

# St. Peter's Abbey Newsletter

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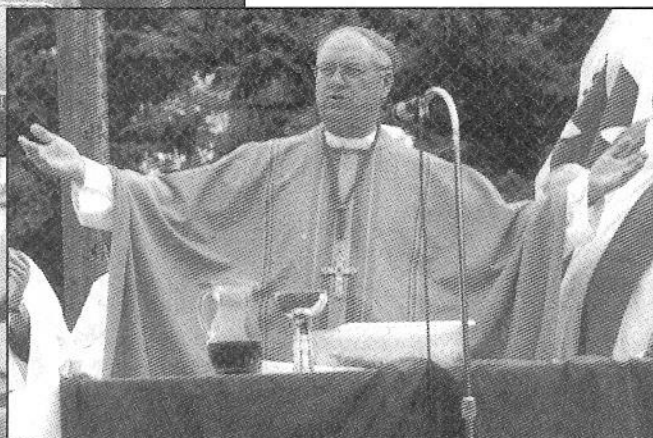


## Centennial Celebration on the Abbey Soccer Field — A Gala Affair!

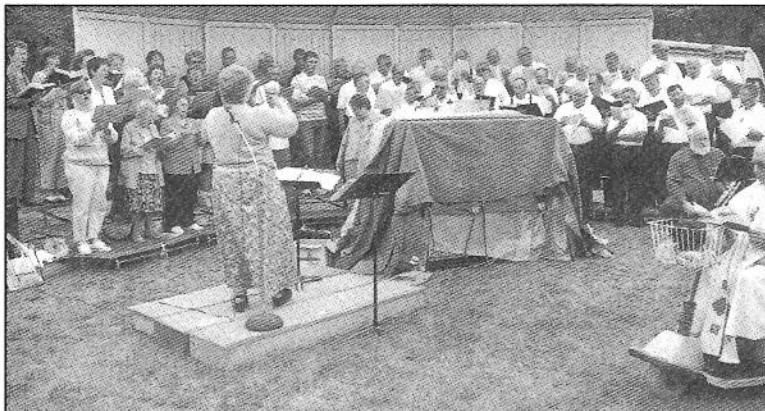
The day was clear and the temperature balmy for the 10 a.m. eucharistic celebration. People from far and near gathered for the mass, lunch and program. Among the dignitaries were three bishops, seven abbots, and Lieutenant Governor Lynda Haverstock who arrived at noon. Following lunch there were a number of speeches, a parade and demonstration of old-time threshing.



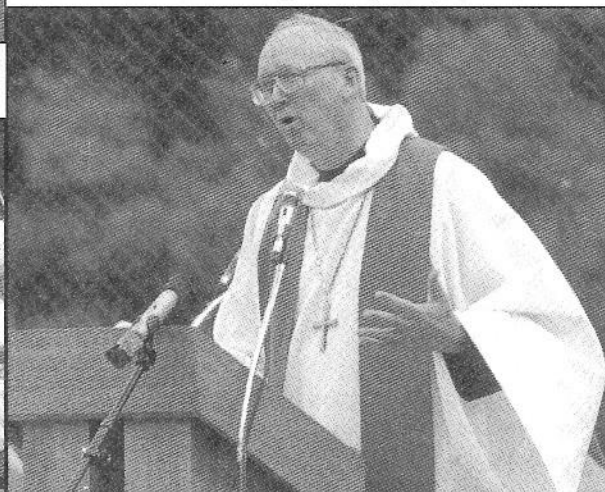
Anna Marie Moellenbeck and Sister Zita Maier, OSU, cantor and choir director



Abbot Peter Novecosky, OSB, principal celebrant



Coldspring Maennerchor joined local parish singers at the mass



Abbot John Klassen, OSB, St. John's, Collegeville, Minn., homilist

# A message from Abbot Peter's desk

For the past several years we have looked forward to celebrating the centennial of the first monks arriving in Saskatchewan. The major celebration was held at the abbey on Aug. 1-3 and it was a wonderful celebration. There were many volunteers involved, and I congratulate everyone for a job well done. We received many compliments on the events of the weekend. The excellent weather was a major factor in the success of the weekend.

