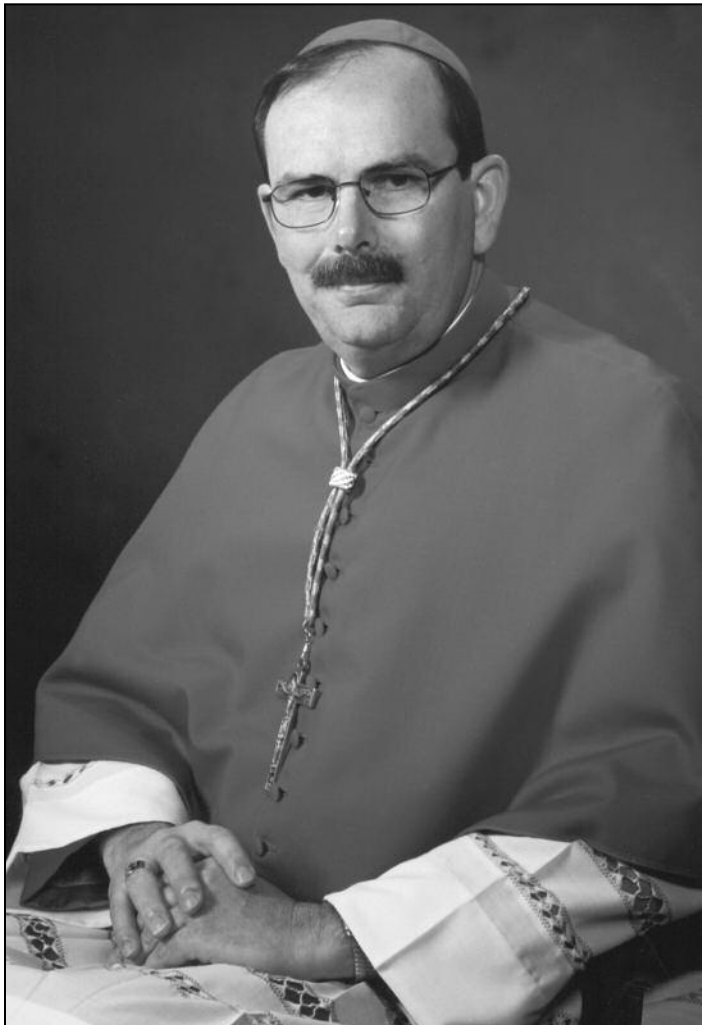


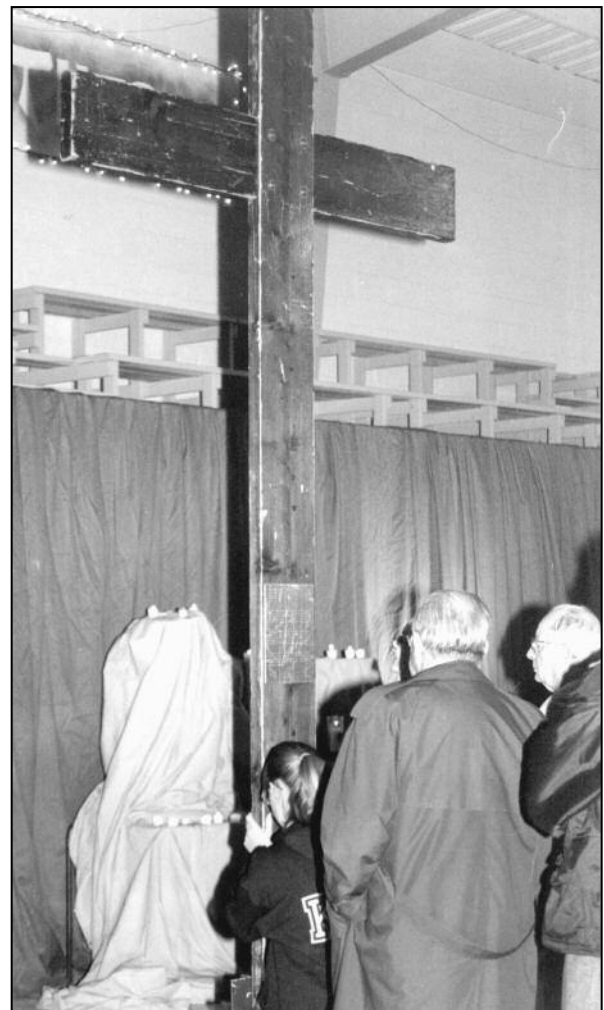
St. Peter's Abbey Newsletter



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Bishop Albert LeGatt was ordained Oct. 5, 2001 as bishop of Saskatoon Diocese.



*World Youth Day Cross
The young and the young-at-heart came to reverence
the cross at St. Peter's College gym, Dec. 11.*

A message from Abbot Peter's desk

Dear friends,

The celebration of Christmas is generally a fairly quiet one at the abbey. We decorate the abbey the day before Christmas and the Christmas tree in our recreation room on the evening of Dec. 24. This helps us keep the spirit of the Advent season, though it makes us out of sync with the commercial celebration of Christmas.

After Christmas Vigils at 7:30, some monks go carolling at some of the houses on our property while others take a nap. Then at 11:40 everyone gathers in the church for Christmas carols, prior to the Mass at midnight. The tower bells break the peaceful silence for 15 minutes before midnight. Then the mass begins. This year we had a full church. The pleasant weather was a factor in allowing people to gather in the various parishes. Most pastors reported full churches this year at Christmas. Here at the abbey, we gathered after Mass in the dining room for a festive lunch and visiting.

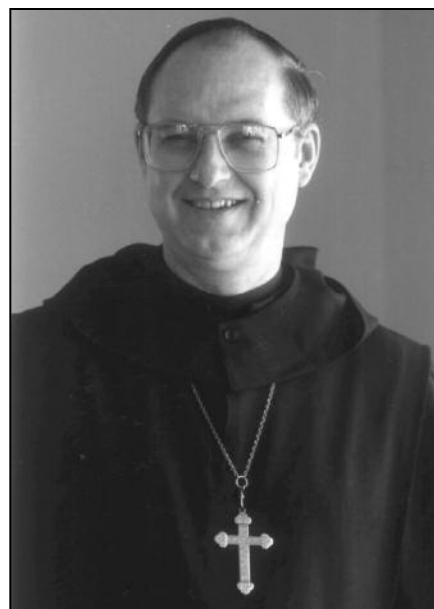
On Christmas day, the community gathered at 4:15 p.m. in the recreation room for the opening of gifts. This allowed the pastors who were gone in the morning to be with the rest of the community for this important communi-

