

# St. Peter's Abbey Newsletter



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## A tribute to the Brodner family

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

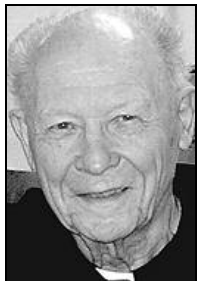
With the death of Father Martin Brodner, July 16, the end of the physical presence and work of the Brodner family has ended. However, their spirit and legacy goes on.

Brodner connections with St. Peter's Abbey began in 1929 when the pastor of the Dysart parish suggested to Martin and George Brodner, and their parents, that the two go to St. Peter's College at Muenster for high school, their being no local high schools. They began Grade 9 in September 1929.

Fr. Martin, the youngest Brodner monk and the last to die, was born Oct. 13, 1915. He and his brother George took their high school studies at St. Peter's College and together entered the Benedictine novitiate at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn. In 1935. He made his profession as a monk the following year.

Having a quick and witty mind, and loving fun, Martin was given the title "Punster from Muenster." This was due to the fact that puns were one of his favorite hobbies. A pun is the humorous use of two words having the same or similar sound, but different meanings. It is easy to imagine Martin as being one who not only made other seminary students think, but who also gave them many laughs. He made long lasting friends easily.

While in the seminary at St. John's Abbey Father Martin suffered from tuberculosis. He was sent to Fort San, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., where he remained until being released in 1943. He was ordained to the priesthood that same year, Nov. 14.



Father Martin



A Brodner get-together, from left front: Fr. George, Br. Gregory, Fr. Martin; back: Martha Bergemann (Fr. George's housekeeper), Br. John, Sr. Walburga.

For the next 20 some years Fr. Martin taught grades 9 and 10 religion, hygiene, physics and French, chiefly at St. Peter's College high school. Having been appointed parish assistant at Bruno, he also was chaplain at the Ursuline Academy, and did some teaching. Most of that time he traveled back and forth from the abbey on the CNR passenger train.

For four years in the '60s Fr. Martin was chaplain at the Benedictine Academy in Winnipeg. Next he was parish assistant in Humboldt, then pastor at Muenster, living at the abbey. His next assignment was parish assistant for the Bruno, Peterson and Carmel parishes, after which he was pastor at Bruno. It was from there that he retired to the abbey in 1993.

While at the abbey Fr. Martin had two hip surgeries and suffered from a bout of cancer in the mouth and throat. He recovered quite well in every case. However, for the last few years he walked with two

canes, happy to be able to walk.

After the death of Fr. Philip Loehr, April 23, 1997, Fr. Martin was given charge of the abbey archives. This became his delight. His knowledge of languages, English, German, French and Latin were invaluable. His mind was sound to the very end. He had a good idea of what was in the archives and was ever willing to help people who were looking for information from bygone years. He also took his turn at the abbey front desk and telephone.

Fr. Martin retained his good singing voice to the very end. He was one of the mainstays in our daily monastic chanting. Fr. Martin died peacefully July 16 at the age of 91.

The oldest Brodner monk, Gregory, born in 1905 and No. six in the family of 15 children, was helping on the farm at home in 1929. Wondering what to do

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# A message from Abbot Peter's desk

Dear friends of St. Peter's Abbey,

Another year has gone by. We are already eight years into the new millennium. Where does the time go? we ask. And Christmas is just around the corner.

The work pace slows down at the abbey in many aspects for the Christmas season. The College and Press go into shutdown mode for a week or more. The Guestwing has no large groups; but individuals like to spend some time here during the Christmas season to soak in some prayer time and quiet time — not to mention feeding the chickadees who are constantly hungry for peanuts or sunflower seeds.

Since the last newsletter, we lost one monk — Fr. Martin Brodner. He was the last of four Brodner brothers who spent many years at St. Peter's. Fr. Werner has written the cover story on the Brodners.

