



The Secretary's Pen

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And so, into summer...

May was a busy month, but not just work-related. Mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, have left the country reeling – just two of more than 200 mass shootings so far this year. All Benedictine monasteries are keeping the victims and their loved ones in prayer, and looking toward efforts by elected officials to take action to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

The decision was made to switch the 2022 ABA Convention to a virtual format, via Zoom, on July 9. With travel costs rising dramatically, and so many organizations holding their “catch up” gatherings in person this summer – after the long delay caused by COVID-19 – it just made more sense to let our speakers make their presentations online.

The schedule and speaker list can be found here on the website.

The registration fee for the convention has been waived, as well. Anyone wishing to view the speakers need just email me and you'll receive the links when they are set up.

The next American Monastic Newsletter will be sent to ABA members in the coming weeks. Be sure to read about the nominees for board vacancies and vice president, to familiarize yourselves with the candidates. The vote will be taken during the members-only Zoom business meeting scheduled for the afternoon of July 9.

Peace!

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