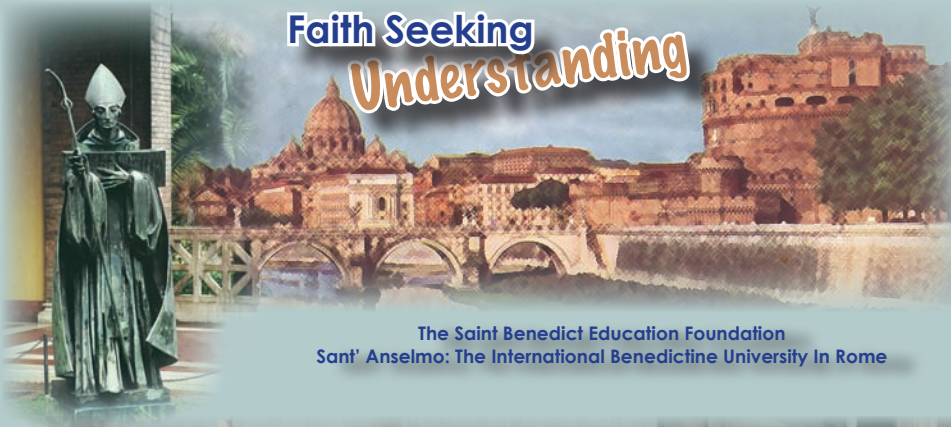


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RECENT HAPPENINGS



NEW PRESIDENT

Father Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B., of Noiseau, France, has been appointed the new president of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation. A monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, he attended high school in France, earned degrees in philosophy from Saint Thomas Pontifical University in Rome (1991)

and nursing from the school of nursing in Rieti, Italy (1995) before entering the monastic community of Saint Vincent Archabbey in 2001. Father Benoit was ordained to the priesthood at Sant' Anselmo in Rome in 2009. He has also studied at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe (2002-2003), and at Middlebury College in Vermont and Florence, Italy (2004). He returned to Saint Thomas Pontifical University in 2006, where he earned a degree in theology in 2009. At Saint Vincent he has been on the infirmary staff, assisted in the vocation office, served as socius of novices, and is currently a French and Italian instructor at Saint Vincent College. He served as a consultant to the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, prior to his appointment as president.



Father Edward M. Mazich, O.S.B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey, past president of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, will remain as a consultant to the foundation staff. He also serves as a professor at Saint Vincent Seminary, and Novice Master of the Benedictine Community in Latrobe.

TAMPA SUPPORTS SANT' ANSELMO

Recently Dr. Stephen Butler, Chairman of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, organized a wine tasting event in Tampa, Florida, to benefit the educational programs and student tuition needs of monks from economically challenged monasteries who are studying at Sant' Anselmo. The event was held at West Palm Wines, which specializes in the finest wines of France, Italy and Spain. Over 30 guests attended a social, followed by a formal and entertaining sampling of six wines from the Bordeaux region. James Sirna, President of West Palm Wines, spoke about the Bordeaux region, the making of the wines, the laws governing the advertising and sales, and the cultural differences between the United States and France relative to wine making. Dr. Butler and Dr. Martin Girling have been active supporters of Sant' Anselmo. The event raised funds to support students with need at Sant' Anselmo.

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BE A PATRON OF SANT' ANSELMO

The Patrons organization is designed to help interested people learn more about Sant' Anselmo, the Benedictine University in Rome, and to join others with similar interests to participate in a variety of social and cultural activities in support of academic and tuition assistance programs at Sant Anselmo.

The plan is to establish a chapter of approximately 20 to 30 members. Each member will be asked to contribute an annual fee to the organization that will be used to offset the costs of events and to support special projects at the university, including the assistance of needy students.

The activities range from premiere visits to Rome, attending lectures to learn more about the Benedictine way of life, visits to Benedictine sites, dinners, musical events, and other activities that may be of interest to the location of the given chapter.

Each year the members will have the opportunity to choose a unique project that will, in some way, benefit the



*Paul Whiteside
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students of Sant' Anselmo in Rome. Projects could include scholarship assistance for students, a repair or restoration of a part of the campus, or research support for a faculty member. In order to experience projects first-hand, members will be invited to visit Sant' Anselmo in Rome where they will have the opportunity to meet students and faculty members and to tour the facility. The Foundation will arrange a meeting with the Abbot Primate, the leader of the Benedictine Order and Chancellor of Sant' Anselmo. Tours will be arranged to make the visit to Rome as fulfilling and stimulating as possible.

ESTABLISH A CHAPTER

If you are interested in establishing a chapter in your area, please contact Mr. Paul R. Whiteside, Director of Development at (724) 532-6740 or email pwhiteside@stbenedictfoundation.org.

POPE BENEDICT XVI REMEMBERS BENEDEKTINE CARDINAL MAYER

VATICAN CITY, MAY 3, 2010 - Translation of the eulogy Pope Benedict XVI delivered during the funeral liturgy for Cardinal Paul Augustin Mayer, 98. The funeral was held in Saint Peter's Basilica.