We also gained a new candidate — Paul Mullin of Toronto. He joins our other people in formation: Br. Mathew, as novice; and Brs. Pierre and Pius as juniors. This "formation team" led by Br. Kurt has taken on the challenge of cooking on Sundays quite regularly, and they are doing a very good job at it. The community is even getting to try some new food.

One of the events I went to this past summer was the General Chapter of the American Cassinese Congregation, held at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kansas. This is a meeting of abbots and a delegate from each monastery. Fr. Lawrence DeMong was elected as our delegate. We meet every three years to discuss issues of common concern. A main topic of discussion this year was sexuality. Presentations were made by a Patristic scholar and by a priest psychologist. A presentation was also made by an organization that helps religious communities foster good celibate relationships.

I am grateful once again to Peter Goddard who has contributed an article in this issue on planned giving — charitable giving on page 3. He points out that there can be tax advantages to donating a life insurance policy to a charity like St. Peter's Abbey. This may appeal to some readers of this newsletter. In our last issue, he noted that changes were made in the 2006 federal budget that gives a tax break to people who donate marketable shares. These changes are meant to give a benefit to both



*Fr. Lawrence DeMong and Abbot Peter attended the June 2007 General Chapter at Atchison, Kansas.*

the donor and to the charitable institution. We want to make our readers aware of some of these new donations options.

St. Peter's Abbey is raising funds in four different areas.

We have the Eldercare Fund, which is used to support our elderly monks. This helps us to provide some needed equipment and enhance their quality of life. Some of the major expenditures we are looking at right now are a major repair to the abbey elevator, for which parts are no longer available, and the replacement of a lift that has served us for about 30 years.

The abbey itself is doing some renovations to make it more environmentally friendly. Pope Benedict XVI has been stressing this a lot in the past year. We completed the project of replacing all the windows in the abbey. This has made a huge difference. However, energy experts tell us that the walls of our monastery also need insulation. This winter Br. Wolfgang has started the project of adding about a foot of insulation inside the monastic rooms. This will take several years to complete, but it should start reducing our fuel consumption immediately. We also plan to replace all the windows in our dining room this winter.

A third fund the abbey has established is the Guestwing fund. This is being used to renovate and enhance the guestwing which was built 45 years ago. We have

recently replaced all the windows of the top floor and plan to replace those on the lower floor this winter.

The fourth fund the abbey has is the Prairie Messenger Sustaining Fund. This is used to help cover the costs of publishing the Catholic weekly centred here in Muenster. We have a database of donors who are very generous every year.

St. Peter's College is also raising funds to renovate St. Michael's Hall and enhance the university programs offered here. In recent years major projects included renovating the gymnasium and adding a fire sprinkling system on all floors of the College building.

I must take this opportunity to thank all those who have been generous in their donations to our various apostolates. If the Lord has been generous with you, we appreciate the fact that you can share some of that with us. And if the government provides an extra incentive through a tax break, we want to share that information with you too.

Without your help, we wouldn't be able to provide the services that we now do. We hope that our presence here on the Prairies adds a little extra to those who spend time here.

At Christmas, we remember that in the short time he spent on earth, Jesus did more than add a little extra for all of us. His presence among us has made all the difference.

# Three ways to donate insurance policy

By Peter Goddard, Certified financial planner, Elder Planning Counselor

In the normal course of events, thousands of Canadians will find themselves owning a life insurance policy that has been in place for years to fund various shortfalls in their financial lives. It could have been put in place to fund family needs in case of an early death, or as a requirement for a loan such as a mortgage or some other capital expenditure that now has been paid for. In any case, the need for this policy has now disappeared. Many other Canadians want to support a favorite charity either now or for its future capital needs. Using an insurance policy can be of great benefit.

*If you so wish, you may donate an insurance policy or make a charitable organization a beneficiary of an insurance policy and enjoy a sizeable tax reduction for doing so. There are three main ways to donate an insurance policy.*

1. *Donate a policy that is no longer needed to fund a monetary shortfall. By donating this policy to a charitable institution you will receive a tax receipt for the full surrender value plus any accumulated dividends in the year you make*

the donation. In addition, if the policy is not fully paid up and you continue to make the premium payments, you will receive a receipt for those as well for each year you continue to make the payments.