ty time. The community receives gifts from various individuals, and individual monks who receive gifts from family, etc. put them under the tree to be opened at this time. It seems that this year we will not lack for chocolates and candy for quite some time.

Dec. 26 is the day we traditionally invite members of our families to come to the abbey in the afternoon. The gym and arena provide plenty of space for people to work off their energy; the less energetic ones play cards and visit. Then we break for Vespers at 5:00 followed by an early supper.

A more recent tradition that we continued this year was the prayer service on New Year's Eve, to pray in the new year. About two dozen monks and guests gathered in the church for the service of light and the proclamation of the date of Easter.

The major historical event that marked the year 2001 was the Sept. 11 destruction of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York. It is at a time like this that we appreciate the remote location of St. Peter's Abbey in Saskatchewan much more. Though we are not immune from world events, we do feel a little safer here in our part of the



world, where we do not have to worry about floods, fires or earthquakes.

Since our last newsletter, people have continued to be generous to our Eldercare Fund, which now has received more than \$20,000 of gifts in cash and kind. We are grateful to the many donors who have contributed. We have added a medichair, a motorized scooter, a motorized golf cart, an electric bed and some dressers in the rooms of our elderly.

As we look ahead, this August we will have a regular visitation of our community. Our last one was five years ago. This is a time for self-reflection and examination of how we live our monastic lifestyle. Two monks from St. John's Abbey will assist us in this process.

