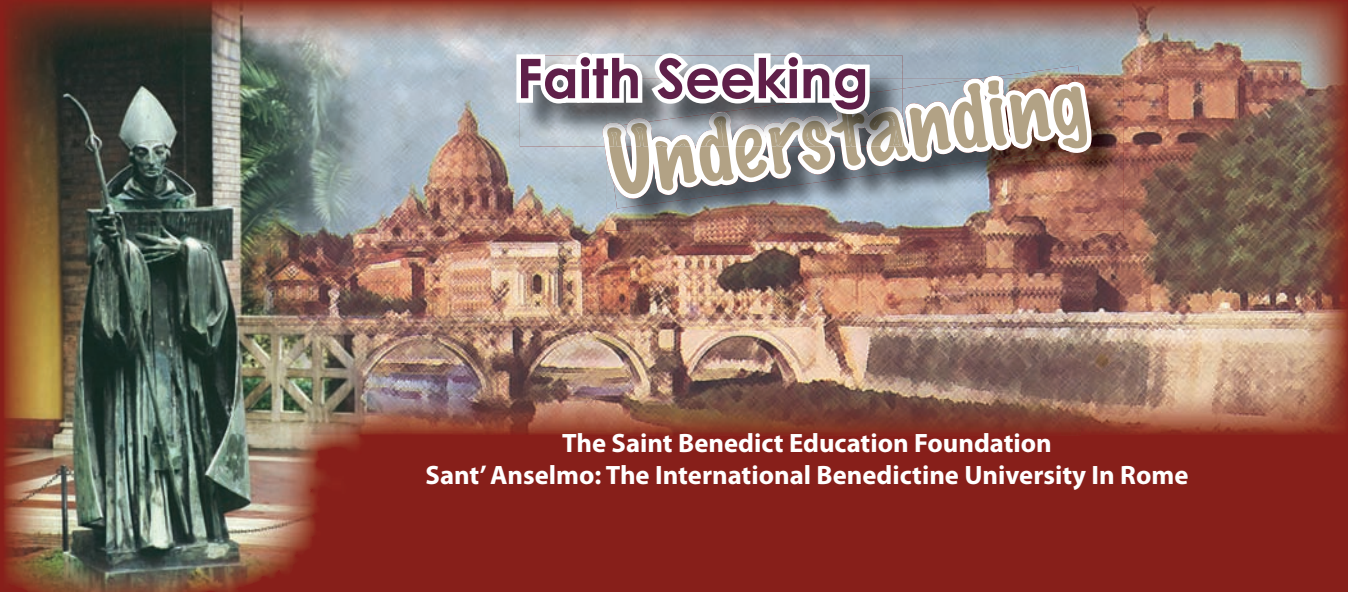


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Pope Benedict XVI at the Colosseum in Rome leading the Good Friday procession for pilgrims throughout the world.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Saint Benedict Education Foundation Ash Wednesday pilgrimage took place in Rome during the week from Sunday, February 3rd until Sunday February 10th. Those making the trip experienced an event-filled week in which we visited the four Patriarchal Basilicas of Rome—Saint Peter’s, Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Saint Mary Major, and Saint John Lateran, and other sites within Rome such as the Basilica of the Holy Cross, the Coliseum, and the Vatican Museum. Beyond the busy streets of Rome the pilgrims found some peace and spiritual refreshment at Subiaco, the first monastery founded by Saint Benedict (c. 500), and at Monte Cassino, where Saint Benedict lived the remainder of his life and died in the year 548.



Our itinerary began on Monday, when we set out for

the cathedral of Rome: the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. After paying a visit to this beautiful house of worship, with its fourth-century baptistry, we stopped to see the Coliseum before continuing to the church of Saint Peter in Chains, where the chains which bound Peter during his time in the Mamertine prison are preserved, and where one can find Michaelangelo’s masterpiece sculpture “Moses”. A late winter rain storm did not dampen our enjoyment of lunch at “da Roberto”, nor our excitement over a tour of the fascinating excavations beneath Saint Peter’s Basilica, where the remains of the ancient tomb of the Apostle are still visible.

