



# St. Peter's Abbey Newsletter



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## Times are changing — and so must we

Our community held several meetings at which our past, present and future apostolates were discussed. It was clear that some apostolates needed to be abandoned and that others needed to be changed. The times were also calling for new apostolates. Could we accept the challenge?

Traditional apostolates, whose many-sided expressions, revolved around the main monastic work, namely daily Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, were few and simple. From its inception here at Muenster, the Priory, and later the Abbey, undertook to supply spiritual ministry for the parishes within its jurisdiction. Parish work might be called the number one apostolate for several generations.

Number two apostolate likely was St. Peter's College. For years most of the candidates to the abbey were priesthood students. Sometimes before, but always after ordination, the young priests served as teachers in the high school. Those who had gone on for more studies taught in the university arts and science program as well as serving in parishes while living in the abbey.

Brothers skilled as farmers, carpenters, mechanics, electricians, etc., shared in and were an important support to the various ministries.

Due to the decline of monks, and also because public high schools were being built in most towns, the high school program ended in 1972. The college apostolate was kept, expanded to co-educational students, and to a two-year program with a variety of new subjects that were taught.

A third apostolate, with arguably the most influence far and wide, was St. Peter's Press with its publications, the German weekly *St. Peter's Bote* and, beginning in 1923, the *Prairie Messenger* which is still published weekly. *St. Peter's Bote* ended its life in 1947 because subscriptions had fallen.

Another extremely important apostolate,

and from the very beginning, was the abbey farm. It provided work for the monks, food for the community and the resident students. Farm sales and produce for the monastic and college kitchen kept the abbey solvent. Most of the new community members were farm boys and easily adapted themselves to the farm.

This is no longer the case. Recent members joining the community grew up in towns or cities and have little farming experience.

Back in the 1930s until the late '60s Fr. Leonard Benning, OSB, was farm manager. He tried to build a model farm so that the abbey and other farmers too might benefit. He was especially skilled in raising cattle and hogs. He built up a herd of purebred Holstein cows for milking as well as Herefords for beef.

Fr. Leonard was active in promoting the Humboldt Exhibition where farm animal competition, shows and judging were a very significant part. He sold breeding stock to many farmers, helping them build better herds for themselves.

The abbey kitchen that prepares our meals is a very important part of our monastic life. For many years a number of Sisters of St. Elizabeth did kitchen and laundry work, although some local ladies were also employed. When the Elizabethan Sisters retired, local ladies were hired to do nearly all the kitchen work of prepar-



*Ordination anniversaries in 2007: Fr. Werner Renneberg, 50 years; Archbishop Adam Exner, residing at the abbey, 50 years; and Fr. Roman Schneider, 60 years; Abbot Peter Novecosky was the celebrant at the mass, June 29.*

ing meals, canning during summer time, as well as the dishes after meals. Kitchen management is still in the care of a local woman, but a recent change is that monks are doing much of the work, especially dishes after meals. The laundry, now moved from Placid Hall to the abbey basement, is still in the care of Anne Back.

Since the 1960s, Oblates have become another important feature of St. Peter's Abbey. Oblates are lay women and men who live in their own homes, but become associated with the Benedictine Order and share in the prayers and good works of the abbey.

Fr. Albert Ruetz, OSB, a highly respected math teacher for both high school and university classes, who died October 2006, did much to popularize the oblates. These are now found in various provinces of Canada as well as locally.

A new and interesting venture that has been developing is working together with Jim Ternier, a well-known garden seed grower, formerly of Cochin, Sask., but now living in Humboldt.

# A message from Abbot Peter's desk

Dear friends of St. Peter's Abbey,

Since our last newsletter was printed, many events have happened at St. Peter's Abbey. We are happy to share some of these events with you through this newsletter. Saskatchewan residents will remember this past winter as one of record snowfall and lots of cold weather. It has been 50 years since we have experienced the amount of snow and the number of prairie snow storms that we did this winter. And Fr. Andrew Britz, pastor of Lake Lenore, experienced a near tragedy in January when he stumbled in a snow bank and lay for two and a half hours in -30 weather before he was discovered by a passerby and her dog. Luckily, he survived without loss of fingers on his hand, which had been frozen.