Friday was a day dedicated to the seniors of our area — St. Peter's Colony. Some 150 specially-signed certificates were handed out. A crowd of 300-plus crowded into our gym for the afternoon

program. It was a great start to our celebrations. The preparations had started a day or so earlier with the arrival of many old-time tractors and machines, courtesy of the Humboldt Antique Club. Then on Friday morning, some 30 displays were set up in the arena, representing groups and parishes from the St. Peter's Colony area. It was a great display, involving many hours of work.

Saturday was dedicated to a reunion of St. Peter's Alumni. There was a great turnout of more than 500. There was time for visiting and reminiscing in the beer tent in the afternoon. The sit-down supper was preceded by a procession of the monks into the gym, singing

Gregorian Chant. Earlier that day, the monks planted a Peace Pole in front of the Abbey Church. The word "pax" or "peace" has adorned the doorway of Benedictine monasteries since the sixth century. The Peace Pole is a modern version of that. It has the words "May peace prevail on earth" written in four languages: English, French, German and Cree.

Sunday, Aug. 3 saw a steady procession of cars onto the abbey grounds. The cow pasture was turned into a huge parking lot. The day began with an outdoor Mass at 10 a.m. It was followed by a lunch in the "Pine Grove Dining Room" under the Pine trees. This was followed by a program celebrating the history of the area and featuring civic, religious and local dignitaries.

The highlight of the day turned out to be the afternoon parade involving 60 floats. There were well over 3,000 people on hand for this event. The afternoon was completed with a threshing demonstration, touring and visiting. Everyone left with a feeling of satisfaction and celebration.

Other events that occurred the past few months will be noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

One I'd like to mention is the retirement of Fr. Jerome Weber to the abbey. After he retired as abbot in 1990, he served as chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for 13 years.

Now in his later 80s, he is able to spend his time in prayer and reading here at the abbey. It's good to have him home again.



*Prior Werner Renneberg, Subprior Basil Schaan, Abbot Peter Novecosky and Br. Kurt Van Kuren helped plant a Peace Pole during the jubilee celebrations.*

Available from St. Peter's Abbey, Box 10, Muenster, SK., S0K 2Y0: "Begin a Good Work — A History of St. Peter's Abbey, 1903-2003" by St. Peter's College President Colleen Fitzgerald, @ \$21.70, taxes included. If ordered by mail, add \$5 shipping & handling. In 160 pages the author relates the early trials of the Benedictines and how they adapted as times changed.

Also 4 volumes, one per year, of pertinent parts of "St. Peter's Bote," the German newspaper published by the Benedictines beginning in 1904. Translated by Werner Renneberg, OSB, they contain descriptions of pioneer life, trials, successes, traveling, tragic deaths, struggling parishes, fear of severe Canadian winters, the rapturous joys in finding the soil and climate nearly ideal, and much more. Each volume, wire binding, 8 1/2 X 11 inches. Price \$20 per volume, plus postage. Vol. 5, 1908-09 ready soon.

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# Br. Gregory Brodner, OSB, his memoirs

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

"I was born in Regina April 1905, before Saskatchewan became a province. We moved to our homestead south of Dysart in the spring of 1906. There were 15 in our family. I was number six.

"I went to school for two years at Parkland, three-and-a-half miles away. School started in May and closed in early fall. Then Radant School was built, two miles west of our place. At first we walked to school. Later we went with a one-horse buggy. The horse was nice and tame. Once when the buggy upset, the horse simply stopped. The lady teacher at Parkland had only a Grade 8 education and taught up to Grade 4.