2. *Donate a paid up policy.* If this policy is not needed you can donate it to your favorite charity or charitable organization, such as a church, and receive a receipt for the full surrender value plus any accumulated dividends.

Purchase a new policy for your charitable organization or institution of your choice. There are two main benefits to this type of strategy. You may receive an annual charitable receipt for the premiums you pay until the policy is fully paid up or, you can name the charitable organization as the beneficiary to receive the face value of the policy upon your death. You will either receive an annual receipt to offset taxes now or a rather sizeable receipt when the policy is “paid out” to the beneficiary (full face value) when you pass on.

When you donate a policy, the charitable institution becomes the owner and you give up the right to change the beneficiary of the policy. If you make the annual payments on a new policy that

you donate to a charitable institute, you will receive an annual receipt for the payment but will not receive a receipt for the face value upon your death. Depending on your need for immediate tax relief or tax relief at the time of your passing (capital gains offset) you may wish to remain as the owner and make the charitable institution the beneficiary instead of donating the policy. Check with your advisor!

Any value of an insurance policy is diminished by any outstanding loans on that policy!

It is important that you make sure that the charitable organization you donate to, in any manner, be a registered charity with a registered charitable number (through CRA) and that you are certain that they are the charity you wish to support. Remember, once you donate a policy, the charitable institution becomes the “New Owner” and you can not hold any power of decision over the purpose or use of that policy.

As always, please check with your tax, legal or financial advisor before initiating any financial or tax strategy. Every Province has different tax laws and not all strategies discussed in these articles may apply to you.



*Br. Wolfgang prepares an inside wall for insulation in the abbey.*

## Weather is both hot and cold

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

July was mostly hot and dry. Since there was ample moisture in the ground from June rains, the garden vegetables and grain in the fields grew rapidly. Our new Saskatoon berry patch yielded some fruit, but our raspberry crop was excellent. Some of the wheat, oats and barley heads suffered from the dry temperature, but the corn seemed to glory in the heat.

Almost to the day, there was a change in the weather with August. The temperature was cooler and there were occasional rain showers, some accompanied by thunder and lightning at night. Outlying areas reported hail, but we had none here. September too was fairly cool and wet. Some crops were harvested in early September or late August. Most crops had to wait till the end of the month and October. All got harvested in due time.

The potato crop was very good and we got them out dry in mid September. We had enough for our own use and for a number of people and institutions in the area. In general, our garden produced quite well.

October was rather pleasant. We had the occasional little rain shower, light frost and a few snow flakes that quickly melted.

With November a little snow fell that remained where it was in the shade and among trees.

As the Saskatchewan Roughriders won the Grey Cup Nov. 25, for the first time since 1989, a deep freeze settled in, lasting till the end of the month and into December. The temperatures occasionally dropped to minus 30 C. Newspaper reports stated that November was the coldest on record for a number of years

# People and events around the abbey

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

July highlights were the two annual choir camps, July 1 - 16. The camps run from Sunday evening till Saturday evening. Abbey members are invited to the rehearsal Friday evening and the public performance is given Saturday afternoon in our beautiful St. Peter's Cathedral, north of the abbey.

The camp conductor this year was Heather Johnson from Edmonton. Sixty children attended the senior camp and 55 attended the junior camp. Again, many more young girls attended the camps than boys. A few very young children became homesick while here, but for all of them this was a happy, worthwhile learning experience.

July 28 - Aug. 2 — Associate Oblate Director Ken Mansfield attended the 2007 Biennial Meeting of North American Association of Benedictine Oblates Directors at St. Martin's Abbey in Lacey, Wash.

At the Saskatoon Diocesan Eucharistic Congress held in Saskatoon Oct. 26 - 28, Fr. Lawrence DeMong spoke on The Eucharist and Ecology.

