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Terrence Kardong, OSB, Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND writes: "In the upcoming December issue of the *American Benedictine Review*, I will be publishing an article entitled: "A Lifetime of Exegetical Diligence: The Achievement of Sr. Aquinata Böckmann." This is an overview of her massive scholarly output, almost all of which deals with the *Rule of Benedict*. I would like to add a personal note on this article. It was originally written for an Italian collection of Aquinata's articles. At some point about three years ago I got an urgent message from the editor, reminding me that I had only one month to finish my work. As an editor, I knew how she felt. Writers sometimes need to be reminded. But the problem in this case was somewhat different. I had no idea I had promised to write any such article! Since my article was the main introduction to the book, it was crucial to the whole project. But again--I hadn't even started! If you know me, you know how traumatic this situation

was. I am NOT a fellow who leaves things to the last moment. In fact, my life is largely devoted to avoiding this kind of pressure, avoiding it with a ten-foot pole. Since I had no recollection of ever agreeing to such a project, I did not consider myself at all delinquent. But on the other hand, since I do greatly admire Aquinata and her work, I certainly did not want to bollix the whole thing. So I rolled up my sleeves and went to work. In fact, there was no possibility of actually **READING** all she has written! That would take months and months. But I do have an overall idea of her methodology, since she was a teacher of mine in Rome. So I did my best. Don't fail to miss it!

John Crean, ObISB of Pasadena, CA Reports: "I will be giving a paper at the next Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo (May 2013) during one of the three *MAGISTRA* sessions. I have been working for many months at the Huntington Library right here in Pasadena. I will be contrasting the Austrian Benedictine *Altenburg*

Rule (of which I published a diplomatic edition in Germany in 1992) with a Benedictine *Rule* translated and adapted for nuns by Bishop Richard Fox in England. They are roughly contemporaneous vernacular renditions, within a few years of one another and both definitely pre-Reformation. Also of interest is that both are translated into Germanic languages. Word fields, cognates and syntax will be of interest, as I use the Latin *Urtext* as the basal text. My paper title is British Bishops, Austrian Abbots and Benedictine Nuns: *RB 1500*." Gerald Schlabach, ObISB, University of Saint Thomas, St. Paul, MN, writes: "You may be interested to know that an article I wrote a while ago with what I hope comes across as a friendly critique of New Monasticism has now come out in *Pro Ecclesia*: "Call No Movement New Until It is Old: 'New Monasticism' and the Practice of Stability," 21: 3 (Summer 2012): 247–257. I actually drafted this first as a possible closing chapter for my book *Unlearning Protestantism*. The idea was to end with an illustrative application, though I knew that it



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Mosaic, Ade Bethune
St. Joseph the Worker
Photo by J. Upton

“Together with assistance from local people who supplied her with broken bottles and crockery, Ade designed and installed mosaics...
—Upton



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might be too much in a magazine genre for the book, and that was indeed the view of my editor.

Julia Upton, RSM, Oblate of Mount Savior, NY, greets us from Melbourne, Australia, “where I am in the first quarter of a year-long sabbatical. I’ve already visited New Zealand and Tonga, meeting the global community of the Sisters of Mercy. I have been blogging along the way at <https://stjohns.digication.com/juliauptonrsm/MyTravels/published> if you want to join me.

I will be in Australia until mid-October and then travel on to Guam. By the time I get to the Philippines, though, I will turn my attention from the Sisters of Mercy to my research on Ade Bethune. Ade helped decorate St. Joseph the Worker Church in the huge Victorias Milling Company on the island of Negros in 1947. Cameras are not allowed and there are virtually no color extant pictures of the mosaics she designed and executed. Through a friend turned research assistant in Cebu, I have secured permission to visit and photograph the church. From there I will travel to Brussels, Belgium, where Ade lived until emigrating to the United States at age 14.

Hugh Feiss, OSB of The Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, ID, reports: “The September 2012 issue of the ABR is a festschrift of articles for Fr. Terrence Kardong (more will appear in the December issue) to which I contributed an introduction and an article. What time I’ve had since May for scholarly work has been devoted to writing some book reviews and editing contributions to the series, *Victorine Texts in Translation* (Brepols: Published by New City Press). Volume 4 just went to the press; volumes 5-8 of a projected 10 volumes) are underway. An ABA session at the Medieval Congress at Western Michigan University in May 2013 will be in honor of the contributions of Adalbert de Vogüé to monastic studies. Fr. Terrence, Sr. Colleen McGrane and I will be presenting papers at it. I hope to find time this winter to prepare a revised English translation of Hildegard’s “*Explanatio*” of the *Rule of St. Benedict*.

I am going to begin serious work on a reader in Benedictine monasticism, 500-1500. It will consist of 30-40 ten-page texts, translated mainly from Latin (but also I hope from Middle English, Provençal and Spanish, etc.) written in various genres by or about Benedictine

monks or nuns during that time frame. If anyone has suggestions for content or contributors or would like to contribute themselves, please let me know.