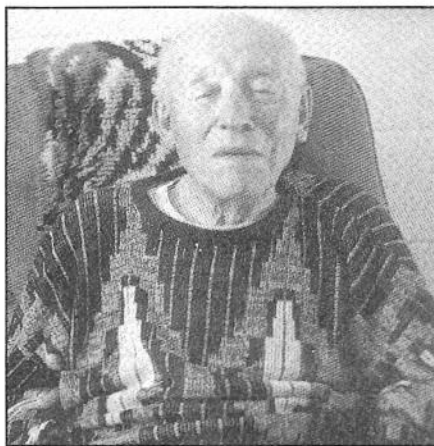
"I spent a fall and winter at the Ursuline school in Grayson, 80 miles from home. We learned both English and German along with the sisters who knew only German. They didn't bother with grades. I was about 14 years old at the time. Then I stayed home on the farm until I was 25.

"We were farming three quarters of land. It was mostly prairie. We had a one-bottom plow to break the land and a two-bottom plow and a disk pulled by four horses for stubble land. Other machines were a hay mower and rake. Later we had two four-horse McCormick-Deering binders. The binders often did not tie the bundles properly. At one time we had 15 to 20 horses on the farm.

"One-quarter section of land was seven miles from home. We had a caboose out there and stayed in it at night. One day a neighbour came and told us to come home. Next morning when we came back the caboose had been smashed. A small tornado had done this. But luckily nobody was in the caboose.

"Mosquitoes were very bad in a wet spring. During the summer the horses had to have baskets covering their lips and nose to keep flies off that wanted to bite them. Other flies would bite on the lower part of the horses' necks. This would make the horses jerk up their heads. Sometimes they would bang our heads when they jerked. Other flies, like the bigger horse flies, would bite the horses anywhere.

"One morning when we were cutting grain, our dog was along with us. A weasel jumped up, bit him on the lip and



Br. Gregory Brodner, OSB, 98

held on. The dog howled and shook his head until the weasel let go and ran away.

"Trees were scarce where we lived, so we had to go 14 miles in winter for stove wood. Dad bought the right to cut trees from a farmer. We had no thermometer and didn't know how cold it was. We would walk behind the sleighs to keep warm. We froze our feet and other parts of our bodies. I froze my big toe so badly that it still is crippled. We chopped the trees, trimmed them, loaded them onto the sleighs and then drove home. We started early in the morning and came home after dark. Once coal was available we didn't need much wood anymore.

"We took our lunch along and a thermos full of hot water. It stayed hot. Once a hired man drove the front team. He didn't tie up his horses properly. A rabbit jumped up, scared the horses, and they ran away. They ran into the bush and broke the sleigh pole.

"We had to go across a creek to get at the trees. There was a bridge across the creek made with 2 x 10 inch planks. On one of the railings were the words in large letters: "Where will you spend your eternity." That got me to thinking.

"My brothers George and Martin had spent a year studying at St. Peter's at Muenster. They told me all about the abbey. They told me about the priests and about the brothers. I had gone along with them once to look at the abbey when we brought them back to Muenster. In their second year, in December 1930, I decided to go to the abbey. I wrote them that I was coming. I took the train from Dysart to Lanigan, Humboldt and Muenster. The 12 noon angelus was ringing when I got to Muenster,

so I had dinner at the hotel. I walked to the abbey and met Fr. Wilfrid. I soon entered the novitiate and later made simple vows.

"For 15 years I worked on the farm. Because I was good with machinery they put me on the binder in fall. On cold days in winter I had to build a fire in the sewer pit to keep the water from freezing.

"During this time Br. Benedict was in charge of the power and heating. He found it very difficult because he had to stop the engine at night and get up early to start the engine again. But he was a very good mechanic.

"The diesel engine at first was in the present boiler room under the St. Placid building. The Sisters of St. Elizabeth were living on the top floor of the building and the exhaust fumes from the engine often came into their quarters.

"When Humboldt went on the high power line we bought their Tangy diesel engine. Later we bought the small Ruston diesel. It was about the same size as the Tangy, but I liked it much better. Later we bought the big Ruston that we still have for emergency.

