

# DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF SANT' ANSELMO



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Rome is said to be one of the most visited cities in the world, the Eternal City, one of the world's great cultural centers, known for its history and its art. Nearly five percent of Italy's 57 million citizens inhabit the country's capital, which lies on the banks of the Tiber River.

Covering a 108-acre tract within Rome is Vatican City, the seat of the central government of the Roman Catholic Church. Although it's a modern city, known as a center for fashion, film, printing, banking and insurance, reminders of Rome's history are everywhere, archaeology and architecture both old and ancient on its seven hills.

On top of an outlying hill east of the river and southeast of Vatican City is the Aventine Hill in the ancient part of Rome. Once a strategic point in controlling trade on the Tiber River, the Aventine is now home to Sant' Anselmo, the seat of the Benedictine Confederation, and the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo. Founded in 1887 by Pope Leo XIII, students—including Benedictine men and women—come from all corners of the world to study at Sant' Anselmo, receiving degrees at both the baccalaureate level and the graduate level. As an educational center, Rome houses many of the pontifical schools and faculties of the church, and opportunities for students to learn in a setting at the heart of the Catholic Church.

Most of the countless basilicas and ancient churches in

# ROME

the city are built on burial sites of martyrs. Aside from Saint Peter's Basilica, the major churches of Rome include Saint John Lateran, Saint Mary Major and Saint Paul's Outside the Walls.

The major church holidays—Christmas and Easter—are among

the prime times to visit Rome. During Lent, Sant' Anselmo and its church—adorned in colorful marble mosaics—is one of the first stops for pilgrims visiting the station churches of Rome—and for the Pope. On Ash Wednesday of 2006, Pope Benedict XVI began the liturgy of Ash Wednesday at Sant' Anselmo, as many pontiffs have before him, including Pope John Paul II.

Sant' Anselmo, while an ocean away from the United States, has had a major impact on the Catholic Church, educating cardinals, archbishops and bishops, from Cardinal Paul Augustin Mayer to Archbishop Wilton Gregory to Bishop J. Peter Sartain, recently appointed as the new shepherd of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois by Pope Benedict XVI.

The Saint Benedict Education Foundation, Inc., was formed in the United States to provide support to one of the best-kept secrets in Rome, our international Benedictine University. Sant' Anselmo continues, as it has for many years, to educate both lay and religious students ministering throughout the world in Christ's name.



Above, Pope Benedict XVI begins the liturgy of Ash Wednesday at Sant' Anselmo.



## GOD IS LOVE

**"...in spite of all darkness He [The LORD] ultimately triumphs in glory. Faith, which sees the love of God revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus on the Cross, gives rise to love. Love is the light—and in the end, the only light—that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. Love is possible, and we are able to practise it because we are created in the image of God."**

**—Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 39.**

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## OUR MISSION

The Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo is an academic institute of higher learning dedicated to sacred studies and related disciplines founded by Pope Leo XIII, Pope Saint Pius X and confirmed by Pope Pius XI. The Athenaeum consists of three faculties: philosophy, theology, and the Pontifical Liturgical Institute founded by Blessed Pope John XXIII.

The Athenaeum has as its goal the philosophical and theological education of men and women, religious, clerical and lay, especially those sent by monasteries of the Benedictine Confederation, in the authentic teaching of the Church with the goal of promoting the ministry of evangelization in their own churches throughout the world.

### On The Cover:

Mosaics of Saint Benedict and Saint Anselm in the apse of the Church at Sant' Anselmo, Rome.



*View of the Vatican from the campus of Sant' Anselmo.*

## **GROWTH OF THE CHURCH POSES EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE FOR SANT' ANSELMO**

"The Catholic Church now numbers more than one billion people. This growth poses an extraordinary challenge at the educational level. We believe that it is of fundamental importance to form the scholars, professors and leaders of tomorrow's Church now, so that they will be capable of carrying forward and adapting the rich heritage of the Church to new situations. Only a small percentage of this immense population will be educated in Rome, but this small group will greatly enrich the Church as a community with people whose personal bonds extend across oceans and continents. We believe that here at Sant' Anselmo we play a significant role in realizing that international communion represented by the Church. What we accomplish this year will be of importance not only for our personal spiritual and intellectual enrichment but also for the future of the Church."