Next year we celebrate our 100th anniversary in Saskatchewan. The first monks came here to stay in 1903. Some celebrations are being planned. Also in the works is a history book on St. Peter's Abbey. Another interesting project Fr. Werner Renneberg has undertaken in his retirement years is the translation from German into English of the St. Peter's Colony news in the first issues of the St. Peter's Bote. He is finding some interesting material. We hope to eventually make this available on the Internet.



Frs. Demetrius and Richard decorate the Christmas tree.

Memories of Sister Cecile Gertken

By Lawrence DeMong, OSB

If Abbot Severin who was the third last abbot of St. Peter's Abbey might be considered our great grandfather, then it was our great great aunt, Sister Cecile Gertken who, at 99, entered into the glory of the Lord on Nov. 24, 2001.

As I remember Abbot Severin Gertken, I think of a kind grandfatherly type of person, much more gentle than the superior my older confreres remember. Because of some special situations including the marriage of my one brother and the near death of another, he allowed me to come home from St. John's to our abbey for Christmas on two occasions, involving details which he explained in several letters. His affection for this young monk comes through beautifully in the details of the correspondence which he sent off during those final months and years of his life. He died in 1960.

With only very positive memories of Abbot Severin, therefore, it was with genuine enthusiasm that I chose the excursion to St. Scholastica Convent, the Sisters' infirmary in St. Cloud, this past July during the oblate directors' conference, for it was there that Sister Cecile, his last remaining sister, was living.

To guide us there from St. Benedict's Monastery was Sister Lorraine Klein, a close friend of hers, who also got help from Sister Elizabeth Roufs to take the enclosed photo. For Br. Basil Schaan, also in the photo, and for me, this visit was a highlight of our trip to Minnesota. In the notes I scribbled as Sister Cecile spoke, I found the following:

Her dad, Luke Gertken, was drafted into the Franco-Prussian war. Later he came to America and was sent to care for a stone school in Stearns County (the location of St. Benedict's Monastery and St. John's Abbey where seven out of the eight sisters and all four brothers entered religious life). Fr. Innocent's mother died in giving birth. He (Luke) wanted to give this all up and go to the Trappists and place Innocent with other members of the family. But the pastor, a mission-

ary, said, "No. You have to marry Margaret Schneider." And she was 6 foot 2, not 5 feet, laughed Sister Cecile!

Needless to say, Luke Gertken obeyed this voice that he recognized as the Lord's. And not only did Innocent find a new mom, but a whole tribe of dedicated and gifted Gertkens

was the eventual result, 13 children in all, one of whom died in infancy. Sister Cecile remarked during our visit that little Innocent had a stiff upper lip, not wanting to cry lest people would think he was adopted!

The visit was truly superb. We actually arrived late at the next conference activity because we were so engrossed in our conversation with Sister Cecile. I learned later that she herself considered this meeting a highlight of her summer. Undoubtedly the enthusiasm and affection she felt for us was in some way receiving the gift of her brother Severin's presence.

Luke Gertken obviously passed on his personal desire to enter the religious life as 11 of his children became sisters and priests, all Benedictines. He was also an excellent musician and the results were no more dramatic than in his daughter Cecile. Among her many contributions to spreading the love of music through teaching and dance, she became internationally known as an expert in Gregorian chant, composed various pieces and gave countless workshops. During our visit she spoke of her experience at Holy Trinity Abbey in Utah where one of our former monks, Fr. Leander Dosch, recently completed his term as abbot.

On the sheet of notes I made that day I have the following sentence in quotations indicating that I wrote down exactly what she said: "Do not ask for death, but ask for life in Christ's will!" Sister



Br. Basil Schaan (left) and Fr. Lawrence DeMong with Sister Cecile Gertken.