With the arrival of spring, all the snow had to melt. Combined with the moisture in the ground from last fall, the spring thaw created an excess of moisture, the like of which has not been seen for decades. Roads were washed out (including a railway track near St. Gregor, 10 miles east of the abbey) and road boils appeared everywhere, making travel near impossible at times. Transport trucks got stuck in the middle of streets and tractors got stuck in the fields as anxious farmers tried to seed their crops. Two "basin lakes" in our area (lakes with no drainage) received national TV news coverage when lakeshore cabins were flooded and damaged beyond repair.

Meanwhile, life goes on. At the abbey Peter Tien La was accepted into the novitiate July 10. Several candidates have inquired about coming to the abbey this year. And Br. Paulus, who made his first profession a year ago, has decided to try his life in a more cloistered community, the Carthusians. This order was the subject of the movie *Into Grand Silence*. Fr. Albert Ruetz, 80, died Oct. 25, after spending several months in St. Mary's Villa in Humboldt. Br. Randy Senecal, 49, died of brain cancer in St. Elizabeth's Hospital on Jan. 20.

Last fall the abbey completed a major project of replacing all its windows. This has made our rooms more comfortable and will save on heating bills and energy costs. The guest wing has replaced all the windows on the top floor and will replace the bottom floor windows this fall as part of the abbey's energy saving program.

Our society, and our abbey, has become more energy conscious over the past years. For example, we are gradually replacing our lights with more energy efficient fluorescent bulbs and are investigating ways to reduce our heating bills and reduce our "carbon imprint" on the earth's resources. The Vatican is also taking steps in saving the environment. It announced recently that in 2008 it plans to install solar energy panels on the Paul VI Audience Hall. This will provide all its energy needs for heating and cooling. The lights in St. Peter's Basilica were replaced in 1999, reducing their energy demand by 40 per cent. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Vatican nuncio to the United Nations, has spoken frequently this spring on conserving the earth's resources.

We live in an affluent society and monks are not immune from the demands of the consumer lifestyle of our contemporaries. However, as monks, we have made a choice to embrace the monastic lifestyle — a lifestyle that values simplicity and stewardship of God's creation. We express this in our communal living and sharing of goods, by our working together on our gardens and grounds, and by being an advocate for rural communities on the Prairies. We are also becoming more conscious of buying cars that are more fuel efficient.

A new initiative the abbey is taking, explained in the article on page 3, is to educate our friends and benefactors about some new tax advantages the federal government has announced. We have already received a number of donations because of this new law, and Fr. Richard Meidl in our business office will be pleased to direct anyone who is interested in taking advantage of this tax benefits. This will greatly benefit our whole community, but especially our aging members who need



*Abbot Peter drives the fuel-efficient, diesel-run Smart car, which the abbey purchased in May.*

more care and attention.

In mid-June Minister of the Environment John Baird announced his designation of the establishment of St. Peter's Colony and Abbacy in 1903 as "an event of historic significance." (See article on page 3.) This designation which recognizes the contributions in this area of the three religious communities — the Benedictine monks of Muenster, the Elizabethan Sisters of Humboldt and the Ursuline Sisters of Bruno — comes at a significant moment in the history of this area.

On July 1 the Ursuline Sisters sold their convent in Bruno to St. Therese Catholic College of Faith and Mission. This fall, St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt, will lose its Catholic designation and become a public hospital. As the author of *Ecclesiastes* wrote long ago, "There is a time to be born, and a time to die." Change is part of the world we live in, a change our ancestors never dreamt of.

Along this line, and in closing, I want to recognize the continuing work of Prior Werner Renneberg. He has now translated nine volumes of *St. Peter's Bote*, the German newspaper begun by the Benedictine monks in 1904. This translation of the news of St. Peter's Colony is making accessible the early history of communities in St. Peter's Colony. He is already working on Vol. 10.

# New rules make it ‘profitable’ to donate

By Peter Goddard

In this, and future articles, I want to address a most important issue — Legacy Planning, or as some people call it, Charitable Giving Planning.

