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*For I know him in whom  
I have believed.*

– 2 Timothy 12



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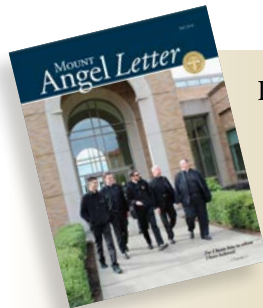
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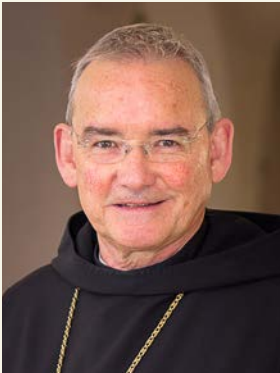
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## Dear Friends



For close to 130 years, we have welcomed students each fall to study at Mount Angel Seminary. This year, the seminarians come from about 24 dioceses and four religious communities. Other students include laity, religious, and priests who are studying for their Master's or Doctoral degrees. It is always a cause of joy for us to begin a new academic year.

This September we also celebrated vocational milestones for ten men seeking to live this Benedictine way of life. Two began their year of novitiate; four made first vows of obedience, stability, and conversion of life. Three others made final vows, committing to live at Mount Angel for the rest of their lives. And our beloved brother, Abbot Gregory Duerr, marked his 60th anniversary of profession with a renewal of vows.

You can read about these events in this issue of Mount Angel Letter. But in the midst of so much joy and passion for a life dedicated to prayer, ministry, and hospitality, I must acknowledge the cloud over our Church these days. The resurgence of reports of abuse by clergy and subsequent cover-ups are deeply disturbing.

We find ourselves asking whether there are institutions we can trust. No institution is perfect, because all are composed of flawed human beings. Yet, there are places we trust because they stand firmly for what is most important to us. Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary strives to be such a place – of beauty, peace, and profound spiritual transformation.

Many of you support us in a variety of ways with generous hearts. I invite you to tell others why the Abbey is a place you trust. It's a place of ancient roots with a vital role in teaching the next generation of priests. It's a place where whoever comes is welcomed with, as the Rule of St. Benedict says, "all the courtesy of love."

I invite you to send an email or a letter and tell us what is on your mind and heart, what are your hopes and concerns. Everything you share is received with gratitude and pondered with care as we continuously look for more effective ways to respond and to serve you better.

Let us strengthen one another so we can offer peace and hope to all around us.

God bless you,

+ Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.

The Right Reverend Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.  
Abbot and Chancellor  
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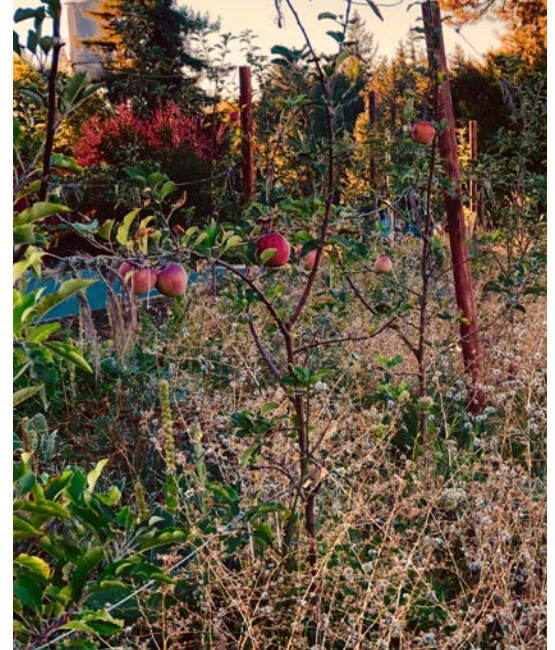
# MONKS' CORNER

## HE HAS GIVEN US LIGHT!

After years of raising funds and planning, the lighting in the Abbey church sanctuary and choir has been replaced! This is exciting news for the monks, who have prayed early morning and evening prayers in near darkness for the past few years.

To accomplish the task, the church was closed during August while the work was ongoing. The task was complicated and painstaking, as the wiring dated back to the original cloth-covered wires of 1929 and had been added to and updated several times over the years.

We sing hymns of praise and gratitude for the many friends who helped shed more light on our work and life of prayer!