On Tuesday we were graciously received by Abbot Edmund Power of the Abbey of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, which has been home to a Benedictine community since the 8th century. After mass at the Basilica, Abbot Edmund joined us for lunch, and saw us on our way to the Basilica of the Holy Cross, where the group visited the reliquary chapel containing a fragment of the cross brought to Rome by Saint Helen in the fourth century. We then proceeded to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on top of the Esquiline Hill, the oldest church in Rome dedicated to Mary. After some time for relaxation, we regrouped and went to “Abruzzi”—a popular culinary destination in the heart of Rome for decades.

On Ash Wednesday our group toured the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant’ Anselmo, to which the Saint Benedict Education Foundaton directs its development efforts. We visited the classroom area, noting the construction which is underway in the main part of the cloister of the Athenaeum, and joined the monastic community for a lunch in monastic style—we ate in silence! The afternoon of Ash Wednesday was highlighted by the arrival at Sant’ Anselmo of Pope Benedict XVI, who visits the Benedictine University in Rome each year to inaugurate the season of Lent with a prayer service at Sant’ Anselmo, followed by the celebration of the mass at the nearby Basilica of Santa Sabina.

Thursday saw the group off to Subiaco in the hills outside of Rome. There we visited the “Sacro Speco”—the cave where

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The Saint Benedict Foundation Board raises funds to support the needs of The Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo in Rome. 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.

Board Vice Chairman Dr. Stephen M. Butler is the new Chairman of the Foundation. He was named Chairman during the April board meeting in New York.

Faith Seeking Understanding will be featuring some of our board members in this and upcoming issues. This is the first installment.

Stephen M. Butler, M.D. Board of Directors, Chairman Florida

Stephen M. Butler, M.D., FACS was born in Utica, New York and moved with his family to Kansas City in 1970.



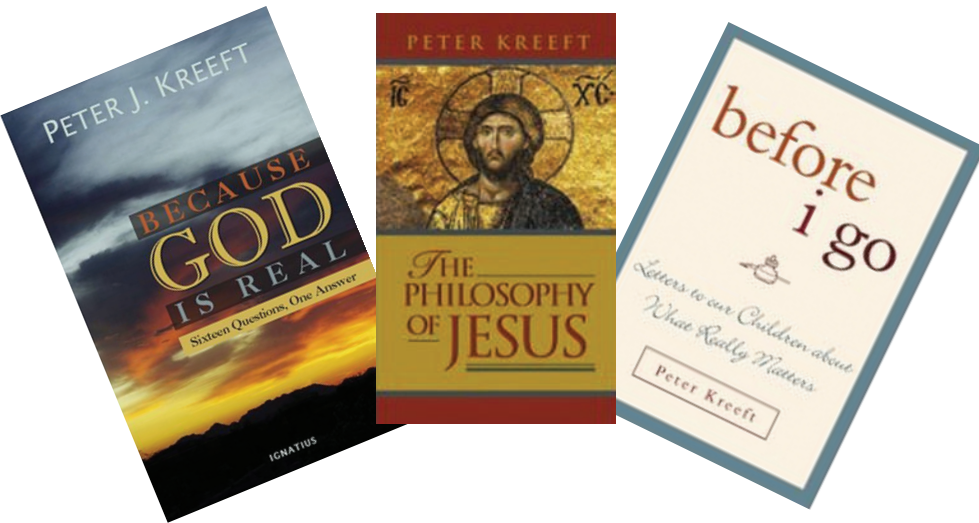
There he attended Rockhurst High School, a Jesuit Preparatory School, and entered the six year combined B.A./M.D. program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City directly from high school.

He graduated from with his Medical Doctorate in 1985 and completed a General Surgical Residency from 1985-90 followed by a Fellowship in Laparoendoscopic surgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital of the Case Western Reserve system. He practiced briefly in Hannibal, MO and then accepted a practice opportunity in Plant City, FL, near Tampa, where he has been since 1992. Dr. Butler operates a second office in nearby Lakeland, FL with his associate Dr. Jill Roehr, M.D.

Dr. Butler currently serves on his hospital's medical staff leadership, and has held every elected office in his specialty at both hospitals. He has served on the steering committees for the development and construction of the new Emergency Room and Operating Suite at South Florida Baptist Hospital, as well as on their intermediate and long term strategic planning team. He serves on the Foundation Board of Saint Leo Abbey, in Florida. Dr. Butler is married to Joyce Elaine, and their residence is adjacent to Saint Leo University and Abbey.