Cecile's death came less than three months away from her 100th birthday. During our visit she mentioned that her desire had been to die but that she had accepted God's will as more important than her own preferences. I had no idea of the full significance of that detail nor of the sentence I had copied down until after her death when Sr. Rosemary Huebsch, the Pastoral Care coordinator, wrote us this story:

Six years ago when she arrived she decided she did not want any more blood transfusions and expected to die that weekend. But she didn't — and she didn't — days went by. One day she said, "I'm trying so hard to die, but can't. Maybe I'm not doing it right. How do you die?" I had to chuckle a bit and say, "I don't know. I haven't tried it." This conversation went on for many rounds and finally I just stamped my foot and said, "Cecile, you are not going to die; so there!!" She sat up straight and declared, "Well then, I might as well keep on living!" Needless to say she "lasted" another six years.

From our experience this past July I can say that in all her frailty she was a little dynamo of Christian love. And her apostolate was as powerful as ever. Strapped to the oxygen tank, giving the joyful good news to all she met, Sister Cecile taught us more about being an oblation than all the wonderful words spoken at our oblate conference during those days in Minnesota!

Claiming our 'Cluniacs'

By *Martin Brodner, OSB*

Next Year, 2003, we, the monks of St. Peter's Abbey, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the transferring of the living monks of Cluny Priory, Wetaug, Ill., to St. Peter's Colony on May 21, 1903. In three migrations within a year both monks and property were transferred, leaving behind the farm (sold in 1906) and the "remains" of two Cluniac monks who had died before St. Peter's Colony was dreamt of: Oswald (William) Moosemueller, born Jan. 26, 1832 and died Jan. 10, 1901 and buried at Cluny; and Bruno (Joseph) Riss, born Oct. 17, 1829, and died Feb. 2, 1900, and buried at St. Joseph Parish, Peru, Ill.

Since Oswald was the founding prior of Cluny, the monks of St. Peter's Abbey wanted also to reclaim his remains, which were duly transferred to our abbey cemetery in September 1929. Since Fr. Bruno died, belonging to Cluny, this centennial is a fitting time to "claim Bruno Riss" as one of our Cluniac members.

For the purpose of this article it is worth noting that Fathers Bruno and Oswald were lifelong friends and their lives intertwined. Both were born in Bavaria, Bruno at Augsburg and Oswald at Aidling. Both took their classical studies at the Benedictine abbey of St. Stephen in Augsburg.

It is also worth noting that the Benedictine Order which in 1803 had been secularized by the government was re-established in the early 1830s in Metten. Its first monastery was erected in connection with the church of St. Stephen in Bruno's native city Augsburg. Thus Bruno and Oswald grew up, knowing the work of Boniface Wimmer of Metten. They knew that the monk Boniface had left for America in 1846 to do mission work there.

Thus, by the time that Fr. Bruno had completed his classical studies at 22 he was filled with missionary zeal and left Europe in the company of two of his classmates, Cornelius (Martin) Wittmann

and Oswald Moosemueller, to join the hero of his youth, Boniface Wimmer, at his new abbey at St. Vincent's, Penn.

The three arrived at the abbey and began their novitiate Aug. 15, 1852. They made profession of vows in 1853 and continued their theological studies. "In January 1856 Bishop Joseph Cretin of St. Paul, Minn., applied to Abbot Wimmer for a colony of Benedictines, who should devote themselves to missionary work among the German-speaking Catholics in his large diocese which at that time included Minnesota and North Dakota. The abbey approved this request sending Father Demetrius di Marogna, two clerics Frs. Bruno and Cornelius and two lay brothers, Patrick Greil and Benno Muckenthaler." (Record)

Two weeks after their arrival at St. Paul's the bishop ordained the two clerics to the priesthood on May 17, 1856. While the bishop would have liked to see them found a monastery in the city, he had also indicated previously to Abbot Boniface that St. Cloud would be a good central place for mission work in Minnesota and the Dakotas, which were still part of the diocese at that time. The group preferred the country site and set out at once for St. Cloud.

Frs. Demetrius and Cornelius located at St. Cloud while Fr. Bruno was sent a few miles west to be acting pastor at St. Joseph's. The territory which came under their care had 30 missions; Bruno was responsible for seven of them. Thus began his missionary work, a work both taxing and intense. With no roads nor horses, Bruno had to carry his 60 lbs of supplies from place to place.