## THE APPLE TREES

Fr. William Hammelman saw an empty strip of land along the Abbey's maintenance access road last spring and envisioned ... apple trees! Now, this fall, the young trees are hanging with fruit, swaying beautifully in the fall breeze.

"We picked a few this year," said Fr. William. "But next fall will be the first true harvest." These trees may be newly planted, but apple trees have a history at the Abbey. Many years ago, Fr. Mark Schmid (d. 1971) ran the orchard at the Abbey and Fr. William remembers fondly that "all the young monks worked with him [in the orchard]."

And while the monks will surely enjoy the apples from the trees planted by Fr. William, some have wondered whether Fr. Mark, should he return from his heavenly rest for a visit, would find them as good as those he tended for so many years.





## HERITAGE TRAIL MARKERS

The town of Mt. Angel has long planned a set of Heritage Trail markers that define a walking trail of the area's historic points. The project has been a labor of love that involved many of Mt. Angel's civic groups, as well as the cooperation of our own monks, Fr. Philip Waibel, pastor of St. Mary Church – the town's local parish – and Fr. Martin Grassel.

This summer, the first markers were installed, among them the marker indicating Mount Angel Abbey. You will find it on College Road, just a few yards from Abbey Drive. Rest awhile on the bench installed next to it, where you can enjoy the view of the surrounding fields and homesteads.

## PIANOS AND GOLF CARTS BRING JOY TO THE HILLTOP

In the winter issue of Mount Angel Letter, we noted the seminary's dire need for pianos. The music studios had been populated with broken-down instruments that had little music left in them. The response from our readers has brought a smile to the face of Myrna Keough, the seminary's Coordinator of Liturgy and Music, and her seminarian musicians. Generous donors offered used and nearly new pianos ranging from a portable keyboard to a baby grand. We now have four new-to-us instruments supporting the music program with vibrant tones. Thank you!

In July, the adult children of a generous donor delivered a pristine golf cart to the hilltop – our first ever. Their father had recently passed away and expressly asked them to be sure the Abbey received the cart. The golf cart, a two-seater, has not stopped working! It can be seen transporting guests from parking lots to the church, carrying materials for meetings, and supporting every ministry at Mount Angel.

In fact, it has been so useful we believe more golf carts could be kept equally busy here. For instance, wouldn't it be nice to see golf carts zooming up and down Abbey Drive, bringing guests to and from Benedictine Brewery? If you have a lonely golf cart – with any seating capacity – that would enjoy spending its days at the Abbey, please contact Melissa Eddings, Development Operations Manager, at 971-343-2702.



# Community

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NEWS ABOUT MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY

*Each year in September, the monks of Mount Angel Abbey celebrate milestones in the vocational journey. This year was cause for extraordinary joy as two men joined the community as novices, four men made their first, or “simple” vows, and three men professed their final, “solemn” vows for life. In addition, Abbot Gregory Duerr renewed his vows as he celebrated his 60th anniversary of monastic commitment.*



## Br. Charles Borromeo

Choosing a new name was not an easy task. I felt deeply inspired to take the name of a saint whom I both admired and with whom I have similar interests and desires. After much thinking and praying, the name Charles Borromeo came to me. I see in the life of St. Charles a beautiful example of a young man with a heart that deeply loved the Catholic Church. He was of the belief that true renewal begins from within. I could see and hear him asking the question, “Where do I need conversion in my own life in order to see the change that I desire?” It is in this spirit of my holy patron that I wish to live my life here in the monastery.



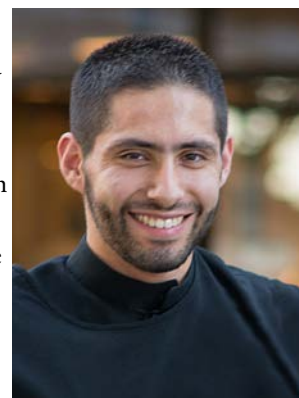
## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When a novice, along with the monastic community, discerns readiness for his first profession, he takes a significant step by accepting a new name in the presence of all his brothers. In this way, he puts on “the new man” as he makes the three Benedictine vows to a way of life marked by: obedience, stability, and conversion of life in the community. At Mount Angel, as a novice prepares for his first profession, he selects three possible names for the Abbot to consider. After praying and talking it over, the Abbot selects his new name.