Oct. 26 - 28 — Fr. Werner attended the Canadian Secretariat meeting of World-Wide Marriage Encounter in Montreal. He and a married couple from Saskatoon represented Saskatchewan and Manitoba at the meeting.



A culvert was installed on the road leading to the abbey.

Oct. 26 — Installation of the six-ft. culvert on the road leading to the abbey began. It was a big job requiring several days.



Father Don Leonard, oblate

Father Don Leonard made his Final Oblation on Oct. 28 during his annual priest retreat which he made here at St. Peter's Abbey. Don is a diocesan priest from St. George's Diocese in Western Newfoundland and Labrador, which is under Bishop Doug Crosby.

Don was received as an Oblate candidate while visiting the abbey several years prior to being a priest. He was a married man, has six grown children and worked as a high school chemistry teacher until he retired. Don's wife passed away from breast cancer. Shortly after her passing Don went to a second career seminary at Queen of the Apostles in Connecticut.

After a few years of study along with his previous educational background and experience it was decided by his bishop that he was ready to be ordained a priest. Don was ordained in the summer of 2006.



Peter Froess, Bro. Basil and Neil Adams moving a shed used to house plastics, etc., to be shipped for recycling later.

One other note to add is that Don was also diagnosed with cancer before his wife and has had palliative surgery. Don continues to beat the odds. Presently, he is the hospital chaplain at Western Memorial hospital in Corner Brook, Nfld.

Oct. 29 — Fathers Demetrius Wasylyniuk and Paul Paproski were guest speakers to some 30 university students in Saskatoon at "Theology on Tap," a theological discussion series aimed at young adults. Their topic was making moral decisions in contemporary culture.

In early November Bro. Wolfgang Thiem began building false walls in a number of second floor monastic rooms. It had been determined that considerable heat was being lost through the brick and only slightly insulated walls. He had done one room a year earlier with seeming great success.



Eric Maier from Winnipeg arrived Nov. 12 as a live-in.

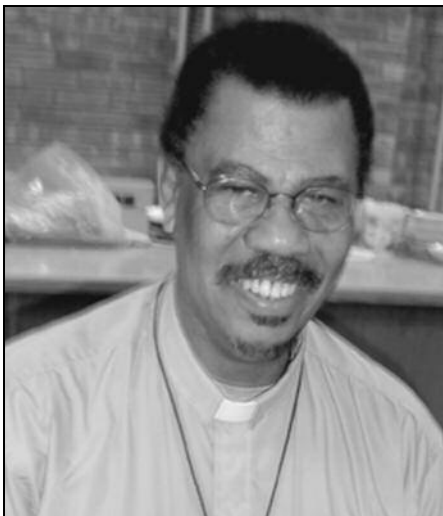
Nov. 18 — Saskatoon and Prince Albert Vietnamese community celebrated the memorial of the Vietnamese martyrs in St. Peter the Apostle Church, Saskatoon. The actual feast of the Vietnamese martyrs is Nov. 24. In the 16th century Christian missionaries went to live among the people of Vietnam. From the 17th to 19th centuries some 130,000 Christians were martyred. Fathers Andrew Dung-Lac and Peter Thi were beheaded Dec. 21, 1839. In June 1988 Pope John Paul II declared 117 Vietnamese martyrs saints of the Church.

Mass followed, celebrated by three Vietnamese priests. Organ and flute accompanied the beautiful singing and liturgy in the Vietnamese language.



Bros. Anthony and Mathew who took part in the Saskatoon celebration. The top picture is of Mary and the child Jesus, given to St. Peter's Abbey by the Saskatoon Vietnamese. The bottom picture, representing some of the many martyrs, is a replica of the large picture used in the procession within St. Peter the Apostle church.

Rev. F. Carlos Roberts, rector of St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Saskatoon, spent a few days with us as our guest.



*Rev. F. Carlos Roberts*

Nov. 23 - 25 — Fr. Demetrius served as the priest on the Engaged Encounter weekend at Lumsden. Twenty-four couples attended the sessions.