Dr. Butler has served on the Board of the Saint

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Faith is like an anchor. That's why it must be conservative, even a stick-in-the-mud, like an anchor. Faith must be faithful. Hope is like a compass or a navigator. It gives us direction, and it takes its bearings from the stars. That's why it must be progressive and forward-looking. Love is like the sail, spread to the wind. It is the actual energy of our journey. That's why it must be liberal, open to the Spirit's wind, generous. —Peter Kreeft

AUTHOR PETER KREEFT TO SPEAK AT EVENT FOR THE SAINT BENEDICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Author Peter Kreeft will speak at an event for the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, October 24, 2008, at the Carey Performing Arts Center at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy at Boston College, is the author of more than 50 books, including *Because God Is Real: Sixteen Questions, One Answer* (2008); *Before I Go: Letters to Our Children About What Really Matters* (2007) and *The Philosophy of Jesus* (2007).

Kreeft is considered one of the foremost Catholic philosophers in the United States. His ideas draw on religious and philosophic tradition, including the writings of Thomas Aquinas, Socrates and C.S. Lewis.

He received his master of arts and his doctorate from Fordham University and his bachelor's degree at Calvin College. He has done post-graduate studies at Yale University. He has served on the full-time faculty of Boston College since 1965, and prior to that at Villanova University. He has also taught part-time at eighteen colleges and seminaries. Kreeft has received the Woodrow

Wilson Fellowship, the Yale-Sterling Fellowship, the Newman Alumni Scholarship, the Danforth Asian Religious Fellowship and the Weathersfield Homeland Fellowship.



Born a Calvinist who regarded the Catholic faith with suspicion, Kreeft was asked by a professor to investigate some of the tenets of the Catholic Church, with the idea of disproving them. Instead, Kreeft's investigations led to his conversion to Catholicism.

Topics of his prolific writings have included death, C.S. Lewis, the Socratic dialogues, great philosophers, apologetics, theology, spirituality, Jesus, and a variety of philosophical issues. He has also written five books for young people.

His latest book, *Because God is Real* explores sixteen questions about the meaning of life, ranging from "Can you prove there is a God?" to "Why is Jesus different?" to "Why must we die?"

Kreeft writes: "The good news of the Gospel is as exciting as a murder mystery. For at its heart there is a murder: the murder of God two thousand years ago in Jerusalem. And this God is the greatest of mysteries: who He is and why He put us here, and why He came here and

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FIDES QUÆRENS INTELLECTUM: "FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING"

Saint Anselm, founder of medieval scholasticism and himself a Benedictine, conceived of his work as *fides quaerens intellectum* (faith seeking understanding).

The studies at Sant' Anselmo are inspired by this sapiential approach.

PETER KREEFT

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what His plans are for us. The story is literally a matter of life or death—eternal life or death.”

Another recent book, *Before I Go* is about 67 things Kreeft has learned about life, faith, morality, priorities, marriage, written as his legacy to his children-- and to readers. He shares his practical wisdom, as well as his concern for truth and goodness.

The Philosophy of Jesus looks at four great philosophical questions: what is real? how can we know what is real? who are we? and how should we live? These questions motivate the disciplines of metaphysics, epistemology, philosophical anthropology, and ethics, Kreeft writes. From a Christian perspective, the answer to all four is Jesus.

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Saint Benedict lived for several years before establishing a monastic community at the site, which exists to this day. On Friday we turned south, and traveled to Monte Cassino to celebrate mass at the tomb of Saint Benedict, and to visit the monastery where he spent the last decades of his life.

Time was set aside as well during the week for a tour of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and Saint Peter’s Basilica, where we were guided through the excavations beneath the crypt of the church, and later celebrated mass together at the Clementine Altar, directly over the tomb of Saint Peter.

On the final day of the pilgrimage some folks traveled to Assisi, while others enjoyed some rest in Rome, before we joined together once again for mass in the Chapel of Saint Catherine of Siena in the Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, and for a farewell dinner near the Pantheon. In all, the Saint Benedict Education Foundation Ash Wednesday pilgrimage provided an opportunity for those interested in the Benedictine University in Rome to see Sant’ Anselmo first hand, and to find spiritual refreshment at the same time.

Rev. Edward Mazich, O.S.B.