“Choosing a new name at first profession of vows is a radical thing to do,” said Abbot Jeremy. “All our names are important to us and bring blessings upon us. A former teacher of mine one time said, ‘What is a name? It’s a little song that we sing whenever we see that person.’”

## Br. Jesse

The new name signifies a new life that we take up as we vow stability, obedience, and conversion of life. Conversion of life sticks out, as it is a life totally dedicated to God. The name Jesse was particularly significant to me because it is what my family has always called me. My birth name is Victor Jesus. In some places in Mexico, a nickname for Jesus is Jesse. The monastery is supposed to be a family. Now all of my family calls me by the same name. The Old Testament patriarch Jesse is himself the patriarch of the family line of David. He is the forefather from which come our Lady, St. Joseph, and our Lord himself.





### Br. Thomas the Apostle

I proposed the name “Thomas” to Abbot Jeremy in spiritual kinship with the infamous apostle. Like Thomas, I typically come to faith later than others, gathering evidence, mulling it over, making careful inferences. Others may roll their eyes, but I think that Thomas’ objection was reasonable and relatable for our fractured world, in which the very existence of objective truth is sometimes waved away. I am glad to belong to a thinking Church. But as with Thomas, God has gone out of his way to bring me to faith. Whenever the Lord grants me



a gratuitous sign of his providence, I feel he is my special friend. I know that God will always give me what I need in order to believe. I pray St. Thomas will help move my stubborn will to respond and sing his praise wisely: “My Lord and My God!”



### Br. Ignatius of Antioch

When I was thinking about my name for profession, I remembered having liked the name “Ignatius of Antioch,” from the Litany of Saints. I began to read about him and learned that he was one of the earliest martyrs and also an early teacher in the church. One day a group of priests from the Diocese of Baker was at the Abbey for a retreat. One of them stopped and asked my name. I told him,



*On September 7, Brothers Tay Nguyen and Michael Hamilton began their year of novitiate. They each received a scapular (a short monastic cloak) and the Rule of St. Benedict. Novices spend their year in work, study and prayer, while discerning their vocation to the Benedictine monastic life.*

Br. Miguel. He asked if that was my profession name. When I told him I was still a novice and needed yet to decide on a new name, he said, “I think you should be called Ignatius.”

I was really surprised! He explained that one of his favorite teachers here in the seminary was a monk named Fr. Ignatius Vroeger (d. 1991). That encounter really impressed me. It turns out that Fr. Ignatius’ baptismal name was the same as mine: Rudolph! I asked some of the older monks about Fr. Ignatius and they remembered him well as a kind and joyful monk. So I have two patrons: Ignatius of Antioch, and our own Fr. Ignatius, of Mount Angel Abbey.



### ABBOT GREGORY’S RENEWAL OF VOWS

During the Mass of First Profession, celebrated September 8, retired Abbot Gregory Duerr marked his 60th anniversary of religious profession at Mount Angel Abbey. Abbot Gregory entered Mount Angel Abbey as a novice in 1957 and professed his first vows in 1958. He served as the 11th Abbot of the community, retiring in February 2016. His motto as Abbot was: He shall be peace. He is a beloved member of the community today and serves as a spiritual director to many of his brother monks.





# THREE MONKS MAKE LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT



On the evening of September 12, three junior monks of Mount Angel Abbey gathered in the Abbey church with their monastic community, family members and friends to make their professions of solemn vows.

Br. Ephrem Martinez, Br. Timothy Kalange, and Br. Bede Ramos have very different backgrounds and followed different paths to the Abbey. But the trio are united in their love of Christ, and the monastic community to which they are now committed for life.

Br. Ephrem Martinez, 34, came to Mount Angel from Cuernavaca, Mexico, in 2015. He had been in formation at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Mexico before accepting the invitation of Abbot Gregory to come to Mount Angel.

Br. Ephrem spoke little English when he arrived, but he made quick progress and is preparing to teach a course on spirituality in the spring. Another duty after solemn vows will be to minister to Spanish-speaking visitors and guests.

“Our community at Mount Angel Abbey has many cultures,” Br. Ephrem said. “We are living through a new moment in our history. It is really good.”