"One day Abbot Severin called me in and told me to take over the powerhouse. I didn't even know how to run the engines. Norbert Torborg, who was working here, had to show me how to start and stop them. We didn't have much money so I had to learn how to work with electricity, do the plumbing and heating. Our steam furnaces burned bunker coal that was shipped in open boxcars by rail and then we hauled it to the abbey by wagon or sleigh.

"Once the coal was wet and began to heat in both the storage outside and in the furnace room basement. We had to spread the coal to keep it from burning. Later we used bunker oil in the furnaces and the big improvement came with natural gas.

"All these years we were looking for good water. We dug and punched holes here and there, but either there was not enough water, or the water was loaded with iron. Before I came Fr. Leonard had the men dig a square hole by hand. When it was quite deep, Fr. Leonard looked down and decided it was no use and too dangerous. I was given the job to haul stones and fill the hole.

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# People and events around the abbey

By Martin Brodner, OSB

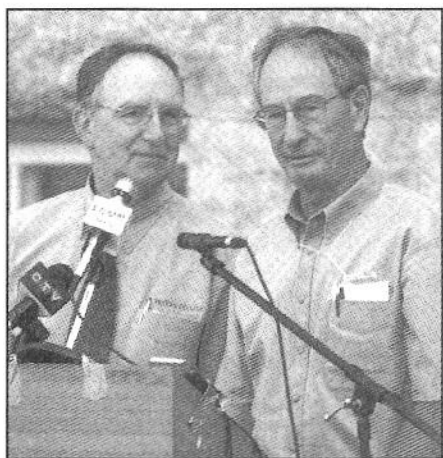
Many things are flowing together as we enter into the core of our centennial celebrations of St. Peter's Abbey and Colony. In our last Abbey Newsletter (at the beginning of June) we marked the beginnings of our jubilee year with an outdoor mass on the site of the first mass on our homestead, May 21, 1903.

The wonderful spring had opened our hearts with thanks for the abundant spring run-off that filled our reservoir after three years of drought. Several inches more of rain in early June got our fields and gardens off to a very good start. Even the oncoming invasions of grasshoppers from south and west did not hit us, and by the beginning of June, Bro. Wolfgang's tomatoes from his greenhouse again graced our table. Here are more details to fill in the picture:

June 9 - 15 — Abbot Peter conducted the monks' retreat at St. Vincent's Archabbey, Pa.

June 12 — Muenster & District Centenary History book, 1903 - 2003: "As the creek flows on. . ." (1,168 pages) was shipped off to Edmonton for binding (it was ready for sale on Jubilee Days Aug. 1-3).

June 19 — The Capital Campaign Fund was officially proclaimed for St. Peter's College. Already two-thirds of the one-and-a-half-million-dollar goal has been pledged. Two student resi-

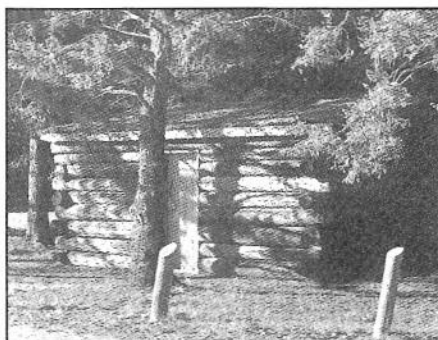


Dr. Jim Dosman and Clifford Hagerty are co-chairs of the college fund drive.

dences will be built in the near future. The slogan for the college and campaign is: "Grounded In Tradition . . . Reaching For The Future."

June 20 and July 6 - 7 — The welcome rains of two-and-one-half inches have arrived. What a blessing!

June 27 — Br. Bernard and farm crew began building a replica of the first log monastery of May 1903.



A replica of the first log monastery built by Br. Bernard Lange and the farm crew.

