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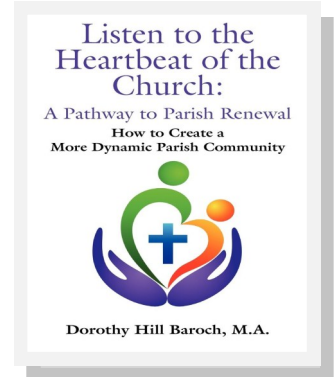
**Dorothy Baroch, ObISB** from Leavenworth, WA, writes: "In 2007, I received an ABA monastic studies research grant and submitted a report of my findings about visitation to the Academy. I was asked to write a summary of the report for the *American Monastic Newsletter*. Excerpts from the report appear in my first book, *Listen to the Heartbeat of the Church: A Pathway to Parish Renewal*, released at the end of January. *Listen to the Heartbeat of the Church* resurrects the concept of visitation in parishes and dioceses. For more information about the book: [www.DorothyBaroch.com](http://www.DorothyBaroch.com). Completing this project has been a long journey, during which my family, friends, and colleagues have prayed for me and cheered me on! I am especially grateful to the sisters of Queen of Angels Monastery in Mt. Angel and to my oblate community for their prayers and support. I am associated with Queen of Angels, even though I live in North Central Washington, more than 300 miles away. I visit the monastery once or twice a year, usually for an extended period, and serve as editor of our Oblate Newsletter. In addition, I am a freelance writer, with articles published in secular and religious magazines."

**Julia Upton, RSM**, Oblate of Mount Savior, NY, writes: "My wonderful sabbatical continues. I have just passed the halfway mark and rejoice that I have another six months to go. I have continued blogging at [https://tjohns.digication.com/julia\\_upton\\_rsm/My\\_Travels](https://tjohns.digication.com/julia_upton_rsm/My_Travels) if you want to join me on the journey.

- I am currently at the Studium at St. Benedict Monastery, a heavenly place to live and work. My goal is to leave here on April 15<sup>th</sup> with a good first draft of a biography of Ade Bethune.
- I wondered initially if that would be achievable or yet another of my unrealistic expectations. After 3 weeks here, though, I believe I will indeed be able to meet my target. In addition to the biography, I am also completing a chapter for *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, a book marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the document, focused on what is still to be achieved 50 years after the constitution's publication. Most of the authors are from Australasia, but there are a few from the US as well.
- Last year I was involved in preparations for the implementation of the English translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, giving many talks locally and nationally. Perhaps that was because I was a consultant to the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship in

the United States (2007-2010) or because I was one of those who were featured in the interactive DVD, *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ: Deepening Our Understanding of the Eucharist in Our Lives*, commissioned by ICEL under the leadership of Archbishop Arthur Roche. For whatever reason, it gave me a privileged place from which to help revitalize the reform.

- This academic year I have had the opportunity of experiencing the results in the pews while traveling around much of the English-speaking world on my sabbatical. At this summer's meeting of the Societas Liturgica in Wurzburg, Germany, therefore, I will be presenting a paper, "Around the World with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal" which summarizes and reflects on what I have experienced and learned from praying with post-Vatican II communities around the English-speaking world."





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## CURRENT PROJECTS CONT.

**Terrence Kardong, OSB**, Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND, points out a new periodical that is worth looking into. *Dilatato Corde*, he reports, "is the title, which refers to the "expanded heart" of RB Prol 49. Indeed, this periodical is based on just such a heart, for it deals with the whole interface between Christianity and the other religions. Fr. William Skudlarek, OSB, is the editor, and he has assembled a very impressive collection of items for this first issue. Actually, the volume of about 250 pages is only a part of the first year's collection, all of which is available online. Not all of the articles are in English, but about three fourths of them are. I am not personally involved with this kind of dialogue, but even I can appreciate the quality of these articles. Most of them are highly personal, and very far indeed from the dry and boring jargon of a lot of official statements on ecumenism. I would highly recommend

that anyone who wants to obtain some fine reading in this area check the internet for information on *Dilatato Corde* [www.dimmid.org](http://www.dimmid.org)

**Hugh Feiss, OSB**, Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, ID reports: " We are finishing up the fourth volume (of ten) in the series Victorine Texts in Translation (Brepols and New City Press), and in various stages of subsequent volumes. It has been a rewarding project. In many ways, the twelfth-century Victorines were closer to modern Benedictines than were their Cluniac and Cistercian (and Savigniac!) contemporaries.

•My friends Ron Pepin and Maureen O'Brien and I have sent our volume of translations of four vitae of monks from twelfth-century Savigny to the publishers.

**Timothy Joyce, OSB**, Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA, writes: "You might call this research on pilgrimage. I undertook a shortened, eighty mile walk in Spain on the medieval

Camino de Santiago de Compostela (Way of St. James) in early November. This was an intensely physical undertaking, walking twelve to eighteen miles each day, often through rain, including a thunder storm and hailstones. But it was also intensely spiritual. It was totally living in the now with no sense of time, just the call to put one foot in front of another. It was a bodily experience, feeling soaked in sweat under my clothing and often soaked with rain on the exterior. It was very personal and individual; no one else could place my next step on the trail, But it was also very communitarian as I felt supported by others along the way. We shared laughs, prayer, meals and also, at times, some bodily pain. It was at times solitary and at times very social. Arriving in Santiago was a deeply emotional experience, feeling joy, relief and gratitude. In all, it was one of the richest experiences of my life."