Nov. 26 - 28 — Making their retreat at the abbey were five deacons from the Prince Albert Diocese: Thay Tuan, Thay



*Thay Tuan, Thay Tru, Tahi Manh, Quang Cuong Loung and Francis Agbezuge of Prince Albert spent several days at the abbey to make their diaconate retreat, led by Frs. Demetrius and Paul.*

Tru, Tahi Manh, Quang Cuong Loung and Francis Agbezuge. Frs. Demetrius and Paul were retreat masters.

Nov. 26 — Abbot Peter appointed Fr. Leo as abbey archivist, the position held by Fr. Martin till he died. Fr. Leo is part-time resident at the abbey and part time in his rectory at Watson where, along with Fr. Paul Paproski, they serve Watson, Englefeld and St. Gregor parishes.

Having partially recovered from his recent sickness, Fr. Leo intends to spend the latter part of the week at the Watson rectory, have morning Masses in the Senior Citizen's Manor and Nursing Home Thursday and Friday and then celebrate the Sunday Mass. Because Fr. Paul intends to return to university next fall, the bishop has been informed that changes need to be made in the parishes next year.

Nov. 30 — St. Peter's College hosted a banquet in the Jerome Assembly room



*Fr. Leo is the abbey archivist.*

for faculty, family members and abbey members. A corner with toys was enjoyed by the little children. Later St. Nicholas (Bro. Pius) came to entertain, tell stories and give gifts to the children.



*Bro. Pius entertains children of college staff before handing out presents.*

# Bro. Kurt heads up provincial organic group

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

Brother Kurt Van Kuren was elected president of the Saskatchewan Organic Directors Association on March 24. This association represents organic-minded people right across the farming area of Saskatchewan, wherever crops grow. Because of distances involved, only two joint meetings are held a year. Other business is handled by e-mail or teleconference.

The Organic Crop Improvement Association (OAIC) is the main group. Because there have been, and are, a number of smaller independent organizations, it was decided to team up so that one voice can speak for all of them, since all want much the same thing. This voice will be far stronger than many voices, sometimes at cross purposes.

Fortunately, the Saskatchewan government has been very supportive of market driven forces in the past, and many people lauded this approach. They



*Bro. Kurt, president of the Saskatchewan Organic Directors Association.*

wanted the organic people to get their act together. It remains to be seen what stance the new government takes with producers wanting to promote organic food products.

There has been some commerce between Canadian organic growers and

the United States market. However, they have their own organic growers' associations and access to their market is limited.

At present, the focus of the Saskatchewan Organic Association is on Europe and Japan. They are looking for certified organic fruit, vegetables and meat. They are particularly interested in whatever our First Nations people produce organically. Here is a real potential for growth. Meet Japanese standards, and at present there is a large market waiting.

When Bro. Kurt's name was proposed as president, he said, "You will be hiring a Benedictine monk. When I will be speaking in public, I'll speak as a Benedictine monk with emphasis on organic and ethics. The Benedictine Order goes back about 1,500 years. Traditionally Benedictines have been interested in improved quality of food and sustainable agriculture. We at St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, would like to keep up this tradition, along with other producers of the same mind."

## Abbey monks pitch in to help prepare daily meals

By Werner Renneberg, OSB

In the past nearly all kitchen work was done by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth and later by local lay women. Because of a smaller and aging community, and less people earning money, changes have been made to cut expenses.

At one time there were some dozen pastors receiving salaries; now there are only five; a number of monks taught in high school and university; now there are only two; We kept hogs and chickens; we had a herd of beef cattle and another herd of milk cows. Because we had no one to care for these operations, they ceased. Most of our farm land is rented out because we have no farm manager in the community. Recent members joining the abbey have little or no farm experience, but are proficient in other ways.

We still have a few ladies working in the kitchen but have discovered that a number of monks, novices and candidates are adept cooks. All, including older monks, are great for washing pots, pans and dishes, as the following pictures show.