This has become a very important topic as many Canadians are choosing to support various charitable institutions as a way to reduce taxes now and for their estates. In fact, this strategy is growing at an unprecedented rate as many families realize that critical funding is being reduced at both provincial and federal levels that in the past was available to worthy causes within our communities. This trend will continue and many worthy institutions and charitable organizations will have to find other ways to raise funds for valuable community initiatives.

In upcoming articles I will discuss preferred ways to donate to your

favourite charities, churches and other worthwhile institutions you may wish to support, now and in the future. Remember, always check with your tax and legal advisors before initiating any tax planning strategies. This is always in your best interests. Tax rates and laws vary from province to province.

I will discuss gifting of real estate, shares in a stock portfolio and personal property to your charity of choice. Most of all, I will talk about you controlling the use of your funds and making sure they are used in a way that you approve of.

I will talk about insurance and how it can be used to lower your tax obligation and how it can be used immediately or for the future, where it can provide an extra amount of “tax offset.”

All discussions will use examples to make the strategy clear and understandable.

In the next article I will discuss donat-

ing shares to your charitable choice. I will show you how many Canadians make the mistake of selling off assets to make donations and end up costing themselves tax and not fully utilizing their donations.

During the course of the next few newsletters and my discussion of Planned Giving, you are invited to submit questions for discussion.

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## St. Peter’s Colony receives national recognition

By Abbot Peter Novecosky

In mid-June St. Peter’s Abbey received a letter from John Baird, minister of the environment for Canada. He said that he has designated the establishment of St. Peter’s Colony and Abbacy in Muenster, Sask. “an event of national historic significance.”

This designation was recommended a year ago by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The recognition is the result of work and research done by Dr. Frances Swyripa of Edmonton, a consultant for Parks Canada.

The recommendation to recognize the founding of St. Peter’s Colony in 1903 reads, in part:

“The establishment in 1903 of St. Peter’s Colony created the largest German group settlement in Canada, and a particular type of prairie group settlement led by the Order of St. Benedict, the Catholic Settlement Society and the German American Land Company from Minnesota. The Benedictines, who transferred their priory from Cluny, Ill., helped settle German Catholics on 50 townships of reserved land where they created a Catholic centre in Saskatchewan and the Prairies.

“St. Peter’s Priory became an abbey in

1911, and an Abbey Nullius, or Abbacy (an independent diocese) in 1921, the only one in Canada, and one of only two in North America. Ensuring the colony’s long-term viability and continuity, the Benedictines provided the community with priests, monks, educators and German-language publishers, founded St. Peter’s College, St. Peter’s Press and a successful communal farm.

“Critical support to the community, particularly to women and girls, came

from the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, who established hospitals and nursing schools, and the Ursuline Sisters of Bruno, who founded and staffed local schools, including St. Ursula’s Academy, in St. Peter’s Colony and throughout Western Canada.”

A plaque will be prepared to mark this nationally recognized event and an unveiling ceremony will be held at St. Peter’s Cathedral. This process will take at least 18 months.



*Br. Wolfgang’s prize head lettuce. His greenhouse in the background supplies us with ripe tomatoes regularly by June 1.*

# People and events around the abbey

By Martin Brodner, OSB,  
and Werner Renneberg, OSB

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September — As we entered into mid-September a rainy season had set in. People who came again for corn and potatoes found themselves picking in muddy ground. We were also unable to combine about 60 acres of our organic red fife wheat field which was covered with early snow.

When classes began one could see the many renovations which had taken place in the old college building, such as the bookstore being converted into a clothing and coffee welcoming centre.

Oct. 6 — Almost a year after a first cancer tumor brain surgery, Bro. Randy Senecal started followup treatment in Calgary. These, however had to be discontinued for a second brain surgery at this time. He was able to rest in our eldercare rooms. However the cancer ravages bought on death on Jan. 20, 2007, at the early age of 49.

Oct. 25 — Fr. Albert Ruetz died after spending the last six months in St. Mary's Villa. Most of his family from Shaunavon were able to attend the funeral at St. Peter's Cathedral on Oct. 28.

\*A humorous incident took place at the end of the Committal Rite: a church mouse scampered up the sanctuary steps, over the presiding abbot's shoes, was shoed off by the surprised choir, and



Archbishop Exner poses with Renee de Moissac, left, and Maxine Moore.

went back under Fr. Albert's casket, and back into the congregation. If there had been any atmosphere of somberness, it was swept away by healthy joy, radiating from the families' faces!