Br. Timothy Kalange, 39, is from Twin Falls, Idaho. Growing up he had regularly visited the nearby Monastery of the Ascension where he became acquainted with Benedictine monks. In college he “drifted away” from the Church, but while working in Florida in video production he began to question his direction. Life changes and active discernment of his vocation led him to re-establish contact with Benedictines.



“I’m an extrovert,” Br. Timothy said. “But I need silence for peace in my life. The monastery is a good mix of solitude and community. Monastic life is a great life if you are called to it.”

Br. Bede Ramos, 53, has been at the Abbey for nearly five years. A native of the Philippines, he was raised in a fervent Catholic family and has had a desire “to be close to God since childhood.”

Br. Bede had a successful career in human resources, which made it possible for him to help his family financially. His work led him to Saudi Arabia, but the yearning for God grew stronger. He began to communicate regularly with Fr. Odo Recker of the Abbey, and was finally able to visit Mount Angel.

“I was received so warmly here. It is really a family... What struck me was the life of the monks – the regular prayer, the way you stop your work for prayer.”

– Steve Ritchie



## WITH TIME, ALL THINGS COME TO PASS

The crew of the now-open Benedictine Brewery and St. Michael Taproom has been on a busy cycle of “brew, pour, plan and repeat” almost non-stop since quietly holding a blessing of the building in early August. Here is a summary of the eventful start-up phase:

**August 8** – Benedictine Brewery and St. Michael Taproom officially marked the conclusion of construction when Abbot Jeremy blessed the timber-frame structure and its mission. Several monks, hilltop employees, and local friends of the brewery attended the blessing and helped sample the brew.

**August 16** – Mt. Angel’s Oktoberfest Planning Board stopped by the brewery for an evening hour of tasting with the Benedictine Brewery crew. They posed in dirndls and lederhosen for photos that appeared in advertising for the 2018 Oktoberfest. Several monks, including Abbot Jeremy, joined in the fun – and the photos.

**September 5** – In response to steady requests from media for interviews, Fr. Martin held a media event, where twelve news reporters, photographers and beer bloggers participated in a question-and-answer group interview, with photos and samplings. Representing eight media outlets, each of the journalists has added to ripples of positive publicity.

**October 13 to 16** – The brewery opened quietly for a “trial run,” to check equipment and test processes prior to Oktoberfest, the town of Mt. Angel’s grand annual event, which attracts nearly 400,000 visitors over four days. The tap room crew were ready for the steady stream of customers who sampled servings of Black Habit and St. Benedict Farmhouse Ale. Meanwhile, in town at the Oktoberfest Biergarten, a tap serving Benedictine Brewery’s newest beer, the St. Michael’s Helles Lager, ran dry after two days due to popular demand.

**October 22 and 22** – The (Humble) Grand Opening of the Benedictine



Brewery attracted more than a thousand people to the celebratory weekend. There was sunshine, pub food and plenty of brew for all, with tents outside to accommodate the crowds. The event drew friends of the Abbey who have waited and helped and supported Benedictine Brewery for years, and also many new visitors. Whether old friends or new, all were welcomed “as Christ.”

If you’re in the area, stop by during our fall hours: Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Monday and Tuesday.)

*Taste and Believe!*

*For more information, find us on Facebook!*



## A NEW ERA FOR THE MONKS' MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Now that Benedictine Brewery is up and running, friends of Mount Angel anticipate the re-opening of the Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center. Those who visited the hilltop recently have witnessed various stages of the building's construction. Many have paused to gaze through windowless walls or view the expansion as it rose, floor by floor, to the south.

Now new windows have been installed and the parking level lobby is taking shape, with the cantilevered dining room and kitchen space extending over the hillside. Soon, the elevator will be functioning again, allowing easy access from the parking lot to the church.

The monks' vision is unfolding before our eyes. They acknowledge, however, that the facility's closure

for construction has been difficult for many retreatants and groups who have come to rely on Mount Angel's guesthouse as their place of spiritual refuge and formation.

that will accommodate the diverse needs of groups and individuals, while offering a simple, beautiful Benedictine environment to all. As we go to press, Fr. Pius Harding,

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*The monks' vision is unfolding before our eyes.*

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Sandi Belleque, guesthouse administrative assistant, fields questions every day from people who hope to schedule their next visit. The monks are eager to welcome new and returning guests back to a center

guest master, plans to begin welcoming guests again on March 1. A joyful reopening event is planned for April. And a new era for the monks' ministry of hospitality will begin for the 60-year-old structure.