March 2008

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Clockwise, from top, left:

- Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., greets His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI prior to the procession into the Church of Sant' Anselmo on Ash Wednesday, 2008.
- Pope Benedict XVI and the procession of Cardinals at Sant' Anselmo.
- Pope Benedict XVI processing from Sant' Anselmo to the Mass at Santa Sabina on Ash Wednesday.
- Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., leads the procession of Cardinals and His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI from the Prayer Service at Sant' Anselmo to Mass at Santa Sabina;
- Dinner at Clemente Restaurant on the last night of the Pilgrimage. Seated around the table starting at left, Jim and Carolyn O'Laughlin, Abbot Notker, Evelyn and Batista Madonia, Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, Rosemary Madonia, Edith and Mark Rust, Dr. Stephen Butler, Dr. Michael Salvato, Abbot Timothy Kelly.
- Evelyn, Batista and Rosemary Madonia are pictured in front of the Roman Coliseum.
- The O'Laughlins, Whitesides, Rusts, Rick Laskie and Father Lee Yoakam, O.S.B., at Monte Cassino.
- The O'Laughlins at dinner with Archabbot Douglas and Abbot Notker;
- The Rusts after renewing their wedding vows in the chapel of Saint Catherine of Siena.
- Pope Benedict XVI and

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Benedict Education Foundation since August of 2007, having been appointed following his trip to Rome for Ash Wednesday 2007.

"I am passionate about my involvement with the Foundation," he said, "because Sant' Anselmo and the International Benedictine University serve the educational needs of religious men and women throughout the world. It is through that education and our faith that we will bring meaningful change to an imperiled world."

Dr. Leo J. Shea III
Board of Directors
New York

Leo J. Shea III, Ph.D. is Clinical Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Rusk Institute, a division of the New York University Medical Center. He maintains a private practice both in New York and Massachusetts focusing on traumatic brain injury, tick-borne diseases, neurological injury/illness, chronic illness, trauma and loss, contingency and disaster management and provides psychotherapy and cognitive remediation to individuals and groups.



Dr. Shea holds an Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, an M.A. in Hispanic Pastoral Ministry from Barry University and an M.S. in Clinical Psychology and a Ph.D. with a dual specialty in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology from the Miami Institute of Psychology. Apart from his academic degrees, he is a graduate of the Organizational Development and Consultation Program at the William Alanson White Institute for Psychoanalysis, Psychiatry and Psychology and is a member of both the Institute's Organizational Work Group and its Trauma Response Training Committee. His trauma work during the 9/11 disaster has been cited in "When the Worst is Over."

Dr. Shea is presently the National Chairman of the National Research Fund for Tick-borne Diseases, Inc. which funds scientific research at major medical and academic institutions in the United States. He also serves on the National Board of Directors of the Hispanic Neuropsychological Society and the New York Academy of Traumatic Brain Injury. Dr. Shea was the first neuropsychologist appointed to the Board of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy Foundation (recently renamed the Saint Benedict Education Foundation), which is responsible for overseeing the funding of academic chairs and student

scholarship program at the Vatican's Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, Sant' Anselmo (Rome, Italy).

Dr. Shea has been with the board 5 years.

"It is inspiring to know that the future leaders of Catholic Church liturgy are being trained at Sant' Anselmo and that the knowledge and training that they are learning there will have a positive impact on future generations of the Catholic faithful worldwide," he said. "As a member of the Board of Directors of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, I believe that our mission to support Sant' Anselmo is witness to the continuing and eternal nature of the Catholic Church and the importance of stewardship in preserving and advancing Christ's mission on earth."

Camille Kiely Kelleher
Board of Directors
New York

Camille M. (Kiely) Kelleher, a native of Hingham, Massachusetts, is a graduate of Barnard College, in New York City, with a B.A. in Political Science. She also earned an MBA in Finance from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business.



After graduate school, Mrs. Kelleher began a career in investment management. As a manager of domestic and international equity portfolios for institutional clients, she worked for S.G. Warburg & Co. in London as well as Citibank NA and Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in New York. After retiring from Brown Brothers in 2003, Mrs. Kelleher became actively involved in two programs for alumnae at Barnard College. She serves as a member of the steering committee and an instructor of Financial Fluency for Women. She also serves as a member of the program committee for Project Continuum, a program for alumnae in transition. In 2007, she resumed her investment career, on a part-time basis, using her investment knowledge and experience to assist the Archdiocese of New York in the investment oversight and administration of its Pension Plan and other investments.

Mrs. Kelleher joined the Board of the St. Benedict Education Foundation in 2004. She is a Dame of the Order of Malta, a Lady Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and is also a member of the St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary. Professionally, she is a member of the CFA Institute, the New York Society of Security Analysts, and the Financial Women's Association.