*—Very Rev. Mark Sheridan, Rector, Sant' Anselmo  
Inaugural address for the academic year 2005*



## HISTORY

From the thirteenth century onwards most Benedictine monasteries were grouped into congregations. Pope Innocent XI instituted the first College of Saint Anselm (or Sant'Anselmo) for the Cassinese (Italian) Benedictine Congregation in 1687. Originally located at Saint Paul Outside the Walls, during the Napoleonic era this school was suppressed and in 1887 Pope Leo XIII founded the international Benedictine College of Sant' Anselmo. This re-foundation was intended to offer a solid academic formation for young monks from the worldwide Benedictine Confederation, which the Pope created at almost the same time, grouping together the various Benedictine congregations. The Pope also hoped that the monks educated at Sant' Anselmo would help to form a bridge with the Eastern Churches, which also had a long monastic tradition.

Over the years Sant' Anselmo grew from being a general house of studies for Benedictines to include other religious communities as well as diocesan students. Eventually, Sant' Anselmo was put on a par with the other pontifical Roman colleges. In 1914, Pope Pius X confirmed the right of the college to confer degrees—doctorate included—in philosophy, theology and canon law.

Pope Leo's choice of a patron saint for this new international college was itself symbolic of the whole



*Saint Paul Outside the Walls, which was the first international Benedictine school in Rome.*

CREDO UT INTELLIGAM  
—SAINT ANSELM



I BELIEVE SO THAT I MAY  
UNDERSTAND

educational adventure. Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) was a Benedictine monk and a Doctor of the Church. Saint Anselm unites both the monastic tradition and a zeal for learning at the heart of the Church. He wrote, *credo ut intelligam*, "I believe so that I may understand". Such an inspiration can also unfold into: "I seek to understand so that I may ever more deeply believe."

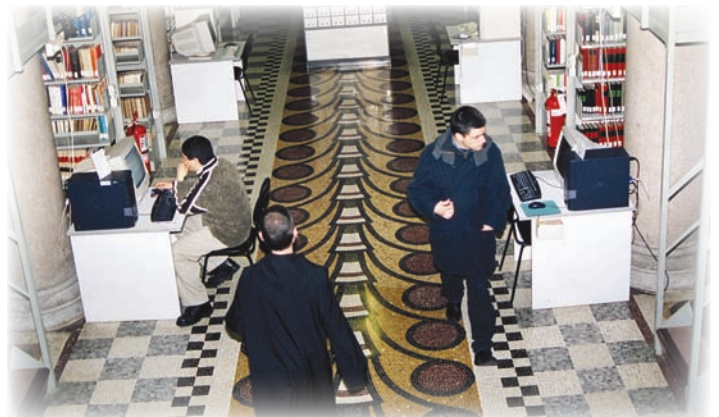
Under the influence of master teachers over the decades, Sant' Anselmo developed a reputation for a style of theology in which love of learning and desire for God grow together. Monastic culture with its celebration of the Liturgy and its practice of *lectio divina* sets the tone for both teaching and studying. This, then, becomes a monastic gift, not only for monks and nuns, but to the wider theological dialogue. It becomes a gift hidden in the heart of the Church of Rome.



## INTRODUCTION

The founding fathers of Sant' Anselmo envisioned an international Benedictine house of study to be a community in which the bonds of charity among various monasteries would be fostered. Although few Catholics are aware of Sant' Anselmo, this international Benedictine school prepares future leaders of the Church to teach and celebrate the mysteries of Catholic Liturgy. It is in the liturgy that Catholics live; believers are most alive as they participate in the dying and rising of Christ. Today it is a place of hospitality and learning for the whole world.

The mysteries of faith celebrated in the liturgy establish a great school of peace that seeks to form the human heart. Here students are formed in the discernment of individual and communal responsibilities linked to the promotion of peace. In May 2005 Pope Benedict sent a telegram to participants in a study seminar at Sant' Anselmo. In cooperation with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, students at Sant' Anselmo's heard the Pope summon them to realize that the church has pastoral care for ecclesial communities living in situations of conflict and war, caused by poverty, abuse, oppression and ethnic or racial hatreds.



## ROME

The Vatican (top, right) is within view of Sant' Anselmo, as seen from the Knights of Malta Plaza which is adjacent to the Sant' Anselmo campus (left). A keyhole in the garden to the plaza affords this view. Study in Rome affords students the opportunity to learn about Rome's history, both new and old. Below, right, is the tomb of Pope John Paul II in Saint Peter's Basilica. At bottom left is the Roman Forum.