It was also arranged that Fr. Bruno take off one day a week (Monday) to explore the rich timberland to the west for a suitable location for a monastery, a location



Rev. Bruno Riss, OSB

which would have access to good water supply. The difficulties he encountered are too numerous for this article. One day he noticed through the timberland some water glistening in the sunlight. This turned out to be Lake Sagatagan. He at once posted 30 stake claims, claiming the land for a monastery and college, and submitted his claims to the Congress. He had discovered the site for the future St. John's Abbey. It is for this reason that St. John's Abbey honours Fr. Bruno Riss as one of its three founders.

Two major catastrophes weighed most heavily on all the pioneers of this area: the Rocky Mountain grasshopper plague of 1856-7 and the Sioux Indian Uprising of 1857-60. St. John's Record, March, 1889, describes this invasion by the grasshoppers. Fr. Bruno Riss was being installed as resident pastor of St. Joseph's on Aug. 15, 1856 and gives this description:

"During the sermon a heavy darkness set in accompanied, as we thought, by a tremendous hail storm, the clatter of

which drowned the voice of the preacher. But it was something worse than hailstones, for when we left the church our eyes beheld nothing but greedy grasshoppers which had darkened the sun and in their descent had struck so heavily upon the roof of our church.

“These small, voracious, yet invincible monsters had in a short time devastated all that grows and blooms upon the face of the earth. Within about two or three days the fields presented the appearance of having been newly plowed. The entire harvest was a dead loss for those settlers of Stearns County who had taken up their abode in this region during the previous year (1855). The first terrible winter was at hand. The few victuals that remained were soon consumed. Spring came. The new brood of grasshoppers suffered nothing to grow except peas. They found their way into the houses and destroyed what clothing they could reach. In the church not a shred of cloth could remain exposed.

“Even the priest at the altar was not secure from their attacks. Before Mass the hoppers had to be swept from the altar. The priest had to vest hastily, place the altar linen upon the altar and be careful to keep the Sacred Host covered with the paten; and at the elevation had to leave the pall upon the chalice. During mass the altar boys were kept busy driving away with whips the insolent insects from the vestments of the priest. For another year the poverty-stricken farmers had to live upon their own substance, and that was little.”

Fr. Bruno spent eight years in this missionary territory in most intensive and extensive missionary activity, his most fulfilling years as a missionary. But in 1864 he was completely exhausted and his health was also weakened by the rigorous Minnesota winters. Hope of joining the new community of St. John’s Abbey had to be laid aside.

He returned to St. Vincent’s Abbey where he was assigned to lighter parishes for about ten years. His lasting affection for the earliest scenes of his labours prompted this restless missionary to return to Minnesota in 1876. The winter again was too severe and he returned East in 1877 and spent the next 15 years in

Allegheny City, Pa., and Blue Island, Ill.

In 1892 Cluny became an independent priory with Oswald Moosemueller as its first prior. Fr. Bruno joined this new monastery of which his old friend Oswald was superior. “By this time age and the hardships of his priestly career of 36 years began to tell on Bruno’s health. The poor meals and the primitive living conditions of the new monastery were most forbidding. To relieve him somewhat, he was given the position of chaplain at St. Mary’s Hospital in La Salle Ill., which assignment he held until his sudden death in 1900. (Record).

Rev. Bruno Riss, OSU
A founder of
Saint John’s Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.
Born: Augsburg, Bavaria
Oct. 17, 1829
Professed: Latrobe, Pa.
Aug. 21, 1853
Ordained: Saint Paul, Minn.
May 17, 1856
Died: La Salle, Ill.
Feb. 2, 1900

The inscription on Rev. Riss’ gravemarker located at St. Joseph’s Parish, Peru, Ill., near St. Bede’s Abbey.