June 28 — Oblate Day. Abbot Peter blessed the Peace Pole, one of the items for our 100th year of founding St. Peter's Colony. Also Miranda Traub (from Grenfell) became an Oblate Novice.



Miranda Traub with Abbot Peter and Fr. Richard Meidl.

June 29 - July 15 — About 150 youth of Teen and Junior Choir Camps brought song and joy to the abbey grounds again.

July 20 — Mount Carmel Pilgrimage brought more pilgrims together in this jubilee year. The weather was most favourable.

July 21 - 25 — Twenty-five Saskatchewan youth leaders attended a workshop here. Bishop Albert LeGatt was present for some sessions.

July 26 — Annaheim Parish celebrated its 100th anniversary. It was one of the first parishes founded in the colony in 1903. Between 1904 - 1907 12 more parishes were founded.

July 25 - 30 — Oblate director, Fr. Richard Meidl, attended the Oblate Directors' meeting at St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan.

July 29 — Feast of St. Martha — Former housekeepers in our parishes gathered and were gratefully recognized at Vespers and supper on this patron of housekeepers.

Aug. 1 - 3 — The major centennial celebrations marking the 100 years of St. Peter's Abbey and Colony took place. (Items on these days will be found elsewhere in this newsletter). The following is a brief summary:

Aug. 1 — **Seniors' Day.** Those over 90 years were honoured with a certificate; those over 80, with a smaller souvenir card. About 350 people were present.

Aug. 2 — **Alumni & College Day.** An estimated 700 were present. The activities from noon till 10:30 p.m. included registrations, tours, visiting, banquet and dance.

In the morning visiting clergy and abbots were welcomed by the monks at the 11 a.m. mass. Immediately after the eucharist they gathered at the north entrance of the church to set up the Peace Pole which had been blessed on June 28 (see above). The prayer in English on one of its four sides is: "May peace prevail on earth."

Aug. 3 — **Public Event — Main Celebration.** Estimated attendance was over 3,000. Weather was so ideal that most activities could be held outdoors:

\*Outdoor eucharist (10 a.m.) and lunch; program (12:30) included Lieutenant Governor Dr. Lynda Haverstock; parade

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# Greetings from the oblate director

Greetings to all readers of this newsletter from the Oblates of St. Benedict at St. Peter's Abbey. As you have likely seen elsewhere in this newsletter, it has been a busy summer for everyone around St. Peter's. The centennial celebrations at the abbey and in some of the parishes of the area kept all of us busy. In addition I have been away a couple of times to attend conferences related to my work at the abbey — business manager and oblate director.

The last week of September I had the opportunity to visit a part of Canada I never visited before. I attended the Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutes Conference at St. John's, Nfld. Along with meeting the treasurers of other religious communities, many of whom I have already come to know, there was some excellent input by the conference speakers. Some points I had were reinforced or clarified and one realized some new ideas to put to use at a later date.

Just before the abbey centennial at the end of July, I was fortunate to attend the biannual conference of the North American Association of Benedictine Oblate Directors at Atchison, Kan. Again it was encouraging to meet many former acquaintances among the Benedictines who attended the conference.



*Rev. Richard Meidl, OSB*

Being a new oblate director, I was able to get answers from individuals who have been directors for many years to some of my questions about oblates and how other houses manage aspects of an oblate program — resources for directors and oblate members, newsletters, formation.

At each conference there is at least one workshop for new directors. From this workshop, I had many of my questions, as a new director, answered. I was able to pick up many ideas, which over time I hope can be incorporated into our program at St. Peter's. There are many

exciting things happening all across North America among the different oblate groups. There is a resurgence of interest by many lay people both Catholic and non-Catholic to be living in some form the Benedictine spirituality. Some of these ideas will come up in our discussions at various meetings in the future.

With a busy summer now past, there was hope that the fall would help to slow things down a bit — that doesn't seem to be happening. November 1, I am traveling to Winnipeg for the wedding of my niece and a few days of rest and relaxation as I visit people in Winnipeg and visit my mother in Dauphin.