Cardinal Mayer, retired at the time of his death, had served as prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments and president of the Pontifical Commission "*Ecclesia Dei*." Cardinal Mayer is also a former rector and member of the faculty at Sant' Anselmo.

"...For our beloved brother, Cardinal Paul Augustin Mayer, the hour has come to leave this world. He was born, almost a century ago, in my own land, precisely in Altötting, where the famous Marian shrine arises to which many of the affections and memories of us, Bavarians, are linked. Thus is the destiny of human existence: It flowers from



Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal Mayer.

the earth—at a precise point of the world—and is called to Heaven, to the homeland from which it comes mysteriously. '*Desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus*' (Psalm 41/42:2). In this verb '*desiderat*' is the whole man, his being flesh, spirit, earth and heaven. It is the original mystery of the image of God in man. Young Paul—who later as a monk was called Augustin—Mayer studied this topic, in the writings of Clement

of Alexandria, for his doctorate in theology. It is the mystery of eternal life, deposited in us as a seed since baptism, which must be received in the journey of our life, until the day that we give back the spirit to God the Father.

"*Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum*' (Luke 23:46). Jesus' last words on the cross guide us in prayer and in meditation, while we are gathered around the altar to give our last farewell to our mourned brother.

THE FUNERAL MASS OF CARDINAL MAYER



Abbot Primate Notker Wolf, O.S.B., offers a blessing.



Abbot Wolfgang Hagl, at left, abbot of Saint Michael's Abbey in Metten, the home community of Cardinal Mayer, attended the funeral Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: REMEMBERING A FRIEND

“...The vision of the New Jerusalem expresses the realization of humanity’s most profound desire: to live together in peace, with no more threat of death, but enjoying full communion with God and among ourselves. The Church and, in particular, the monastic community, are a prefiguration on earth of this final goal. It is an imperfect anticipation, marked by limitations and sins and hence always in need of conversion and purification; and yet, in the Eucharistic community we taste ahead of time the victory of the love of Christ over that which divides and mortifies. ‘*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor*’—The Love of Christ has gathered us in unity. This is the Episcopal motto of the venerated brother who has left us. As a son of Saint Benedict, he has experienced the promise of the Lord: ‘He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son’ (*Revelation 21:7*).

“Formed in the school of the Benedictine Fathers of the Abbey of Saint Michael in Metten, in 1931 he made his monastic profession. During his whole life he sought to realize all that Saint Benedict says in the *Rule*: ‘Prefer nothing to the love of Christ.’ After studies in Salzburg and Rome, he undertook a long and appreciated teaching activity in the

Sant Anselmo Pontifical Athenaeum, where he became rector in 1949, holding this office for 17 years. Founded, precisely at that time, was the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, which became an essential point of reference for the preparation of formators in the field of liturgy. Elected, after the Council, Abbot of his beloved Abbey of Metten, he held this office for five years, but in 1972 the Servant of God Pope Paul VI appointed him Secretary of the Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes, and consecrated him personally bishop on February 13, 1972.

“During the years of service in this dicastery, he promoted the progressive implementation of the dispositions of Vatican Council II in regard to religious families. In this particular realm, in his capacity as religious, he demonstrated outstanding ecclesial and human sensitivity. In 1984, the Venerable John Paul II entrusted him with the post of prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, creating him later cardinal in the consistory of May 25, 1985 and assigning him the title of Sant Anselmo on the Aventine. Subsequently he appointed him first president of the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*. Also in this post, Cardinal Mayer

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proved to be a faithful and zealous servant, attempting to implement the content of his motto: The love of Christ has gathered us in unity.

“Dear brothers, our life is in the hands of the Lord at every instant, above all at the moment of death. Because

of this, with the confident invocation of Jesus on the cross: ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit,’ we want to accompany our brother Paul Augustin, while he takes his step from this world to the Father.

“At this moment, my thoughts cannot but go to the Shrine of the Mother of Graces of Altötting. Spiritually turned to that place of pilgrimage, we entrust to the Holy Virgin our prayer of suffrage for mourned Cardinal Mayer. He was born near that Shrine, conformed his life to Christ according to the Benedictine *Rule*, and died in the shadow of this Vatican Basilica. May the Virgin, Saint Peter and Saint Benedict accompany this faithful disciple of the Lord to his Kingdom of light and peace. Amen.”



Sant' Anselmo students who participated in the funeral of Cardinal Mayer.

CARDINAL'S LEGACY

Several years ago, the Saint Benedict Education Foundation established a Chair in Sacramental Theology at Sant' Anselmo in honor of Cardinal Augustin Mayer. Cardinal Mayer had been the former Rector of Sant' Anselmo and professor of Sacramental Theology for many years. He was one of the pioneers of the Pontifical Liturgical Institute at Sant' Anselmo which has become the major academic institute for liturgy worldwide. Cardinal Mayer was a great support to Benedictines from the United States who studied at Sant' Anselmo during and after World War II. He was a monk and later the abbot of Metten Abbey in Bavaria. Metten Abbey is the "mother abbey" of Saint Vincent Archabbey and the "grandmother abbey" of many abbeys in the United States.