Camille and her husband, Rory Kelleher, live in New York City and have three grown children.

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Cardinal Augustin Mayer, O.S.B.



Scholarships, Chairs Honor Benedictines

Three chairs of theology and one scholarship have been established to support studies at Sant' Anselmo. Each has a goal of two million dollars.

- The new Chair in Sacramental Theology was established to honor Cardinal Augustin Mayer, O.S.B., a former rector and member of the faculty at Sant' Anselmo.

- A chair of theology has been named in honor of Abbot Salvatore Marsili, O.S.B., the founder of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy.

- Funding has begun for a Chair of Eucharistic Theology in honor of Abbot Anscar Vonier, O.S.B. The second abbot of Buckfast Abbey was a renowned theologian.

- The Saint Scholastica Scholarship provides financial assistance for Benedictine women to pursue advanced studies at Sant' Anselmo.

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Saint Clement Catholic Church, Plant City, Fla., hosted Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B.



Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., during his homily at Saint Clement Catholic Church.

FLORIDA EVENT ABOUT SANT' ANSELMO

Right Rev. Notker Wolf, O.S.B., Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order, celebrated Mass at Saint Clement Catholic Church, Plant City, Florida on December 2.

Mass was followed by an educational presentation designed to provide insight into the Benedictine Order, the foundation of Western Monasticism and the role of The Pontifical Liturgical Institute, dedicated to the study and development of our liturgy at Sant' Anselmo, in Rome.

Concelebrants at the Mass included Right Rev. Timothy Kelly, O.S.B., Abbot President American-Cassinese Congregation; Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey; Father Edward M. Mazich, O.S.B., President Saint Benedict Education Foundation; Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B., Saint Leo Abbey; Father Thomas J. Anastasia, Pastor, Saint Clement.



Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B., President of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, incenses the gospel during Mass.



Pictured during Mass at Saint Clement Catholic Church are, from left, Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B., newly installed abbot of Saint Leo Abbey, Florida; Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order; and Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Archabbot of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa.



Members of the Knights of Columbus with Right Rev. Notker Wolf, O.S.B., Abbot Primate, during a reception held following Mass at Saint Clement Catholic Church.



The Knights of Columbus provide an honor guard during the recessional.



Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., talks with Batista and Evelyn Madonia of Plant City, Fla., and Dr. Michael Salvato, of Plant City, at a dinner hosted by the Madonia family, proprietors of the Red Rose Inn.



Newly-installed Abbot Isaac Camacho, O.S.B., of Saint Leo's Abbey, Florida, with his family and Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., Saint Vincent Archabbey. The monks of Saint Leo's Abbey participated in the Mass with Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B.



Dr. Stephen Butler, a member of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation's Board of Directors, pictured at right, gives a presentation about Sant' Anselmo and the work of the foundation to guests at a special dinner at the Red Rose Inn, Plant City, Fla.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Board members, benefactors and persons interested in supporting Sant' Anselmo, the International Benedictine University in Rome, participated in a ten-day pilgrimage at the start of the Lenten season. Organized by the Development Office of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, the trip participants toured the Vatican, many of Rome's secular and religious sites, and made pilgrimages to sites related to Benedictine monasticism, such as Monte Cassino and Subiaco abbeys.

Participants included Foundation President Rev. Edward M. Mazich, O.S.B.; Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B.; Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey, who serves on the foundation board; Dr. Stephen Butler of Plant City, Fla., board member, and his wife Joyce; Dr. Michael Salvato of Plant City; Mark and Edith Rust of Florida; Carolyn and Jim O'Laughlin of St. Louis; Batista, Evelyn and Rosemary Madonia of Plant City; Paul Whiteside of the Foundation Development Office, his wife Debbie and son Christopher.



Above, Pope Benedict XVI processes out of church at Sant' Anselmo on Ash Wednesday 2008 for the start of the Lent in Rome. Below, from left, pilgrims to Sant' Anselmo during Lenten pilgrimage include Batista and Evelyn Madonia of Florida; Edith and Mark Rust of Florida; Carolyn and Jim O'Laughlin of St. Louis; Debbie and Paul Whiteside of Pennsylvania. Abbot Primate Notker Wolf celebrated Mass in the chapel of Saint Catherine Siena at Santa Maria Sopra Minerva Church with renewal of wedding vows for married couples attending.



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