Current Projects

**Hugh Feiss, OSB** writes: "I organized and contributed to an online session at Kalamazoo on how medieval Benedictine monasteries were able to handle crises. For the session I delivered a paper on the Abbey of Petershausen...● The ABA session for next May [2023] at Kalamazoo (in person) is about Benedictine balance between work, liturgical prayer and reading. What is the evidence about such a balance in medieval Benedictine monasteries? If any researchers would like to submit a paper for the session, we would love to have your contribution. ● Benedictine Reader 2: 1530 -1930 is now at Liturgical Press for typesetting. Greg Peters, Jacob Riyeff, S. Colleen Maura McGrane, and S. Ephrem Hollermann have chapters in it. ● I am working on a book on the Tabernacle in the biblical exegesis of Richard of St. Victor, or maybe better, Richard's approach to the Bible as illustrated by his commentaries on the Tabernacle of Moses."

**Kathleen Norris, OblSB** reports as follows: "I continue to write for Give Us This Day, and also an e-newsletter about film, "Soul Telegram," which is now issued weekly rather than bi-weekly. My recent articles have been on Iranian cinema, and films set in or about Ukraine." issued weekly rather than bi-weekly. My recent articles have been on Iranian cinema, and films set in or about Ukraine."

**Aaron Raverty, OSB** continues to write feature articles for The Abbey Banner of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville. His recent article entitled "The Ortmann Benedicitions" reports that the Ortmann families that settled in central Minnesota, beginning in the nineteenth century were exemplars of their German Catholic heritage and faithfully provided a trio of Benedictine priests—Fathers Anselm, Odilo, and Cyril—to serve the people of God. Their varied ministries issued from their monastic and priestly commitments to Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, and Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon.

**Judith Valente, OblSB** writes that she was "honored to be one of two people asked to respond to the keynote addresses at the June 2022 colloquium marking the 150th anniversary of the St. Scholastica Federation of monasteries." ● In July, she was elected to the board of the American Benedictine Academy. ● Judith's article "Humor Can Evangelize: Why Don't Priests Use It Well?" on using humor from the pulpit appeared in the May 2022 issue of U.S. Catholic magazine. ● Judith also reports that she has nearly completed her manuscript on what Americans can learn from Italians about living a more contemplative life, based on her many stays in Italy. She will guide a contemplative-cultural-culinary pilgrimage-retreat to little-known Benedictine sites in the Italian region of Abruzzo May 17-30, 2023. For more information on the Italy retreat please contact Judith at JValente17@msn.com

**Greg Peters, OblSB**, spent several weeks in residence at St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, in May writing a paper on the history and theology of Anglican episcopacy for an upcoming meeting of the Anglican Church in North America-Roman Catholic Church ecumenical dialogue. He is currently revising his paper "Bare ruined choirs?: The Death and Life of Anglican Monasticism" for publication and will be giving a retreat on Bernard of Clairvaux's On Loving God at St. Andrew's Abbey, Valermo, CA.

**Tom Piazza** has an article on "Regional Trends in Benedictine Monasticism" that will appear in the September issue of the ABR. He is also working...
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on an article on membership trends among Benedictine monks in Brazil.

**John Glasenapp, OSB** has accepted a one-year teaching position at Saint Anselm College (NH) teaching music history and a section of their first-year undergraduate Humanities Core called "Conversatio."

**Jeana Visel, OSB** reports: "I have been asked to teach our two incoming postulants community history this fall. Ultimately, I’ve been asked to use archival research and other sources to write a new, more scholarly book about the history of Monastery Immaculate Conception and the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana. Here’s hoping we see the project to completion!"

**Jacob Ryleff, OblSB** writes: "I offered a retreat with Fr. Cyprian Consiglio at New Camaldoli in Big Sur entitled "Soul and Spirit, Joints and Marrow: Models of Integral Contemplative Anthropology" in July. I am also currently preparing a book manuscript based in the same ideas, namely monastic wisdom regarding how integral the body and soul are in the spiritual life. My chapter on Dame Gertrude More will also be appearing in Cistercian Publications’ A Benedictine Reader, Vol 2 in the coming months. And, in addition to many individual poems published, my second collection of poems, Be Radiant: A Sonata Poem, is now under contract with Fernwood Press."

**Ephrem Hollermann, OSB** has completed her book on the history of the first Benedictine monastery of women in North America.

The Federation of St. Scholastica, as the entity that commissioned her to write it, holds the copyright. The president and council agreed to use online publishing with the print on demand feature. Like A Mustard Seed is available for purchase at this site: [https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/ephrem-rita-hollermann/like-a-mustard-seed/paperback/product-wnj82d.html?](https://www.lulu.com/en/us/shop/ephrem-rita-hollermann/like-a-mustard-seed/paperback/product-wnj82d.html?)

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Presentations

Feiss, Hugh, OSB. “Networks and Resilience: Petershausen Abbey, 983-1164,” International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-14, 2022 (online).


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“Saints and Sainthood,” The Dead Theologians Society, Auburn, CA.

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