Fr. Bruno’s life was unique. Because of his missionary activity he remained away from his monasteries from the time of his ordination (1856) until his death (Scriptorium). However, St. John’s historian, Fr. Alexius describes him as a good priest, “sans reproche,” who was at the same time most energetic. His prayer life in common was very precious to him from the very beginning. In his old age Bruno reminisced about the primary place of the Divine Office:

“Although we were but three priests, worked hard and had poor fare, choir was never intermitted, even if only two priests were at home. And this exertion, I must confess, did not shorten the life

of any of us. Let the rising generation remember that the service of God does not shorten life.”

Death overtook Fr. Bruno suddenly. Although not ill, he seemed to have a presentiment of his death at 71, for a day or two before it occurred he made a general confession. On the morning of Feb. 2, 1900, Feast of Purification, he celebrated holy Mass as usual. As soon as he had finished his thanksgiving, he leaned to one side and calmly breathed forth his soul into the hands of his Maker. Truly a happy death and one worthy of the good missionary who for 36 years laboured under great hardships and often in danger of death for the salvation of souls (Obituary, Record). (His friend, Oswald, died 11 months later Jan. 10, 1901, at Cluny.

Bruno will live on in the grateful memory of the Catholics of Minnesota, who owe to him and his faithful co-labourers the beginning of the present flourishing state of Catholicity in Minnesota.

In 1903, three years after his death, many of these Catholics of Stearns County migrated to St. Peter’s Colony, in Canada, striking roots for themselves and for their faith in this virgin soil. Thus his spirit of deep faith (even if not his ‘remains’), have been imbedded in our communities.

Fr. Bruno Riss was buried in St. Joseph parish cemetery at Peru, Ill., a short distance from La Salle, Ill. St. John’s Abbey, which honours him as one of its founders, has placed a worthy memorial gravemaker on his tomb there.

(Sources: mostly from St. John’s Record, Vol. XII March 1900; Scriptorium, Vol. X 1950; and American Benedictine Review, Vol. VI No. 4 1955-56. The Record (obituary) printed the excellent portrait of Fr. Bruno, which was taken shortly after his missionary labours in Minnesota).

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

People and events around the abbey

By Martin Brodner, OSB

September — The extremely dry spring and summer also ushered in a very early completion of the harvest. Thanks to the rain from Mount Carmel Pilgrimage Sunday on, the crops filled very well, although the yield was satisfactory, but reduced by about one-third.

September renovations:

The college sports complex was undertaken first. During August the stage area was removed. The indoor work beginning in September involved



The St. Peter's gym is almost finished.

putting on a new insulated roof. In the interior the entire area is being prepared especially for indoor winter soccer. This work should be completed by mid-November. Rooms for the players are added as well as a gallery for 150 spectators.



Parishioners from St. Scholastica Parish sing to Fr. Francis on his 99th birthday.

One section in the abbey has been set aside for the care of the elder monks. This now contains a whirlpool bath. All the windows in this area have been renewed for the winter winds, after 40 years of use so far.

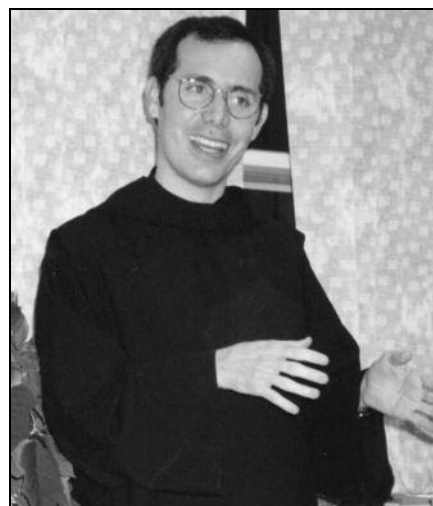
Sept. 3 — Fr. Francis Lohmer is 99 years old and is setting a new longevity record every day for the community.

Sept. 4 — The school year opened after Labour Day with Orientation Week and 100 students.

Sept. 7-9 — The Year 1 Saskatoon Diocesan Lay Formation Program has moved out to the abbey, with 39 participants starting this year. Year 2 is still being offered in Saskatoon.

