



The Secretary's Pen

A Blog for the American Benedictine Academy

Of Links and Details

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This initial blog will serve as a brief introduction, as well as outlining some plans to add useful information to the ABA website.

When I joined the ABA last year, I'd just started a new job as social media and digital communications manager with the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas. It wasn't my first exposure to the Benedictines - in fact, over the course of more than 30 years, I've visited many monasteries across the country, spending time on retreat or just interacting with the monks and nuns. In addition to my current duties, I also do a bit of long-distance volunteering for St. Placid Priory, Lacey, Washington, and the Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, Idaho (where I'm also an Oblate). A number of Benedictine communications personnel from various communities meet quarterly via Zoom, and I've become the chair for that group.

Being Executive Secretary for the ABA is a honor for me. I hope to use skills acquired through decades of work in the public sector (journalism, accounting and much, much more) to enable the president and vice president do what they do best.

Which brings me to the website. I've already begun updating the pages, and will continue to do so. This blog will run bi-weekly or, at minimum, once a month, and feature the latest information that will be of use to the members.

Sort of in collaboration with the project "Being Benedictine in the 21st Century" - organized by ABA members Linda Romey, OSB, Judith Sutera, OSB, and Oblate Judith Valente - a new page of the website will be dedicated to links for resources. Those links will include publications, monasteries/abbeys/priories, retreat centers and so forth.

Please, send me the links that you find useful, and I will include them!

Enough for now.

Peace!

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