Oct. 28 — Oblate meeting. Peter Froess and Craig Larson made their first oblation, and Bernard Merkosky his final oblation.



At the Oct. 28 Oblate meeting, Peter Froess, left, and Craig Larson, back, made their first oblation. Bernard Merkosky, second from right, made his final oblation. With them are Abbot Peter Novecosky, Fr. Daniel Muyres and Ken Mansfield.

Oct. 29 — Sunday. A pipe organ recital by Renee de Moissac, St. Benedict. She played eight pieces of the "Our Father" with soprano Maxine Moore, as soloist. These had been composed for Archbishop Exner at his departure from Vancouver. He is at present on sabbatical at the abbey. His explanatory comments were most welcome.

Nov. 13 - 17 — Six seminarians from the P.A. diocese made their retreat here in preparation for ordination to the diaconate.

Nov. 14 — A presentation by Rev. Raymond Dlugos (Southdown) on: How the Science of Psychology supports Faith, Hope and Charity. This was a customary CFC fall conference.

Nov. 19 — The closing of the Carmel parish with a closing mass by Bishop Albert LeGatt, followed by a church goods' auction sale and supper.

Nov. 30 — SPC Staff Appreciation Luncheon, honouring years of service for: Viola Kuervers (25 kitchen); Grant McConnell (15 years in Art Dept.); Brenda McNabb (25 years library and great work in the 1981 transition of the library from the Dewey Decimal system to the present Library of Congress system).

Dec. 1 — With regular kitchen staff decreasing, the monks are beginning to take over some of the supplementary work of washing dishes, and even baking some bread!

Dec. 1 — The official opening of our College's Clothing & Coffee Centre, which will offer more student friendly use.



The bell tower in front of the church was barely visible during the Jan. 10 snow-storm.

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Jan. 10 - 11 — Our mild December-Christmas weather came to an abrupt end with the most terrific snowstorm on record. This has blown us into a very cold January.

\*To our surprise, the many deer from our nearby woodland have sniffed out our snow-covered red fife wheat field and are feeding on those 60 acres, often in numbers of over 60.

Jan. 11 (Thursday) — was almost catastrophic for Fr. Andrew Britz, our pastor of Lake Lenore and Naicam. He has advanced Parkinson’s disease. As he was walking back from the church to the rectory, after seeing that nobody had come for mass, he stumbled in a snowbank and was unable to get up. His call for help was heard by the dog walking with a woman outside. He had lain there for 2 1/2 hours and had partially frozen his right hand. He spent a week in the hospital until it was evident he would not lose his thumb and fingers. The next three weeks were spent in the abbey eldercare room where nurses were able to change the bandages. He is back in his rectory. We thank the good Lord for the healing with which Fr. Andrew was blest.

Jan. 18 — In spite of the cold spell, work on replacing the remaining windows of the abbey was completed by a firm from Foam Lake. This has definitely cut down on the heat expense.

Feb. 2 - 6 — Abbot Peter attended the annual abbots’ meeting in California, followed by the annual Western Catholic Bishops’ Conference in Edmonton, Feb. 27 - March 6.



Three Canadian Benedictines attended the San Francisco workshop. From left: Sr. Irene Burzynski, Winnipeg, Abbot Peter, and Sr. MaryAnn Gisler, Nanimo, B.C.



Fr. Martin Brodner, archivist, shows writers some of the old books from the abbey archives.

Feb. 16 — Bro. Pierre, in charge of Eldercare, had total right knee replacement surgery in Saskatoon and is healing well.

Feb. 2 - 27 — The guest department went into full swing again with the Sask. Writers’ Guild workshop. One of their thrilling adventures was to erect a “Quinzee,” i.e. an igloo, out of the abundant four feet of snow we have this year.

March 7 — A rather sad transaction took place in our area when our St. Elizabeth Hospital (1911 - 2007) was turned into a public hospital.

March 23 — Our Earthcare Enterprises have invested in seven sheep, the first on our farm. In recent weeks the mother ewes gave birth to a total of 17 lambs!

March 24 — Oblate Day. Gary Bellamy, Saskatoon, was accepted as an Oblate candidate.