*Bros. Kurt and Anthony: bakers, cooks and dishwashers.*



*Paul Mullin: yogurt maker and cook.*



*Bro. Pius: expert cook*



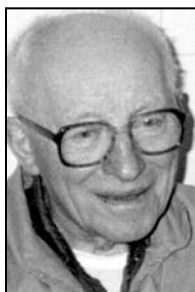
*Bro. Pierre: preparing delicious squash.*

# Brodner family leaves legacy at abbey

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with his life, he was jolted when, while crossing a rough plank bridge to fetch trees for the stoves in winter, he read a sign on the bridge railings that said: "Where will you spend your eternity?" That really set him thinking.

He had numerous questions to ask George and Martin when they came home after their first year at St. Peter's. He said, "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, 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.



*Bro. Gregory*

I soon entered the novitiate and later made simple vows."

For 15 years Bro. Gregory worked on the abbey farm. He was handy with machinery, and was a great asset. Later he was put in charge of the heating system and the power house with its three rather large diesel engines. Here he had to learn the mystery of electricity, heating, plumbing and sewage. He became efficient in all of these. He had only a modest amount of book learning, but knew how to use his power of observing, and his skill at what questions to ask experts.

Bro. Gregory was a friendly man who, as long as he could, enjoyed being out in the corn patch, meeting people buying corn, as well as helping them find the very best cobs.

During his last few years Bro. Gregory was unable to walk. On a three-wheel scooter, he regularly attended abbey functions, especially the morning Mass and regular daily prayers. Our grand old monk died quietly at the abbey, at the age of 100 years and three months.

Bro. John was the second Brodner to join the abbey. Born in 1907, he came to the abbey in 1931 and made his profession July

3, 1933. A tall, friendly man, he was as adept with machinery as his older brother Gregory, and could fill in wherever necessary.

For many years Bro. John was Father Xavier's right hand man in the orchard and garden, keeping Fr. Xavier's Minneapolis tractor and various pieces of equipment in good repair.

Bro. John was extremely helpful at the complicated solemn and pontifical Masses we had at those times, particularly during Holy Week. He studied the ceremonies and was right there to see that all the ministers and servers did their duty.

For many years he was the abbey barber. Getting a haircut also meant a friendly visit with a dedicated monk and man of God. He died April 29, 1990.

The fourth Brodner monk was George. Born April 4, 1914, he was the No. 11 child.

"Dad talked to our pastor, a diocesan priest, Fr. Charles Falk, about high school," he said. "He had gone to a Benedictine school in Switzerland. He told Dad there was a Benedictine monastery nearby in Saskatchewan. Fr. Falk, Dad and (my brother) Matt drove to Muenster to inspect the place. When they came back they told me that Martin and I were going to Muenster (pronounced "Minster" in German). I looked on a map and all I could find was Lloydminster. I thought we were going there.

"At the time I had no thought of becoming a Benedictine monk or priest. I thought I would get a high school education and look for a job in Regina.

"It was in Grade 11 that I first thought of becoming a Benedictine monk and priest.

"After second year arts at St. Peter's College, Martin, Philip Loehr and I traveled by train to St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., for our novitiate, two years of philosophy and four years of theology. We never came home during those years. I pronounced my solemn vows as a Benedictine monk at St. John's and was also given minor orders and ordained sub-deacon and deacon in the States.

"I returned to Muenster for my ordination. I was ordained on May 30, 1942, by Bishop Guy of Gravelbourg."

Fr. George then taught at the abbey high



*Bro. John*

school, replaced Fr. Aloysius Herriges as manager of the press and helped Fr. Dominic, pastor of Humboldt, on weekends.

Fr. George soon established a reputation of being a good organizer. He was put in charge of the Children of Mary in Humboldt. He planned many pleasant activities, which were enjoyed by the young people and appreciated by the parents

While assistant in Humboldt, Fr. George was instrumental in beginning St. Mary's Villa, a home for the chronically sick, the elderly and handicapped.