Thanks to the generosity of our friends and benefactors, fundraising for the project is in the home stretch. Together, we have raised more than \$15 million in gifts and pledges of the \$16.5 million total building cost. Would you consider making a gift to support this place of spiritual growth and renewal for all? Thank you! Please contact Jodi Kilcup, at 503-928-0173 or [Jodi.kilcup@mtangel.edu](mailto:Jodi.kilcup@mtangel.edu).



# Formation

NEWS ABOUT MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY

## MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY IS RADICALLY TRANSFORMATIVE



*From left, Deacon Steven Wood, studying for the Diocese of Sacramento; Br. Charles Gonzalez, for Mount Angel Abbey, Deacon Dean Marshall, for the Diocese of Sacramento, Br. Timothy Kalange, for Mount Angel Abbey.*

Each year the monks of Mount Angel Abbey host two fundraising dinners to help support Mount Angel Seminary. Combined, well over a thousand people attend and the money raised is critical to maintain the seminary they have operated since 1889.

A group of dedicated men, women and priests assist in organizing the dinner each year, motivated by their love for the Abbey and the conviction that good priests are vital to a healthy, vibrant Church in this country.

This year, a panel of four seminarians met with those planning the dinner to talk about their call to priesthood. And, for two of the four, their call to priesthood as monks of Mount Angel Abbey. The conversation was heartfelt, inspiring, honest.

Here are some of the highlights of the question and answer session with Br. Timothy Kalange, O.S.B., Br. Charles Borromeo, O.S.B., and seminarians Deacon Steven Wood and Deacon Dean Marshall, both studying for the Diocese of Sacramento.

### *How has God changed you through your experience at Mount Angel Seminary?*

**Br. Timothy:** Understanding the other is a big challenge for me, but I think I'm a nicer person now. I love

people more and I think I accept differences in other people better.

**Deacon Dean:** I have changed. The communion that we [seminarians] have with one another has radically transformed my life, not just in terms of my faith but in who I am as a person. [Seminary life] has helped me to see the beauty of every person, and to see God in each person.

**Br. Charles:** What I have learned is to see the humanity of the world. Living in community and having to settle differences with one another, to be patient, that is what is offered in the seminary. Mount Angel has helped guide my spiritual life and understand that it's not all about me and God, it's God and me and my brothers and sisters. Learning that concept has been my biggest area of growth and I am still learning to live it.



*The new school year opened at Mount Angel Seminary on August 27, with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. In his homily, Abbot Jeremy reminded everyone that the beginning of a new school year is the beginning of "a big project." Being a seminarian is about learning to live together in love. It's about preparing to be in service to God's people. At times, he said, the task ahead may seem "beyond our strength." But it is possible because: "Immense is God's mercy; lavish are his graces."*



**Deacon Steven:** My seminary experience here has been an education in brotherhood. I support my brother seminarians and they support me, and each time we help one another we grow in relationship with God, with the heart of Jesus Christ.

The emphasis on developing healthy human relationships was a constant theme among the panelists and is central to life and education at Mount Angel Seminary. For more information, find us on Facebook!

This emphasis on healthy human development and the ability to form mature human relationships is what helps each seminarian become a priest who serves the people of God with the heart of Christ.

If you are interested in supporting Mount Angel Seminary by learning more about the annual Seminary Benefit Dinners, visit [www.mountangelabbey.org/sbd-pdx/](http://www.mountangelabbey.org/sbd-pdx/) or call Maurissa Fisher at 503-330-5012.



## DWYER CHAIR FOR THE HUMANITIES IS FILLED

Dr. Seymour House began teaching at Mount Angel Seminary nearly a quarter century ago. Acknowledging his long tenure teaching literature courses to undergraduates and Church history to Theology students, Dr. House calls himself “one of the gray beards” at the seminary.

Seminary Academic Dean Dr. Shawn Keough said the endowed chair position “signals that the institution has a strong commitment... to the liberal arts and the study of the humanities here. We’re the only [Catholic] seminary in the west that has both a graduate school of theology and an undergraduate school for philosophy and the liberal arts. By endowing a chair in the humanities we are showing that our academic concern is a broad and fundamentally humanistic one, not just the study of theology, or even the study of philosophy, but one that is grounded in the most basic ancient considerations of what human flourishing looks like.”