March 24 — Bro. Kurt was named President of Saskatchewan Organic Directorate.

April 9 - 13 — Five deacons from the P.A. diocese had their retreats here in preparation for ordination in Prince Albert May 11.

This also began a very busy spring season in the guest department: April 13 - 15 brought together 62 people from around the world for Agriventure.

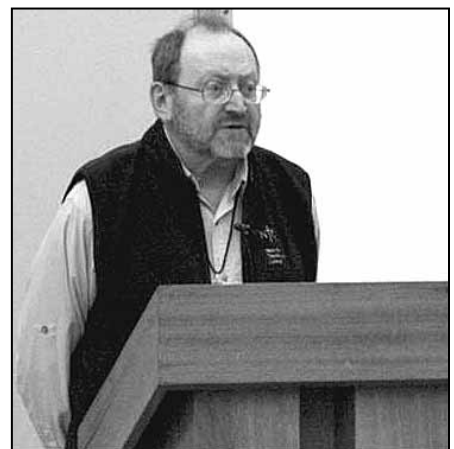
A Marriage Encounter weekend and

an Engaged Encounter, in preparation for marriage, followed in quick succession. A women’s Cursillo and a men’s Cursillo were held here in early May.

April 12 — Of local interest: Our aging 50-foot poplar tree at the southwest corner of the college building was cut down with the able help of Abbot Peter’s brother, Arnie Novocosky.

May 1 — The late spring thaw of our abundant snow this winter flooded many of our roads and farmland, so that spring seeding of farms and gardens is being delayed.

May 20 - 24 — Abbey retreat given by Fr. Paul Facht, OMI. Focus of the talks was on the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. It is, he said, a Christocentric book that has been most distorted by various writers and preachers.



Fr. Paul Facht, OMI

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May 28 — Fr. Leo Hinz was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Humboldt, with double pneumonia.

June 1 — 50th anniversary of Prior Werner Renneberg's anniversary of ordination. Saturday, June 2, Fr. Werner's family held a Come and Go at his home parish, Cudworth, as well as an evening mass in the church. Supper was provided for the family and some friends.

June 7 — Bro. Kurt was appointed junior master.



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June 11 — Fr. Martin Brodner entered St. Elizabeth Hospital, Humboldt, suffering from a stomach ailment.

June 18 - 19 — We received more than three inches of rain. Potholes are filled and the Wolverine Creek is running in spring-like fashion. Crops and weeds are growing rapidly.

June 15 — Rev. Deacon Darryl Millette is making his preordination retreat here. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 13 for the Saskatoon Diocese.

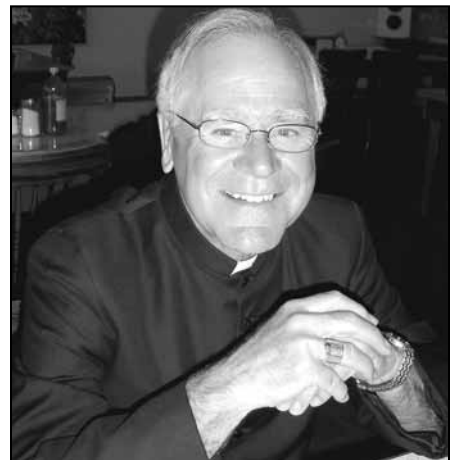
June 22 — Fr. Leo Hinz, OSB, emerged from St. Elizabeth Hospital and went back to live in his rectory at Watson June 26 to resume full duties.

June 29 — Abbey celebrated 60 years of ordination for Fr. Roman and 50 years for Fr. Werner and Archbishop Adam Exner.

Aug. 15 — A celebration of monastic professions will take place for: former Abbot Jerome Weber, 70 years, Fr. Roman Schneider, 65 years, Fr. James Gray, 60 years, Fr. Lawrence DeMong, 50 years.



Darryl Millette was ordained July 13 for the Saskatoon Diocese.



Archbishop James Weisgerber visited at the abbey on the July 8 weekend.