November also brings the next meeting of the oblates at St. Peter's Abbey. Our next Oblate Day will be on Saturday, Nov. 22. The day will begin with eucharist at 11 a.m. with Abbot Peter presiding. A fine dinner prepared by our kitchen staff will follow the eucharist. The afternoon program begins at 1:30 p.m. I will be discussing the topic of "call." This will be followed by a talk given by Colleen Fitzgerald, the author of the history of the abbey, *Begin a Good Work: A History of St. Peter's Abbey, 1903-2003*.

All readers of this newsletter who may be interested in the Benedictine Oblates are invited to join us on Oblate Day. If you would like to know more about the oblates at St. Peter's, give me a call at 306-682-1765 or e-mail me at [frichard@stpeters.sk.ca](mailto:frichard@stpeters.sk.ca) or mail me at Oblates, Box 10, Muenster, SK S0K 2Y0.

In closing I wish everyone a wonderful and blessed Advent and Christmas season. We all look forward to new and wonderful things happening in 2004.



*Rev. Richard Meidl, OSB, and Abbot Peter Novacosky, OSB, were present with Terri Zacharias and Ken Mansfield when they made their final oblation March 22, 2003.*

*In your last will and testament  
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# People and events around the abbey

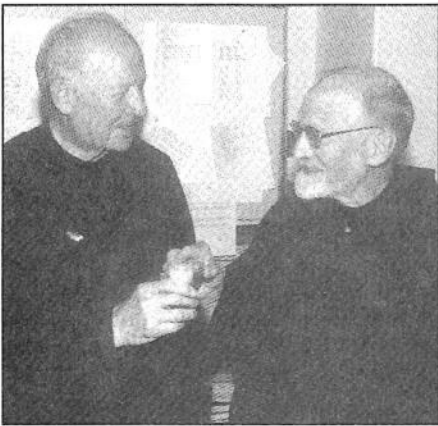
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(2:30) with 60 floats, which added the rural flavour to this event; old-time threshing (4:00) of three loads of oat sheaves held over from last fall.

\*There were also displays of all former abbacy parishes in the arena, and several booths in the foyer for sale of books and other items.

\*The Cold Spring Maennerchor offered a program in St. Peter's Cathedral at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 6 — Celebration of jubilees of ordination for Frs. Martin Brodner (60) and James Gray (50).



*Fr. Martin Brodner, OSB, and Fr. James Gray, OSB*

Aug. 6 — Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA) had an all-day meeting at the college with 50 members present. Brenda Carleton co-ordinated the meeting.

Aug. 10 — The parish of Marysburg celebrated the 100th anniversary of its foundation. The original church had been at Dead Moose Lake, about three kms west of the present church.

Aug. 10 — The hot weather in July and August ripened both fields and gardens so that harvesting began at this time, about three weeks sooner than usual. The early June rains brought good gardens, orchards and crops. The six-week hot weather eased off to the 20s on Aug. 25.

Aug. 18 — Fr. Jerome Weber, former abbot, returned to the abbey after 13 years

as chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Humboldt.

\*On this day Bro. Paul Paproski returned to St. Vincent Archabbey to continue his theological studies for the priesthood.

Aug. 30 — "Rock the Mount," a second Catholic Youth Rally of about 1,500 youth, took place on Mount Carmel from 2 - 9 p.m. The first rally last August had been inspired by the World Youth Day (Toronto) a year ago. Bishop Albert LeGatt was celebrant at this 4:15 eucharist. The motto of the rally was: "Stand on the Rock: Jesus."

Aug. 31 — A third 100th anniversary was celebrated at Englefeld. This area originally included Watson and St. Oswald (Romance). The eastern portion was separated from it in February 1905 to form the Sacred Heart Parish of Watson. Bishop Albert LeGatt presided at this celebration.