In 1948 Fr. George was sent to Watson as pastor where he also cared for LeRoy and Romance parishes. In 1953 he took charge of building the present Watson church. Until then, it had been a basement church. He organized helpers to do much of the carpentry work, along with himself, under the supervision of a contractor — saving considerable money for the parish.

Marysburg and Pilger were Fr. George's next assignments. Here he built the rectory at Pilger but only lived there a short time before he was called back to the abbey to take charge of finances when the abbey began its building expansion programs.

Always an active promoter of the Catholic Women's League, Fr. George served a term as diocesan director and later as the provincial director of the CWL.

Next, Fr. George went to Naicam where he "built a new rectory and enlarged the church.

"When I was asked to retire to the abbey at Muenster because of old age and sickness," he said, "I packed it in. I took it for granted that the abbey was my home. It didn't bother me to move.

"My advice to young and old is: 'Put your heart and soul into all that you do. Don't be half-hearted. Put your full effort into what you do.'"

Fr. George suffered from uncontrollable diabetes and related diseases. He died peacefully at the abbey Aug. 31, 2004.

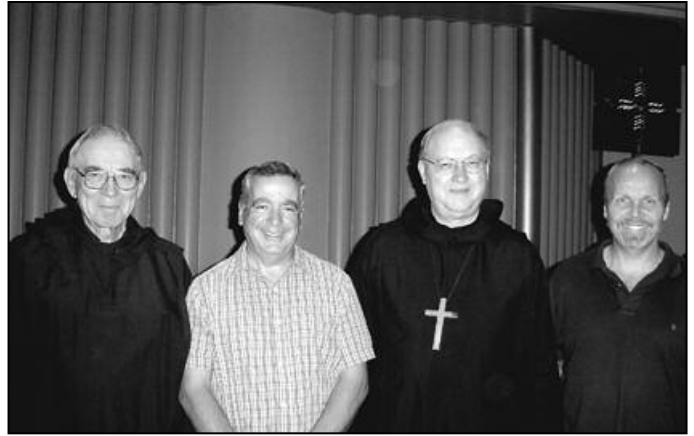
It is our hope that the legacy of the Brodnors will live on at St. Peter's Abbey. Each, in their own ways, made the world a better place.



*Father George*



*Labour Day weekend is the annual time for picking potatoes.*



*Mickey Huey from Nova Scotia became an oblate candidate on Oct. 14.*



*Anne Strachan from British Columbia became an oblate on Aug. 27.*



*The Weber family is honored in this stained glass window in Room 101 at St. Peter's College.*

## Deaths: remember the faithful departed

Since the last newsletter the following have passed into eternity:

**May 9** — Fr. Michael Collins, OSB, St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, N.J.

**June 1** — Pauline Langen, Oblate St. Peter's Abbey, Humboldt, Sask.

**June 27** — Br. Linus Ascheman, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**July 12** — Fr. Angelo Zankl, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

**July 16** — Fr. Martin Brodner, OSB, St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, Sask.

**Aug. 4** — Fr. Malachy McPadden, OSB, St. Mary's Abbey, Newark N.J.

**Aug. 27** — Marie Schofield, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, Sask.

**Sept. 5** — Fr. Raphael Stovik, OSB, Assumption Abbey, Richardson, N.D.

**Sept. 15** — Margaret Hofmann, sister of Fr. James Gray, OSB, Calgary, Alta.

**Oct. 4** — Claude Pitzel, father of Bro. Neil Pitzel, OSB, Regina Sask.

**Oct. 4** — Fr. Paschal Baumstein, OSB, Belmont Abbey, Belmont, N.C.

**Oct. 30** — Rev. David Hoffman, Oblate, St. Peter's Abbey, Regina, Sask.

**Oct. 29** — Fr. Wilfrid Splonskowski, OSB, Assumption Abbey, Richardson, N.D.

**Nov. 9** — Al Gerwing, Oblate, Lake Lenore, Sask.

**Dec. 2** — Joseph Hinz, brother of Fr. Leo Hinz, OSB, Humboldt, Sask.

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