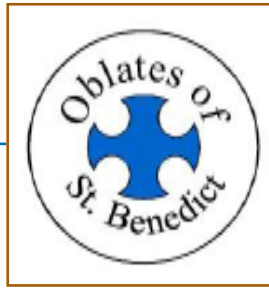


On Wednesday morning, July 22nd, at the 9 AM Mass in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wanda Haby made her Final Oblation. *Congratulations Wanda!*

Former Benedictine Oblate Lee Evoy made his profession as a Novice on St. Benedict's Solemnity - July 11th. *Congratulations Lee!*



A Newsletter for the Oblates of St. Peter's Abbey

musings

Oblate Director's Message - Fr. Rudolph Novecosky, OSB

A lot of exciting things have happened here this past summer. Lee Evoy was accepted as a novice on July 10th, Pierre April was accepted as a candidate, a pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel called Rock the Mount in August. A new lift was installed to the monk's dining room for easier access for wheelchair users and the elevator in the abbey was finally repaired after about three years of being out of commission. The bottom floor of Severin Hall was renovated to include bathrooms and computer access in each of the rooms. We are also discussing putting in power doors in the church entrance and monastery, and a wheelchair lift in the main entrance. More funds will have to be raised so that this last project can be realized.

expanding its reach.

There are always a number of people interested in joining St. Peter's Abbey. Right now there are about four or five men who have shown some interest. Time will tell how many will actually fill out an application form and follow it up.



So you can see this is an exciting time for St. Peter's College and St. Peter's Abbey. The future looks great.

As you can see from the schedule for Oblate Day on the 31st of October, we are continuing with talks on spirituality, including Benedictine spirituality. Ken Mansfield will be going to Rome for a world-wide Oblate meeting and will be able to report to us at the next meeting what was discussed in Rome.

I came across an inspiring little poem which you may enjoy. It's worth cutting out to be read a number of times as the weeks go by. It is called *When You Thought I Wasn't Looking*.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

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Oblate Day Agenda October 31, 2009

10:40 AM Prayer

11:00 AM Eucharist

Noon Lunch with the Monks

Meeting in Jerome Assembly Hall

1:30 PM --- Welcome and Prayer by Fr. Rudolph

1:45 PM --- Eastern Spirituality: The Icon – Portal to Prayer by Fr. Demetrius

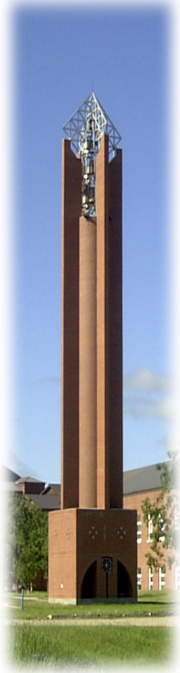
2:30 PM --- Spirituality of St. Benedict by Abbot Peter

3:00 PM --- Coffee Break

3:20 PM --- Spirituality of St. Benedict (cont'd)

4:00 PM --- Vespers

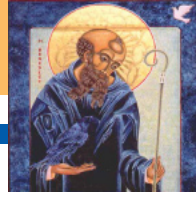
Next Meeting Date: Saturday, March 27th, 2010



Oblates are invited to submit ideas, reflections, and stories on the Oblate way of life. We will attempt to publish all articles in part or in whole when space allows. Send your articles, as well as questions or comments to stephen@stephentberg.com (28-10331 106 St NW Edmonton, AB T5J 1H8) -Peace, Stephen Berg



"...that in all things God may be glorified"



Oblate Director's Message ...continued

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake just for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

St. Peter's College Scholarship Honors Memory of Cultural Pioneer

The memory of Fr. James Gray, OSB, a cultural and learning pioneer, will be preserved with an endowed scholarship at St. Peter's College. He died April 13 at the age of 82.

The Fr. James Gray Academic Centre of Excellence Scholarship will reward St. Peter's College students who succeed academically in English, a discipline he taught for many years. Applicants will also need to demonstrate financial need.

Fr. James' interests were wide ranging and eclectic. Through the high school and college English courses he taught, he influenced generations of students by encouraging independent thinking and critical evaluation of literary works and current trends in society.

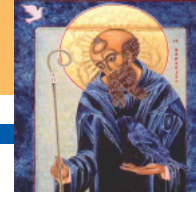
"Fr. James was renowned as an English professor and a mentor," said colleague and friend Dr. Barbara Langhorst, humanities coordinator at the College. "He believed that the study of English literature is an integral key to the success of any discipline or degree."



Fr. James had a significant impact on students, especially those enrolled in Education, Arts and Science. He valued quiet reflection and contemplation and was often found helping students and mentoring others. After his retirement, the College's Academic Centre for Excellence was named for him to celebrate and continue his work.

Son of Mountie William Gray and Rosa Haengen, James William Gray was born on Feb. 6, 1927 and grew up in the environs of the abbey in Muenster. He received his primary education at Ives rural school, his high school at St. Peter's College, and his seminary training at St. John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, Minn. He made first profession of vows in 1947 and was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1953.

Fr. James was editor of the weekly Prairie Messenger newspaper from 1962 to 1972, and was a strong supporter of the renewal of the Second Vatican Council.



Fr. James Gray Scholarship ...continued

Over more than four decades, he reviewed hundreds of books for the Prairie Messenger.

In 1972 Fr. James chose to live a solitary life at "Maranatha," a hermitage on abbey grounds, a lifestyle he led for 30 years. He was also a faithful weatherman, making observations every morning and evening for 20 years (1989 - 2009).

A much-sought-after spiritual guide and confidant, Fr. James had a large number of friends with whom he kept in contact through letters and notes.

To continue his positive impact, friends, family, colleagues and former students have expressed an interest

in establishing a Fr. James' scholarship. Organizers hope the annual award, which will be provided by the College in perpetuity, will be at least \$1,000. Using typical endowment disbursement policies, every \$10,000 raised will increase the award's value by \$500. Organizers plan to disburse the inaugural award at the College's scholarship ceremonies this fall.

Contributions to the Fr. James Gray Academic Centre for Excellence Scholarship can be mailed to the St. Peter's College Development Office, Box 40, Muenster, SK, S0K 2Y0, by calling (306) 682-7853 or by e-mailing development@stpeters.sk.ca.



Anniversaries

On The Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, there were three Anniversaries of Profession:
Left: Br. Basil - 25 years
Fr. Leo - 65 years
Br. Kurt - 25 years

Monk's Retreat

The Monks' annual retreat, held this past May 24-28, was lead by Abbot Placid Solari, OSB, from Belmont.