"WE BELIEVE THAT THE STUDIES PURSUED IN ROME ARE FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH. MORE THAN ANY OTHER CITY OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD, ROME OFFERS A UNIQUELY INTERNATIONAL SETTING CONSTITUTED OF PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS WHO COME FROM EVERY NATION. THANKS TO ITS NUMEROUS SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, THE CITY OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC RICHES. ROME HAS HAD AN IMMEASURABLE INFLUENCE ON THE HISTORY OF THE WESTERN WORLD. THE MODERN CITY IS UNRIVALLED IN ITS ART, ARCHITECTURE AND GENERAL CULTURAL RESOURCES, REFLECTING THE ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL AND MODERN WORLDS.

—Very Rev. Mark Sheridan, Rector, Sant' Anselmo  
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## ABBOT PRIMATE NOTKER WOLF, O.S.B.

The Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation is also the Abbot of Sant' Anselmo and thus has the ultimate responsibility for both the College (residence) and as Chancellor, for the Athenaeum (school). Statutes approved by the Synod of Presidents govern the College. The Athenaeum is governed by Statutes approved by the Holy See (the Congregation for Catholic Education) and by Ordinances approved by the Academic Senate. The Confederation is governed by the *Lex Propria* approved by the Holy See. The Benedictine Confederation, which sponsors Sant' Anselmo, is composed of monasteries on six continents.

## MABILLON INSTITUTE



The Mabillon Institute at Sant' Anselmo, named after the well-known seventeenth century Benedictine scholar, Jean Mabillon, founder of Latin paleography and one of the pioneers in establishing modern historical methodology, offers a specialized program in the history of theology leading to the degrees of licentiate and doctorate (S.T.L. and S.T.D.).



## STUDENTS

On January 15, 1933, Pope Pius XI conferred the title "pontifical" on the institution to indicate his esteem for the university, as well as to signify the close connection between Sant' Anselmo and the Holy See. Furthermore, on March 21, 1952, the Holy See established a Monastic Institute affiliated to the faculty of Theology. The faculty of philosophy now offers the degrees of baccalaureate, licentiate and doctorate in philosophy. The theological faculty is authorized to grant the baccalaureate in theology and the licentiate and doctorate in Monastic Studies, Sacramental Theology, and History of Theology.

On June 16, 1961, more than a year before the opening of the II Vatican Council, Blessed Pope John XXIII issued a decree erecting the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy. The Institute and its professors have since played an important role in the renewal of the liturgy. The Institute welcomes all qualified women and men (lay, cleric and religious), who are eager to undertake a disciplined study of the sacred liturgy, the source and apex of Christian spirituality. The goal of the Pontifical Institute is to promote the scientific study and practice of the sacred liturgy through teaching, research and publications. It prepares women and men to become teachers, scholars and pastoral leaders in local churches, seminaries and religious and monastic communities.

The faculty of the Liturgical Institute is an international body of scholars trained at a number of prestigious universities. Women and men, lay and cleric, religious and monastic, give their talents and time to form new generations of liturgists for the Church. The size of the student body, normally comprised of 200 individuals, allows for personal and direct contact with the faculty. The courses and academic program enable the student to pursue the licentiate (S.L.L.), or the doctorate (S.L.D.) in sacred liturgy.



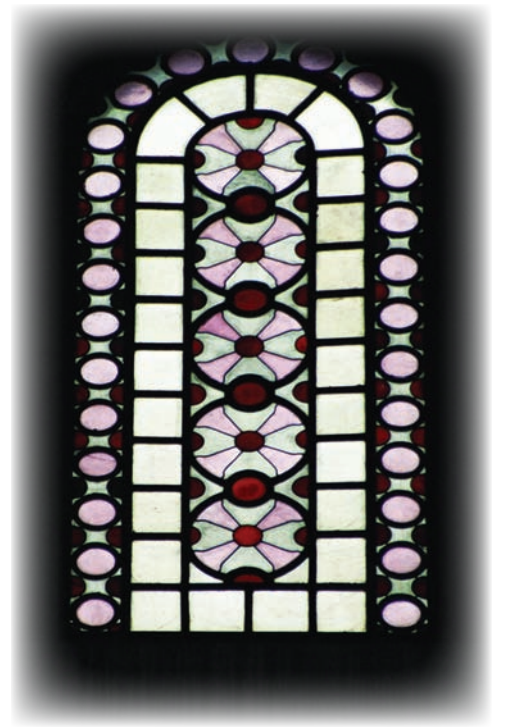


## BENEDICTINE WOMEN

Benedictine women are associated with the Benedictine Confederation either through membership of a Congregation, of an affiliated Federation, or by direct affiliation of a group of houses. In 2001 these sisters and nuns established the *Communio Internationalis Benedictinarum* (C.I.B.) which, it is hoped, would eventually form a female equivalent of the Benedictine Confederation. At present the C.I.B. has elected representatives from 19 regions throughout the world. Sant' Anselmo welcomes women from these affiliates.