Sept. 11 — Who will forget it! Terrorists rammed airplanes into both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and demolished them. The terrorists struck not only the towers, but the hearts of the entire world. We watched on TV.

Sept. 14-16 — The SADD workshop (Students Against Drinking and Driving) brought together 47 youth plus five animators.



Br. Marcelo gives his farewell speech.

Sept. 21-23 — The Saskatchewan Ukrainian Youth for Christ gathered at the abbey with 37 members. Fr. Myroslaw Tataryn was the retreat master.

Oct. 5 — We have a bishop! Fr. Albert LeGatt was ordained sixth bishop of Saskatoon Diocese in St. Patrick's Church, after a vacancy of 15 months. Many monks joined over 1,400 people for his ordination. Bishop Blaise Morand of Prince Albert, Bishop Albert's former diocese, was the ordaining bishop.

Oct. 9 — What a relief! Our water supply had been sinking from 11 feet in spring to a critical low level. Fortunately we were able to make arrangements to pipe in the Saskatchewan River water from a pipeline which had already reached to Muenster.

The working crew moved in and staked out the route for the pipeline from Muenster to the abbey.

Oct. 17 — Bishop LeGatt celebrated the eucharist for the St. Peter's Deanery at St. Augustine's Church in Humboldt, and met with the people for coffee after the celebration.

Oct. 19-21 — Two firsts happened this weekend:

The first Roman Catholic Alpha



Thanksgiving display collected and arranged by Gabriel Viveiros and Ken Mansfield. Gabriel decided later not to continue on as a candidate.

Group to come to the abbey was from Holy Spirit Church, Saskatoon.

The first Benedictine Oblate Retreat. Animated by Fr. James Gray, who reflected on prayer and Benedictine spirituality. Twenty-five Oblates were present.

Oct. 24-27 — The gym, although not completely renovated, was the meeting place for the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference. Two hundred and sixty-five people from across



Br. Francois Boulet turns on the Saskatchewan River water.

Canada with three from Japan attended this event. The conference dealt with issues facing rural communities, and had 71 speakers.

Nov. 11 — Francis Smith of Vancouver was received as an Oblate candidate at Vespers. He visited us for a month.

Nov. 14 — First SPC Career Day. About 20 displays on various colleges and careers were set up in the almost completed renovated gym.

Nov. 16 — SPC Awards Night in the Jerome Assembly Room on a gloriously mild night. Twenty-two students were presented with scholarships.

Nov. 22 — We have water! The water pipeline has been completed, the meters installed, and the Saskatchewan River water has been turned on in our taps. The water level has dropped to 7.5-ft level in our reservoir, which will be on stand-by until, hopefully, it is refilled with good spring water run-off.

Nov. 30 — A 'Blue Moon Day', ie, a second full moon in the month.

The lines were painted on the newly laid tile floor in the gym.

It was also St. Peter's Abbey Staff Appreciation supper. At the banquet several staff members were honoured for their faithful service. Viola Kuervers (kitchen) and Brenda McNabb (library),

20 years; Corie Hetzel (press) and Harry Graf (press), 10 years.

Dec. 5 — Lecture by Harry Lafond, former Cree Chief of the Muskeg Lake Reserve. Topic: Impact of Indian Treaties.

Dec. 7-9 — This was the third Lay Formation weekend, which was made special with an Advent Prayer Service prepared by the Lay Formation Team and with newly ordained Bishop Albert LeGatt presiding at the closing eucharist.

Dec. 11 — The World Youth Day Cross arrived at St. Peter's College at 7:00 p.m. About 400 youth and families of the Humboldt-Wadena area deaneries gathered in the newly renovated gym for the service honouring the Pilgrim Cross. The service was prepared and conducted by our youth. Bishop Albert LeGatt gave the reflection on the significance of the World Youth Day and the Pilgrim Cross.

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Brenda McNabb (left) and Viola Kuervers received gifts for 20 years of service.