Dr. House said he believes the study of the humanities is essential to gain a true understanding of theology and Scripture. He points to St. Augustine, Erasmus and John Henry Newman as great Church thinkers who were steeped in the classics.

“You have a theologian in Augustine, you have a scripture scholar in Erasmus, you have a historian in John Henry Newman,” House said. “That’s the trifecta of the humanities right there.”

The chair is made possible through an endowment made by a generous benefactor in honor of the late Archbishop Robert Dwyer, the fifth Archbishop of Portland, Oregon, from 1966 to 1974.

– Steve Ritchie

# Fellowship

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NEWS FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

## I LEARNED TO BE A PASTOR AT MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY

When Abbot Neal Roth, O.S.B., '75, first entered the Benedictine monastic community of St. Martin's Abbey in Lacey, Washington, in 1957, he had just graduated from high school. Imagine his surprise to find a second cousin there.

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"And when I came, he left," recalls Abbot Neal with a hearty laugh. "I hope I didn't contribute [to his leaving]!"

Born in Seattle 80 years ago, and raised in Yakima, Abbot Neal might have viewed the Jesuits as a more likely landing spot. After all, Jesuits served at his parish of St. Joseph, as well as Marquette High School.

However, in 1957, Abbot Neal was drawn to St. Martin's Abbey because, he explained, "I liked the fact that we [monks] pray together several times a day," and that "you get to know everyone very well after a while." Furthermore, he was attracted to a life of stability in a particular place, with little extended travel.

Of course, if one must travel, what better place for a monk to go than Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon?

"Whenever we have someone [at St. Martin's] studying for the priesthood, almost always, they will go to Mount Angel," noted Abbot Neal. He fondly remembers the Mount Angel community "made every effort always to have a fine liturgy."

Among the monks at Mount Angel who had a strong influence on Abbot Neal was Abbot (then Father)



*Abbot Neal Roth, O.S.B., center, with silver cross, and his community of St. Martin's Abbey in Lacey, Washington.*

Bonaventure Zerr. He was "a great teacher, who just made me have a love of scriptures and the psalms," he recalled. "He was an influence, and I kept in touch with him until he died."

He also kindly remembered Fr. Augustine DeNoble. "I use to go to confession to him," Abbot Neal said. "He was always a delight."

"I loved the beautiful setting of the Willamette Valley," he said. The young seminarian was a "birder," and on Sundays, he received permission to "leave the hilltop and walk through the country."

And what of the theological and pastoral training he received?

"I certainly used very well what I learned [at Mount Angel]," acknowledged Abbot Neal. Thinking back particularly to his assignments at Sacred Heart Church in Lacey, Washington, between his seminary training and the help and encouragement of the parishioners and staff, he said, "I learned how to be a pastor."

– William Mullen



# Generosity

NEWS FOR BENEFACTORS & VOLUNTEERS

## BRUCE BLIESE: A LIFE OF SERVICE

Bruce Bliese's involvement with Mount Angel Abbey goes back quite a few years. It began during his 25-year tenure as a high school social studies teacher in the Portland School District in Oregon. One of his good friends during that time was a Benedictine oblate.

Thanks to that friendship, Bruce eventually visited Mount Angel Abbey. He recalls that, after that initial visit, he took every opportunity to visit the Abbey's bookstore where he could visit with seminarians and also pick up some "monk fudge."

and reflections "brought a lot of insight" into Church history, recalled Bruce.

Before Bruce was a high school teacher, he and his brother, Kurt, served together and were honorably discharged from the Army in 1963. Afterward, he worked "for a man, J. R. Madden, who owned a company that made and installed chalk boards and bulletin boards in new schools," Bruce recalled. That gave him enough work so he was able to attend Portland State and earn his teaching degree.

High School in Portland. He got the job. It didn't hurt, Bruce noted, that he was interviewed by the principal, Richard A. Miller, who was a colonel in the Oregon National Guard. Later, Miller would be appointed Adjutant General for the Oregon National Guard by Governor Tom McCall.

"My biggest emphasis in teaching," he said, was "world history, world geography, and cultures." (His army tour had included two years in Japan.)