THE CAMPUS







Over the last thirty-five years Sant' Anselmo has changed from being primarily a school for Benedictines and other monks to being a school like others in Rome at the service of the universal church. However, the focus has been on providing an education for the students there, sometimes at the expense of basic infrastructure needs. This is especially true as the Benedictine Confederation attempts to support students from third-world countries and from poor monasteries which cannot afford the cost of study in Rome. The past approach has been to curtail expenses to a minimum and postpone capital improvements to meet these more pressing, student-related expenses.

The Saint Benedict Education Foundation was established to help raise funds for these urgent needs of our international Benedictine University in Rome. Financing from the Benedictine Confederation alone will not meet these needs, so the Saint Benedict Education Foundation must look for sources from other areas within and outside of the Church.

The Church at Sant' Anselmo, where students pray their Divine Office, and which hosts many weddings, is one of the most urgent needs for restoration. A portion of the courtyard roof above the door to the Church collapsed this spring, and water damage from leaking windows and portions of the roof threatens the windows as well as the intricate mosaics in the apse and on the floor of the Church.

Students experience classrooms much as their forebears did before them, without the technology and internet availability most Americans take for granted. One of the most pressing needs is acquiring the technology to support learning and scholarship in the twenty-first century. And the Benedictine Confederation's attempts to welcome all qualified students, regardless of whether or not their sending monastery is able to pay, has also created a demand for student aid. And while scholarships and tuition assistance are compelling needs that possess human faces and names, there are other important needs that also contribute directly to the learning environment. One critical area is the endowment of academic chairs to insure that the university remains a world-class



teaching institution. Closely allied is the need for financial support of the institute's esteemed series of publications: scholarly books, textbooks, lectures, acts of international congresses, and, since 1984, the official journal of the Liturgical Institute, *Ecclesia Orans*.

Sant' Anselmo also hosts many important liturgical conferences and programs, and the need is pressing for an *Aula Magna* (large lecture hall). Plans are to build this hall underneath the second courtyard, to make best use of the space and the grounds.

The Library, which houses an important collection of books and documents, has several pressing needs: maintaining specialized collections in liturgy, monasticism and history of theology in an up-to-date manner with new acquisitions; the space for that collection; and the ability to preserve the more delicate documents in its collection with a climate-controlled, environmentally safe manner.

Sant' Anselmo has for too long postponed the capital improvements necessary for it to maintain its rightful place among Rome's pontifical universities. The university also must provide for the faculty members who train the future clergy of the Catholic Church, those priests and members of religious orders who will continue to spread the Gospel throughout the world, well into the future.

## Former Students of Sant' Anselmo

This list is a partial listing of Bishops, Administrators, Pastors and academics who have attended Sant' Anselmo. Because Sant' Anselmo has never had a computerized database of graduates, we publish this list as a starting point and ask for assistance from our alumni and friends in helping to update this list as it is developed.

### Bishops and Administrators

**Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, DD**, Bishop of Fargo, North Dakota.

**Most Rev. Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B.**, Archbishop of Indianapolis.

**Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, SLD**, Archbishop of Atlanta, Georgia.

**Most Reverend Jerome Hanus, O.S.B.**, Archbishop of Dubuque.

**Most Reverend Piero Marini**, the master of ceremonies for papal liturgies, faculty member, Sant' Anselmo.

**Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain**, Bishop of Joliet, Illinois.

**Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin**, Bishop of Providence, Rhode Island.

**Very Reverend Mark R. Francis, CSV**, Superior General, The Clerics of Saint Viator, Rome.

**Very Reverend Thomas A. Krosnicki, SVD**, Provincial, Divine Word Missionaries, Chicago Province.

**Reverend Msgr. Roy M. Klister**, University of Saint Mary of the Lake, The Liturgical Institute Mundelein, Ill.

**Reverend Msgr. James P. Moroney**, Executive Director, Secretariat for the Liturgy, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.