Adalbert de Vogüé

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From Hugh Feiss, OSB:** The ABA session at the International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo will be in honor of Adalbert de Vogüé and will include papers by Fr. Terrence Kardong, OSB, S.

Colleen Maura McGrane, OSB, and myself. Any ideas for a session for 2014 are most welcome .

**Daniel McCarthy, OSB**, wishes to announce the *Liturgy Institute* course schedule for this summer

at Ealing Abbey and to welcome religious women and men. He notes that Ephrem Carr OSB, President Emeritus of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy will teach three of the courses: <http://liturgyinstitute.org/courses-summer-2013>

## MONASTIC RESEARCHERS' PRESENTATIONS

**Greg Peters, PhD**, Biola University, LaMirada, CA, is currently teaching a class for St. John's School of Theology, Collegeville, entitled "Medieval Monastic History." It is a class for St. John's Cistercian Cohort group. He traveled to the Abbey of Gethsemani on January 31-February 2 to teach the Trappist monks and nuns who came to Gethsemani from monasteries around the U.S.

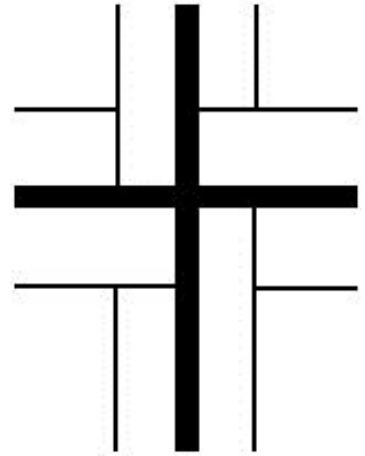
•Greg also presented a paper, "Monasticism: Instrument of the Holy Spirit in the Renewal, Revival and Revitalization of

Today's Church" at the Holy Spirit and Christian Life Conference at Regent University, Virginia, on March 1, 2013.

**Jeanne Ranek, OSB**, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD, and Dr. Neville Kelly will conduct a pre-conference workshop entitled "Roots and Ladders: Benedictine Monasticism and the Integral Christian Future—Patterning a Dialogue" at the July, 2013, Integral Theory Conference in San Francisco.

**Aaron Raverty, OSB**, Saint John's Abbey,

Collegeville, presented "Emotive Cognition and Sensuous Devotion in Catholicism" at Connecticut College, New London, CT, as an invited seminar participant, October 26-27, 2012. He also presented a paper entitled "The Masculine Monk: Gender Contradiction or Heroic Ideal?" as a member of the panel "Religion and Masculinity: Cultural Transformations and Gendered Realities," at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18, 2012.



## MONASTIC RESEARCHERS' PUBLICATIONS

**Branigan, Renee, OSB.** Book Review: *Conversation with Saint Benedict: The Rule in Today's World* by Terrence Kardong, OSB, in *Benedictines* (Fall/Winter 2012) 43-44.

Book Review: *Blessings of Saint Benedict* by John Michael Talbot, in *ABR* 63:4 (December 2012) 444-446.

**Carruth, Shawn, OSB.** "The Role of Prophecy in Religious Life." A Response to Jeanne Ranek. *Benedictines* (Fall/Winter 2012) 34-36.

"A Song of Salvation: The Magnificat." *The Bible Today* 50:6 (November/December 2012) 345-349.

**De Gaál, Emery.** "The Retrieval of St. Anselm in the Theology of Johann Adam Möhler." *Rivista Teologica di Lugano*, University of Ticino, Switzerland.

**Fox, Ruth, OSB.** "The Role of Prophecy in Religious Life." A Response to Jeanne Ranek. *Benedictines* (Fall/Winter 2012) 33-34.

**Hollermann, Ephrem, OSB.** "The Role of Prophecy in Religious Life." A Response to Jeanne Ranek. *Benedictines* (Fall/Winter 2012) 36-37.

Book Review: *Path of the Purified Heart: The Spiritual Journey of Transformation* by Laura Dunham in *Benedictines* (Fall/Winter 2012) 44-45.

**Kardong, Terrence, OSB.** "A Life of Exegetical Diligence: The Achievement of Aquinata Böckman, OSB." *ABR* 63:4 (December 2012) 419-440.

Book Review: *In a Great and Noble Tradition* by Prosper Guéranger, OSB, in *ABR* 63:4 (December 2012) 452-455.

**Quaintance, Susan, OSB.** Book Review: *At Home with Saint Benedict: Monastery Talks* by Mark A. Scott, OCSO in *ABR* 63:4 (December 2012) 446-447.

**Swan, Laura, OSB.** Book Review: *The Bride of Christ Goes to Hell: Metaphor and Embodiment in the Lives of Pious Women, 200-1500*, by Dyan Elliott in *Magistra* 18:2 (Winter 2012) 105-107.

Book Review: *Across God's Frontiers: Catholic Sisters in the American West, 1850-1920* by Anne M. Butler, in *Magistra* 18:2 (Winter 2012) 107-108.

**Rippinger, Joel, OSB.** Book Review: *Finding the Treasure: Letters from a Global Monk* by Augustine Roberts, OCSO, in *ABR* 63:4 (December 2012) 457-459.

### Notice

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