*“ . . . that in all things  
God may be glorified. ”*

— Benedictine Motto

## ST. PETER'S BOTE now translated

Fr. Werner Renneberg has translated highlights from the German-language newspaper published for the St. Peter's Colony area. This translation now makes this early history available in English. A great treasure. Translated so far are the following:

- Vol. 1 1904-05 - Difficult beginnings; establishing parishes and schools
- Vol. 2 1905-06 - Is dancing innocent and safe entertainment? Hardships.
- Vol. 3 1906-07 - Legacy of Prior Alfred Mayer, O.S.B.; great progress
- Vol. 4 1907-08 - Fear of socialism; struggle for Catholic schools; establishing a German-Catholic organization: Volksverein
- Vol. 5 1908-09 - Volksverein grows; involvement in politics; parish work
- Vol. 6 1909-10 - Public vs. parish schools; "Catholic Day" in Winnipeg
- Vol. 7 1910-11 - Prairie fires; socialism and social question; third "Catholic Day" in Humboldt
- Vol. 8 1911-12 - Grain marketing; Priory raised to Abbey; Abbot Bruno Doerfler, O.S.B. Volksverein grows through Western Canada
- Vol. 9 1912-13 - The colony continues to grow and expand

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# Guests enjoy atmosphere of St. Peter's

By Demetrius Wasyluniuk, OSB

St. Benedict wrote about the importance of guests in his Rule for Monks. "All guests are to be treated as Christ."

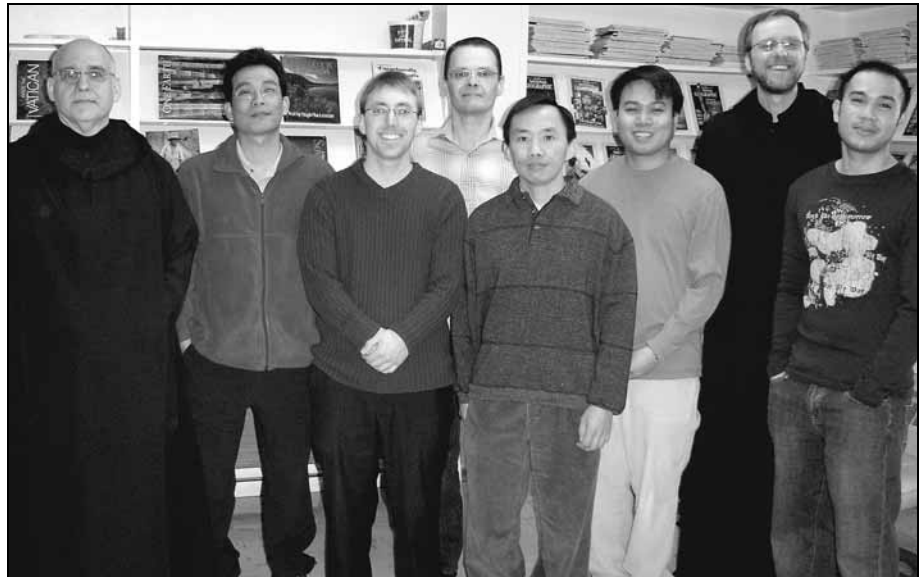
Until the early 1960s, there was little provision at St. Peter's Abbey for guests. The community members and students lived in the present college building (Michael Hall). It housed just one little room for the guests.

Severin Hall was built in 1959 as a residence for the high school and first year university students. In 1970, St. Peter's High School closed. Plans began to transform the residence into the present guest wing known as Severin Hall. Renovations took place to meet the demands of students and guests. They have continued since then to improve building standards, and accommodate the growing numbers of guests. The most recent changes have been new windows and an improved guest lounge. (See the enclosed brochure for the remainder of changes.)

The main floor of the guest wing has eight rooms with ensuite bath, and twin beds; two rooms with ensuite bath and double beds; nine rooms with twin beds, served by a common bathroom with showers. There is a common lounge and kitchenette on the main floor.

The lower floor has seven rooms with four twin beds in each and one room with twin beds. They are served by a common bathroom with showers. As well, the lower level has a conference centre, board room, kitchenette, lounge and reading area.