Harry Graf (left) and Corie Hetzel are awarded for 10 years of service.

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The Cross was transported by the KCs and then taken to its last destination in the western area of the Saskatoon diocese at Kenaston, Prelate and Kindersley. The words of the jubilant hymn easily came to mind: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim!"

Dec. 11 — Congratulations to Cindy and Rick Bergermann on the birth of their son Cody. Cindy is financial secretary at the abbey.

Dec. 12 — On this feast day the provincial KCs presented a large pilgrimage print of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the abbey. Presentation was made by State Deputy Nestor Trach.

Dec. 26 — Monk's Family Day. Relatives of the monks gathered in the newly renovated gym and foyer for the customary Boxing Day sharing.



State Deputy Nestor Trach presents to Abbot Peter a print of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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John Stewart remembered

By James Gray, OSB

The monastic community was well represented at the funeral liturgy for John Stewart, 91, at St. Peter's Cathedral Nov. 13, 2001. This was in recognition of his dedicated work as a linotypist and pressman for the Prairie Messenger from 1945-1976. For many years after that he continued to assist in mailing the weekly Catholic newspaper and in various activities of St. Peter's Press.

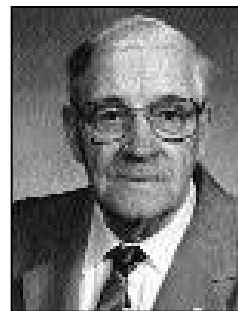
John was always a welcome visitor to many of the monks.

John's parents, John and Mary Stewart, came to Saskatchewan from Glasgow, Scotland, and settled on a farm near Dysart, where John was born June 4, 1910. Fond of animals, John was known for his skill in breaking and training horses. His love for music and dancing brought a local teacher, Anne Smith, to his attention and they were married in Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina after John took instructions as a Catholic. Four sons were born in Dysart, Dave, Jim, Bill and Ron, and later when the

family moved to Muenster, twin boys, Vic and Vince. A hockey and ball enthusiast, John now had a hockey squad of his own sons and encouraged them to excel. Twin daughters, Marion and Margaret completed the family.

After Anne died in 1977, John left his home and well-tended garden and moved into Wolverine Heights and finally into St. Mary's Villa. His Christian witness was faithful and strong.

Successive editors of the Prairie Messenger always found John competent and pleasant to work with. In those pre-computer days, type was set in hot lead, arranged in columns to be proof-read, locked into page forms and set in the pressbed. He is fondly remembered by all who knew him.



Deaths

Since the last newsletter the following have passed into eternity:

Aug. 14 — Fr. Athanase Fuchs, OSB, 86, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn..

Aug. 18 — Fr. Bernardin Patterson, OSB, 77, Newark Abbey, Newark, N.J.

Sept. 7 — Fr. Alfred Scheidler, OSB, 76, St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Ill.

Sept. 11 — Fr. Thomas Flaherty, OSB, 79, St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan.

Sept. 14 — Bertha Novecosky, Humboldt, SK. Aunt of Abbot Peter Novecosky.

Sept. 19 — John Novecosky, Humboldt, SK. Uncle of Abbot Peter Novecosky.

Oct. 2 — Fr. Everardo Ries, OSB, 87, Abadia Del Tepeyac, Bosques del Lago, Mexico.

Oct. 19 — Fr. Gall Fell, OSB, 95, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

Oct. 29 — Fr. Augustine Rottering, OSB, 96, St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kan.

Nov. 1 — Fr. Armand Gress, OSB, 90, Saint Andrew Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio.

Nov. 6 — Jean Ward, 50, Birmingham, England. Sister-in-law to Br. Thomas Ward.

Nov. 9 — Fr. Lawrence Hill, OSB, 64, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penn.

Nov. 10 — John Stewart, 91, Muenster, SK. Printer at St. Peter's Press for almost 30 years.

Nov. 24 — Sr. Cecile Gertken, OSB, 99, St. Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, Minn. Sister of deceased Abbot Severin Gertken.