**Very Reverend Terence E. Hogan** Rector of Saint Mary Cathedral, Director of the Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Miami.

**Very Reverend Michael G. Witzczak**, Rector, Saint Francis Seminary, Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**Rev. Cajetan P. Homick, O.S.B.**, President, Saint Benedict Education Foundation.

**Dr. Glenn C.J. Byer**, Managing Editor, Oregon Catholic Press Portland, Ore.

**Sister Moira De Bono, RSM**, Director of Liturgy, Archdiocese of Denver.

**Reverend John J. Talesfore**, Director of the Office of Worship, Archdiocese of San Francisco.

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**Reverend Msgr. Ferdinando D. Berardi**, Holy Family Church, Archdiocese of New York.

**Reverend Msgr. Alan Detscher**, Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn.

**Reverend James Challancin**, Saint Joseph Church,

Diocese of Marquette, Wis.

**Reverend Jon-Paul Gallant**, Holy Redeemer Church, Archdiocese of Boston.

**Reverend Thomas Kreiser**, Saint Columba Church, Archdiocese of New York.

**Reverend Gregory Rothfuchs**, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Diocese of Joliet, Ill.

**Reverend Msgr. Dennis F. Sheehan**, Saint Paul Church, Archdiocese of Boston.

**Reverend Paul Turner**, Saint Munchin Church, Diocese of Kansas City, Saint Joseph, Mo.

### Academia

**Reverend Kurt J. Belsole, OSB**, faculty member, Saint Vincent Seminary Latrobe, Pa., and Sant' Anselmo.

**Father Athanasius Buchholz, O.S.B.**, Mount Angel.

**Reverend Christopher J. Coyne**, Saint John Seminary, Archdiocese of Boston,

**Reverend Paul L. Cioffi, SJ**, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

**Reverend Gabriel Coless, OSB**, Drew University, Madison, N.J.

**Reverend Giles Dimock, OP**, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C.

**Reverend Michael Driscoll**, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

**Reverend Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.**, faculty, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.

**Reverend Cassian Folsom, OSB**, Prior, Saint Benedict Monastery, Norcia, Italy; Professor, Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, Rome.

**Donald Grabner, O.S.B.**, faculty member, Conception Seminary College.

**Brother Benedict Janecko, O.S.B.**, faculty member, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.

**Brother Elliott C. Maloney, O.S.B.**, faculty member, Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa.

**Sister Sharon McMillan, SND**, Saint Patrick Seminary, Archdiocese of San Francisco.

**Reverend Msgr. Kevin W. Irwin**, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Reverend J. Michael Joncas**, Saint Paul Seminary, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Visiting Associate Professor, University of Notre Dame.

**Reverend Dennis Krouse**, University of San Diego.

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**Reverend Keith Pecklers, SJ**, The Gregorian University Pontifical Institute of Liturgy.

**Reverend David Power, OMI**, Professor Emeritus,

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# YES, I'D LIKE TO HELP!

## HERE IS MY GIFT FOR:

- Cardinal Mayer Chair
- Aula Magna (lecture hall)
- Academic Activities (lectures, publications, symposia)
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—POPE BENEDICT XVI

## Former Students of Sant' Anselmo

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Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Fr. Odo Recker, O.S.B., S.T.L.**, Mount Angel.

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**Rt. Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., S.T.D.**,  
 president of St. Gregory's University.

**Jerome Werth, O.S.B.**, faculty member, Conception  
 Seminary College.

**Father Basil Yender O.S.B.**, Marmion Abbey.

## Help Us Update Our Mailing List!

The Saint Benedict Education Foundation and the staff at Sant' Anselmo is undertaking the task of documenting and computerizing the list of Sant' Anselmo alumni. Help us complete this never-before-undertaken task by letting us know your contact information. Please contact Jan Fox at the foundation office, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650, 724-805-2890, email: [info@stbenedictfoundation.org](mailto:info@stbenedictfoundation.org).

Our web site is in development, so please visit frequently to see the changes as we progress: <http://www.stbenedictfoundation.org>.



*Above, view of the Vatican from a rooftop balcony at Sant' Anselmo, the International Benedictine University of Rome. Below, at left, statue of Saint Benedict at Montecassino, Italy. Below, right, statue of Saint Anselm at Sant' Anselmo.*