Sept. 2-3 — These two days were registration and orientation days that marked the opening of the new school year with about 100 students registering in our first- and second-year classes.

Sept. 21 — A triple gathering for the



*Ralph Fleischhacker hands Sister Aquinas Schulte, OSU, her 90-year certificate.*

eucharist:

\*40 Ukrainian "Youth for Christ" completed their retreat;

\*50 OSU (Ursuline) Associates;

\*College faculty with students and monks. The college group and monks gathered for lunch in the Jerome Assembly Room after the mass. This was followed by the college awards program in which the scholarships were handed out. For this opening of the new school year the faculty were dressed in their "robes" which distinguish their educational degrees.

Sept. 22 — Two major renovations: renovating the 40-year-old abbey elevator; replacing the old walk-in deep freeze with a new one located in the pantry.

\*Also under way is the re-location of our 80-year-old laundry from Placid Hall to the former trunk room of lower Severin Hall.



*Digging and reaping a wonderful potato crop. Abbot Peter and his brother, Arnie Novecosky, are driving the tractors.*

# Meidl, teacher/accountant, comes to abbey

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

Richard was born April 24, 1946, in St. Michael's Hospital, Cudworth, to Harlinda (Schneider) and the late Norbert Meidl. At the time, the family lived in St. Leo parish northwest of Cudworth. About the time Richard entered Grade 1 at St. Benedict rural school, the family moved to Dauphin, Man. His elementary school years were in a one-room country school, Dauphin Plains. The family attended St. Viator Parish at Dauphin.

High school for Richard was at the Dauphin Collegiate, graduating in 1964. This was followed by a couple of years of university studies at St. Paul's College and Brandon College. In 1967 he obtained his teaching certificate.

After graduation Richard taught school in various locations. His first year was at St. Alphonsus School, East Kildonan, then two years in St. Lazare, a bilingual school with half the students being French and the other half English.

While another teacher taught the French, Richard taught physical education and various other subjects to students from grades 5 - 9. Next he moved to Camperville where he was school principal and teacher for two years. His next move was to Winnipegosis where he

taught for a year.

After teaching six years, Richard decided to return to university studies. In 1973-74 he completed studies for a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education, graduating from both in May 1974.

Not sure that teaching was his calling, Richard's attention turned to the Ford Motor Co. dealerships, and the accounting department. He served in Dauphin for four years, another four in Portage La Prairie and two in Regina, all with Ford.

It was in Regina that Richard entered the lay ministry class and progressively saw another possibility. His uncle, Fr. Roman Schneider, was a member of St. Peter's Abbey.

Already, at the age of 20, the thought came to Richard that he might also become a monk. He enjoyed his accounting work, but the biological clock was ticking and at the age of 40 he decided to give monastic life a try. Lack of justice and morality in the business world was one of the factors that helped him decide that serving God in a different way would be more fulfilling.

During this time, Richard had been involved in church affairs. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1969, served as

Grand Knight for a time as well as on the Manitoba provincial councils of the K of C.

Novitiate for membership in the Benedictine Order began in 1986 and was spent in the Muenster Abbey. He then went to St. Meinrad's Archabbey in St. Meinrad, Ind. The first year was taken up achieving credits in philosophy and in theology. The next four years were devoted to theology where he received a Master of Divinity degree in 1992.

During this time summers were spent at St. Peter's Abbey where he renewed his acquaintances with his fellow monks and home monastery as he fulfilled many chores around the abbey.

Fr. Richard was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 15, 1992, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Muenster, by Archbishop Charles Halpin of Regina. This happened to be Halpin's last ordination, because he died within a year.



Richard Meidl, OSB

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## Challenges were many for Br. Gregory Brodner, OSB

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"We dug a well on the east side of the creek. The water was not good, but we



Br. Bob Monk and Br. Gregory Brodner.

put in a cast iron pipeline to the monastery for \$800. We also had a deep well with rusty water by the powerhouse that we used for bathing for many years. For drinking purposes we had a tank in the attic of Michael hall. Then we dug the small reservoir. We put a large cement cistern underground by Placid Hall and filled it three times a year from the reservoir for the laundry. This was good water.