Cardinal Mayer's contribution to liturgy in the Universal Church was recognized with his appointment in 1984 by Pope John Paul II to the post of Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and Sacraments. Your gift to the Cardinal Mayer Chair in Sacramental Theology will enable Sant' Anselmo to continue its historic contribution in preparing future experts and leaders in the field of liturgy for the Universal Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Saint Benedict Education Foundation, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA, 15650-2690.



Cardinal Augustin Mayer

SAINT SCHOLASTICA SCHOLARSHIP



The Saint Scholastica Scholarship Fund for Benedictine Women was established to provide financial assistance for Benedictine sisters attending Sant' Anselmo from monasteries worldwide which are unable to provide support for the education of their members in formation.

The fund supports Benedictine women who are enrolled in programs at Sant' Anselmo by providing scholarship assistance. Your gift will enable Sant' Anselmo to provide an opportunity for advanced theological, philosophical, and liturgical studies for Benedictine sisters who will return to their communities and countries to help with the evangelization of God's people.

If you are able to help, please direct your gift to the Saint Benedict Education Foundation and note on the check that your gift is to be directed to the Saint Scholastica Scholarship Fund.

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FATHER JEREMY DRISCOLL: WIT AND WISDOM



A MONK'S ALPHABET

Father Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B, author and professor, spoke at the annual lecture for the Saint Benedict Education Foundation held on Friday, October 23, 2009, in the Fred M. Rogers Center of Saint Vincent College. Driscoll is a priest and monk of Mount Angel Abbey in Saint Benedict, Oregon, and is a professor of theology at Mount Angel Seminary and at the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant' Anselmo in Rome. Father Jeremy has written more than 50 scholarly articles and 11 books. What Happens at Mass and A Monk's Alphabet: Moments of Stillness in a Turning World are his latest books. The topic of his lecture was "A Monk's Alphabet: Provisional Approaches to the Mystery."

PERCHAK SCHOLARSHIP HELPS AFRICAN STUDENTS



Father Olivier-Marie Sarr, O.S.B., of Abbaye de Keur Moussa, Senegal, with Father Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B., President of the Saint Benedict Education Foundation.

John and Laurie Perchak of Danville, California, have established a scholarship endowment fund, the Perchak Family African Community Scholarship Fund, to support the education of African monks and nuns at Sant' Anselmo. They have a particular interest in helping those students from African countries where the Church is experiencing tremendous growth and challenges. These men and women will then return to their monasteries in their native villages to continue and strengthen the educational, pastoral and missionary work in African communities, particularly meeting the needs of young people in their schools.

"This new scholarship is critical to the success of the Benedictine monks and nuns who are sent to Rome to study from monasteries with little or no means to support them," said Father Benoit Alloggia, O.S.B., Foundation President.

"By supporting this scholarship," John Perchak said, "your assistance will have a great impact on the lives of these promising men and women, and even more importantly the thousands of young people that they will help upon their return."

“JOHN AND I ARE GRATEFUL FOR GOD’S BLESSINGS”—LAURIE PERCHAK

“John and I are grateful that God has blessed us in a way that we can extend his blessing to those who are less fortunate in our world,” Laurie Perchak added. “We will all have to give an account to the Lord on Judgment Day for our stewardship for what the Lord has given to us.”

The Perchaks met Father Olivier Sarr, OS.B., a monk from Senegal, who was studying English at Saint Vincent Archabbey recently. Father Olivier was the second student at Sant’ Anselmo to receive the scholarship. He is from Abbaye de Keur Moussa, Senegal. He entered the monastery in 1997 and was sent to France by his abbot to study theology in Solesmes and complete his bachelor’s degree in Avignon in 2005. Father Olivier-Marie was then sent to Sant’ Anselmo in 2006 where he was ordained as a deacon in Rome that year. He was ordained to the priesthood on January 6, 2009 at his home monastery.

The topic of his thesis in 2009 was “Notae Ecclesiae—Notae Musicae Sacrae. The relations between Sacred Music and the Church.” Father Olivier-Marie is now working on his doctorate focusing on “the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours and our conception of time.”

He said he looks forward to starting class again this



Father Benedict Nkwuda, O.S.B., from Ewu-Ishan, Edo State, Nigeria.

fall as he begins to draw closer to finishing his dissertation and is very grateful for his time in Rome where he interacts with people from over 45 nations.

“I am seeing the world through Sant’ Anselmo where I get to see many different styles of monastic living... This is a big moment in my life to increase my vocation, my culture, and my knowledge.” His abbot sent him abroad to study in order to help contribute to the formation of young monks and to build for the future of Abbaye de Keur Moussa.

(By Carly Marsh)

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