The guest wing accommodates a wide variety of people who come to take part in



*Five deacons: Phong Tran, Travis Myrheim, Greg Elder, Dong Doon, Millan Sajonas, Ramel Macapala with Fathers Demetrius and Paul.*

the rhythm of monastic life: prayers, meals and work. Groups take part in workshops, conferences and retreats. Many artists enjoy the ambience for writing, photography or painting. The guest wing is used by many religious groups for retreats. They often bring their own facilitators or retreat directors. Some monks are available for spiritual direction and private retreats.

As stated previously, the Rule of Benedict emphasizes that "hospitality be a charism of a Benedictine house." Keeping this in mind, we provide for the needs of guests to the best of our ability.

For the past 11 years I have had the privilege of being the guest master. For several years, Ken Mansfield has been the assistant guest master. Marilyn Tebbe has

been our house keeper for 13 years. We are the guest team of Severin Hall and have worked hard to improve facilities here.

Even though the number of guests has doubled over the past 10 years, we still think of Severin Hall as the best-kept secret in Saskatchewan. Many people are not aware of the facilities we offer for retreats, conferences, workshops or relaxation and rest. It has been exciting to see a large increase in the number of people who have come for private retreats, seeking rest, peace and tranquility.

One guest told me, "It is good to know there are still bastions of peace and tranquility left in our crazy-hectic world. St. Peter's is one of these bastions." Please come and visit our abbey, our guest wing.



*Robert Monk, oblate candidate, August 2006, shown with Fr. Daniel and Abbot Peter.*



*At the March 24 Oblate meeting, Gary Bellamy was accepted as an oblate candidate. With him are Fr. Daniel Muyres, Abbot Peter Novocosky and Ken Mansfield.*



*Oblate Day at St. Peter's Abbey, June 9, 2007. From left: Lee Evoy (final oblation), Dorothy Harvey (oblate candidate), Father Daniel (oblate director), Abbot Peter, Ken Mansfield (associate oblate director), Pat Krause (oblate candidate), Elaine Cournoyer (oblate candidate).*



*Peter Tien La entered the novitiate July 10. He was given the name Br. Matthew.*

## Deaths: remember the faithful departed

Since the last newsletter the following have passed into eternity:

**Sept. 17** — Fr. Bartholomew Sayles, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**Oct. 1** — Mary Zimmerman, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Humboldt, Sask.

**Oct. 25** — Fr. Albert Ruetz, OSB, St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, Sask.

**Nov. 13** — Fr. Ivan Dobnikar, OSB, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.

**Dec. 11** — Fr. Roman Galiardi, OSB, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.

**Dec. 14** — Fr. Benjamin Walker, OSB, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penn.

**Dec. 26** — Fr. John Erickson, OSB, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penn.

**Jan. 8** — Fr. Reginald Bender, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penn.

**Jan. 15** — Br. Andre Bennett, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**Jan. 19** — Laura Bunz, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Humboldt, Sask.

**Jan. 20** — Br. Randy Senecal, OSB, St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, Sask.

**Jan. 23** — Retired Abbot Patrick Shelton, OSB, St. Leo Abbey, St. Leo, Fla.

**Jan. 23** — Fr. David Draim, OSB, St. Leo Abbey, St. Leo, Fla.

**Feb. 2** — Br. Bernard Best, OSB, Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Col.

**Feb. 9** — Bro. Michael Laux, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**Feb. 11** — Fr. Edgar Probstfield, Conception Abbey, Conception, Miss.

**Feb. 24** — Fr. Brinstan Takach, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penn.

**March 2** — Nellie Rudnitsky, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Humboldt, Sask.

**March 3** — Br. Nicholas Nicol, OSB, St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penn.

**March 4** — Fr. Paschal Honner, OSB, St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Ill.

**March 25** — Bro. Placid Stuckenschneider, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**April 2** — Fr. Benedict Sellers, OSB, St. Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio.

**April 4** — Fr. Vincent Tegeder, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**May 9** — Br. Joachim Svelosky, OSB, St. Leo Abbey, St. Leo, Fla.

**May 19** — Fr. Daniel Demski, OSB, St. Anselm Abbey, Manchester, N.H.

**May 31** — Pauline Langen, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Humboldt, Sask.

**June 27** — Sister Anna Marie Lange, OSE, sister of Br. Bernard Lange, Humboldt, Sask.

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please remember St. Peter's Abbey.*

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