

The ABA Update



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Autumn Colors

It's hard to believe that autumn is already upon us, and the gorgeous colors of fall will bless us before winter prepares nature for a new season of growth.

In the midst of the beauty around us, nature continues to cause amazing devastation. Hurricane Ian ripped through Florida, with death and destruction in its wake, before moving northward along the Atlantic coast. Remember all those impacted by the storms in prayer, including on the island of Puerto Rico, Cuba and Haiti.

Another call for prayer involves the continuing violence in Ukraine. The news that Russian President Vladimir Putin is conscripting as many as 300,000 soldiers from among the civilians in the country is forcing many to flee rather than engage in a nonsensical invasion.

Monday, October 11, usually known as Columbus Day, is now celebrated in many localities as Indigenous People's Day. This, while the Vatican continues to work on a statement rejecting the Doctrine of Discovery. As Benedictines have endeavored to respect all peoples as Christ through the centuries, may equality between cultures become a reality.

In true Benedictine fashion, migrants who have been shipped from Texas and Florida to northern cities are being welcomed and assisted to make new lives for themselves. Even in the darkest times, a glimmer of hope remains.

Here's a reminder that the Terrence G. Kardong Monastic Studies Grant is available to those engaged in monastic learning and research projects. Details on how to apply are listed on the ABA website: <https://americanbenedictine.org/grants-awards>

Peace!

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