Truly, said Bruce, he and the Benedictines have been intertwined throughout much of his adult life. Recently, Br. Justin Gilligan and Susan Gallagher, Planned Giving Manager for the Abbey, visited Bruce. Together they watched a video of a talk given by Abbot Jeremy on Bruce's iPad. "[The Abbot] is a very good teacher," Bruce commented. "He really explains things and then sort of wraps it all up."

"The Abbey has been good for me," Bruce said. "The Abbey experience makes a lasting impression."

– William Mullen



*During a recent visit, Br. Justin Gilligan views a video of Abbot Jeremy with Bruce Bliese. Each week, Abbot Jeremy releases a short video on a topic of spirituality, Catholic teaching or monastic life. The videos can be found at [www.mountangelabbey.org](http://www.mountangelabbey.org).*

Shortly after Bruce began to visit the Abbey, Father (and future Abbot) Nathan Zodrow, O.S.B., began his assignment at Bruce's local parish of St. Agatha in Portland. His homilies

As he was finishing his degree, the wife of an ex-Air Force buddy, who worked at the University placement office, called Bruce and told him about an opening at David Douglas



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*Join the monks of Mount Angel Abbey for the Liturgy of the Hours*

**WEEKDAYS**

Vigils: 5:20 a.m.  
Lauds: 6:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m.  
Midday Prayer: Noon  
Vespers: 5:20 p.m.  
Compline: 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES**

Vigils: 7:30 p.m. (Saturday)  
Lauds: 6:40 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist: 9:00 a.m.  
Midday Prayer: Noon  
Vespers: 5:20 p.m.  
Compline: 8:00 p.m.

## COME AND SEE

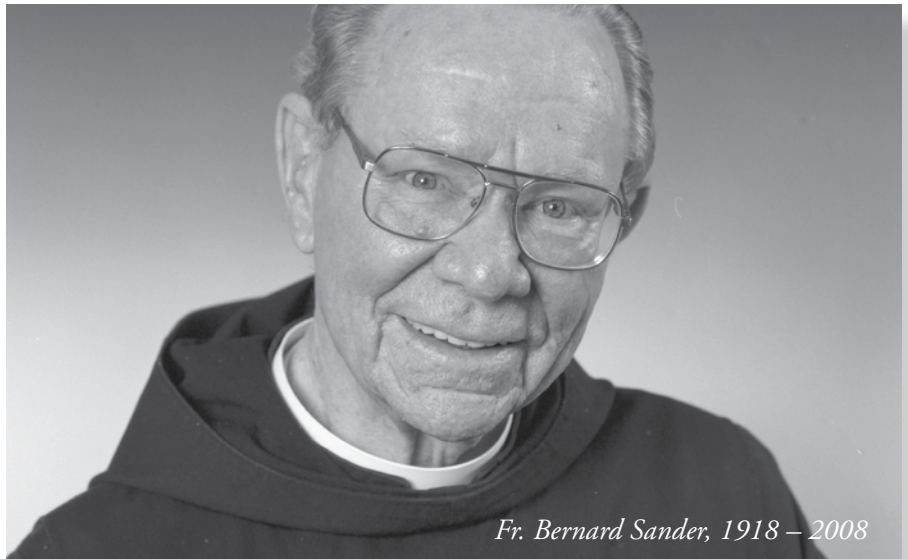
Discerning a vocation to the monastic life is best done by personal experience and an encounter with the monks within the cloister. At Mount Angel Abbey, we open our doors to men at least 18 years old, and discerning a vocation, to come and join us for a three-day monastic discernment experience.

Our next discernment retreat dates are:

November 16–18, 2018, and March 22–24, 2019

- Pray with the monks
- Join them for meals
- Tour the monastery
- Spend time in quiet prayer
- Listen to conferences and vocation discernment stories
- Discern your vocation with monks and other retreatants
- For more information, contact Fr. Odo Recker, O.S.B.
- Email [vocation@mtangel.edu](mailto:vocation@mtangel.edu)

Learn more about the life of the Benedictine monks of Mount Angel Abbey at [www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations](http://www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations).



*Fr. Bernard Sander, 1918 – 2008*

## If a monk, spiritual director or teacher has changed your life ...

If mentors at Mount Angel have challenged you or a loved one to grow in new ways or opened doors to God, please consider planning a gift or bequest to honor them. That way, others will have life-changing opportunities as well.

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