"Next we punched a well west of the creek. There was lots of water, so we punched a larger hole beside it. The water was hard and clogged up the water lines. Fr. Philip did a lot of work figuring out how we could have plenty of water. We finally dug the large reservoir and had plenty of water for ourselves and our neighbours until we had hardly any spring water run-off for three years. We had to hook on to the Saskatchewan River project.

"The biggest challenges I had were with the machines supplying the services at the abbey and college. I was responsible for water, electricity, heat and sewer."

Ann Back, working in the laundry with its primitive equipment years ago, says Bro. Gregory was always willing to come and fix whatever went wrong.

Now, Br. Gregory is unable to walk or stand on his feet. He said his health is fairly good as he can eat anything. He can move around on his electric scooter and is with the community at Morning Praise (Lauds), mass, noon prayers and Vespers. He is very happy to be home at the abbey and is grateful to Br. Bob Monk and home care workers who, along with his brother Fr. Martin, care for all his needs.

"I enjoy praying and singing." He said. "All my family enjoyed singing."

# Meidl's duties have been varied

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Following ordination Fr. Richard was co-pastor at St. Benedict (his early home town) and Cudworth, for one-and-a-half years. The other half-year was served as assistant in St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt.

Since then Fr. Richard has worn several different hats: Vocation and Formation Director, Master of Novices, member of the college administration board and, from 1994 till the present, the bursar at the abbey as well as Director of

the Oblates since January 2003.

Some of Fr. Richard's special interests are: to be living in the area where his roots are; witnessing weddings of nieces and nephews; photography; working on family history; caring for flowers about the abbey; arranging Christmas and Easter displays.

Fr. Richard has two brothers and two sisters: Raymond, Kamloops, Leonard, Edmonton, Marian at Ashville and Betty Ann in Dauphin where his mother is presently living.

*Request to let us know if the newsletters are no longer desired.*

*They are mailed free to all who are interested.*

*If you no longer wish to be on the mailing list, please let us know. Thank you.*

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God may be glorified."*

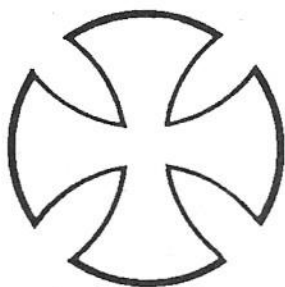
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## The Saskatchewan Benedictines

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## Deaths: remember the faithful departed

Since the last newsletter the following have passed into eternity:

**May 27** — Fr. Theodore Horwarth, OSB., St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, N.J.

**July 13** — Francis Schwinghammer, Calgary, brother of Fr. Norbert.

**July 18** — Leo Weber, 81, Muenster, brother of Abbot Jerome Weber.

**July 24** — Mary Bantle, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Cudworth, Sk.

**July 25** — Abbot Martin Burne, OSB, St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, N.J.

**Aug. 1** — James Van Kuren, 85, Windsor, Ont., father of Br. Kurt.

**Aug. 10** — Fr. Nicholas Rausch, OSB, St. Martin's Abbey, Lacey, Wash.

**Aug. 11** — Br. Ligouri Bryant, OSB, St. Leo Abbey, Fla

**Aug. 15** — Br. Gregory Viscek, OSB, St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison Kan.

**Aug. 18** — Fr. Gregory Soukup, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**Sept. 16** — Fr. Eugene Lauer, OSB, St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill.

**Sept. 26** — Loretta Leuschen, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Bruno, Sk.



A centennial project was to build a log house of the exact measurement of the log house built by the Benedictines in 1903. The early pioneers lacked present-day facilities like a tractor with front-end loader and a chain saw instead of axes. Builders were: Br. Bernard, Herb Dyck and Roger Berting.