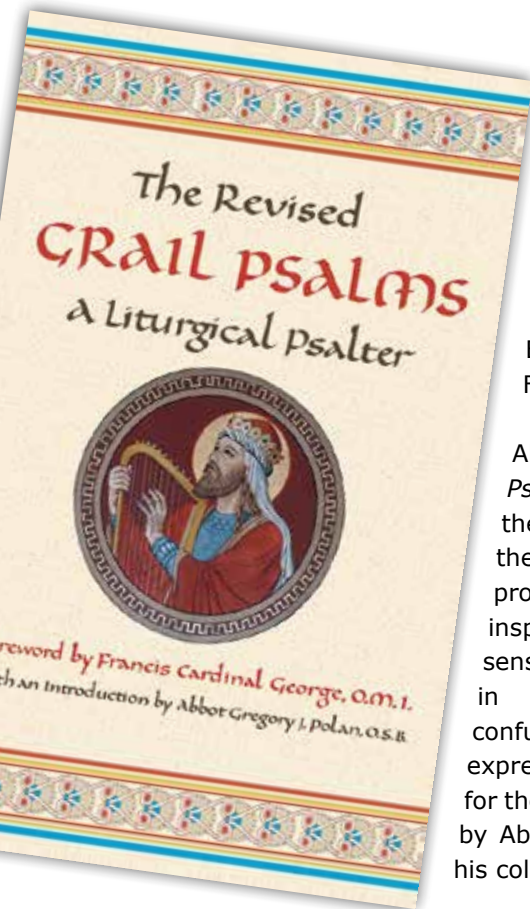
The Gala provides scholarships for Benedictine monks and nuns from third world countries studying at Sant' Anselmo. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Sant' Anselmo scholarship program.

Sant' Anselmo support groups exist in various parts of the United States where Friends of Sant' Anselmo host events in cities including Pittsburgh, Chicago-Lisle, Savannah, Tampa and Latrobe. Organized by the Pittsburgh-Latrobe-Greensburg chapter of the Friends of Sant' Anselmo, the Sunset at the Barn is held each August at the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve barn at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe.

## SAVANNAH CHAPTER DISCUSSES ABBOT GREGORY'S BOOK

On the evening of Saturday, April 5, 2014, a group of friends and supporters joined the members of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation board of directors at the home of Harry and Kimi Haslam on Tybee Island, Georgia, for a presentation on the *Revised Grail Psalms* by Abbot Gregory Polan, O.S.B., of Conception Abbey in Missouri. The presentation was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Haslam. The participants included Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., Abbot Gregory Polan, O.S.B., Father Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B., Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B., and all of the members of the Foundation board of directors.

Abbot Primate Notker Wolf gave a reflection on the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus. Abbot Gregory, a renowned Scripture scholar, gave a presentation on the *Revised Grail Psalms*, for which he served as the editor. The participants reflected on how meaningful the Psalms are in their daily lives, providing spiritual inspiration and a sense of inner peace in a chaotic and confusing world. They expressed gratitude for the new translation by Abbot Gregory and his colleagues.



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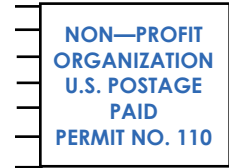
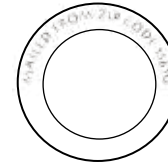
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