Cheryl Crozier Garcia, ObISB, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, writes: “My current project is a paper on the leadership style of Mother Marianne Cope, who will be canonized in October. Mother Marianne was a Franciscan sister who came from Syracuse NY in 1883 to minister to people diagnosed with leprosy (Hansen’s Disease). She was an innovator in the care of people with chronic illness and founded hospitals, orphanages, and schools in New York and Hawaii. I’m hoping to have this ready for publication sometime next year.



Mother Marianne Cope, OSF
1838-1918
Canonized October 21, 2012

ABA RESEARCHERS' PUBLICATIONS

Feiss, Hugh, OSB. "Seminiverbius: Preaching in the Vita of Vitalis of Savigny." ABR 63:3 (September 2012) 257-266.

Forman, Mary, OSB. "The 'All-Seeing Lord' in the Rule of Benedict." ABR 63:3 (September 2012) 321-330.

Hollermann, Ephrem, OSB. "Where There Was Need: Evangelization and North American Benedictines." ABR 63:3 (September 2012) 303-320.

Norris, Kathleen, OBlSB. "My Unlikely Friend—Poetry." ABR 63:3 (September 2012) 241-243.

Raverty, Aaron, OSB. "Desert Encounters" in *Desert Call, Contemplative Christianity and Vital Culture* 12: 2 (Summer 2012) 18–19.

_____ "Hospitality in the Benedictine Monastic Tradition." *Revista Interdisciplinar da Mobilidade Humana Brasília*] Ano XX N: 38 (Jan./Jun. 2012) 251–55.

_____ "The Monastic Ideal and the Glorified/Spiritual Resurrection Body: An Exercise in Speculative Theology." *Obsculta* 5 (2012) 39–47.

Rippinger, Joel, OSB. "The Benedictine Intellectual Tradition: An Overview." ABR 63:3 (September 2012) 244-256.

Schwalbach, Gerald. "Call No Movement New Until it Is Old: New Monasticism and The Practice of Stability." *Pro Ecclesia* 21:3 (Summer 2012) 247-257.

Sutera, Judith, OSB. "'What I Did—I Think' : In Celebration of the Works of Terrence Kardong, OSB." ABR 63:3 (September 2012) 226-240.

Swan, Laura, OSB. Book Review: *Neighbors and Missionaries: A History of the Sisters of Our Lady of Christian Doctrine* in *Magistra* 18:1 (Summer 2012) 96-97.

_____ Book Review: *The Beguine, The Angel and the Inquisitor: The Trials of Marguerite Porete and Guiard of Cressonessart* in *Magistra* 18:1 (Summer 2012) 98-99.

PRESENTATIONS

Shawn Carruth, OSB, "Monastery-Marketplace: Two ways to the Good Life," at Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN—at a Conference entitled, "A Benedictine Conversation: Refocusing Benedictine Life for the 21st Century," November 18, 2012.

Greg Peters, "John Henry Newman's Theology of the Monastic/Religious Life as a Means to Holiness" at the Newman Association of American Conference, Mundelein Seminary, August, 2012.

Ephrem Hollermann, OSB, "Historical Perspectives on Decline and Reform in Benedictine Women's History," at Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN—at a Conference entitled, "A Benedictine Conversation: Refocusing Benedictine Life for the 21st Century," November 17, 2012.

In Benedictine life, "how does our use of technology reflect our commitments to silence and reading for depth?"

—Carruth



Daniel McCarthy OSB writes on liturgical architecture and ritual in a monthly contribution to the "Parish Practice" page of *The Tablet* of London. His reflections are based on the work of Crispino Valenziano, prof. em. of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, Sant' Anselmo and now director of the Institute *Via Pulchritudinis* in Sicily. Daniel has written three articles on the pre-eminence of Light, Word and Communion: on the pre-eminence of illumination in the baptistery, "Becoming light", *The Tablet* (7 April 2012) 22; on the pre-eminence of the Word in the hall, "Mix and Match", *The Tablet* (28 July 2012) 15; on the pre-eminence of Communion around the Lord's table, "To and from the living waters", *The Tablet* (16 June 2012) 12. For recovering the ritual and architecture of the ambo see: "Discoveries at an empty tomb", *The Tablet* (3 March 2012) 16. On the *axis mundi* and the vertical dimension of the building see: "Caught between heaven and earth", *The Tablet* (14 January 2012) 15. On the double procession and encounter in communion see: "Intimate encounters", *The Tablet* (17/24 December 2011) 29. Arranging a church according to a ritual model follows the ritual progression of the font – ambo - altar: "Home from home", *The Tablet* (28 July 2012) 15. For recovering the two-part structure of the Mass celebrated in distinct places see: "Stand up for the Lord", *The Tablet* (25 August 2012), 13. For a list of previous articles on liturgical ritual supported by architecture see: <http://www.danielmccarthyosb.com/bibliography-architecture>.

Daniel McCarthy OSB with James Leachman OSB has advised the sisters of the *Mater Ecclesiae* Congregation, near Rugby, England (<http://www.mater-ecclesiae-convent.co.uk>) on rearranging their chapel according to two principles. The sisters have decided to exchange their lectern for an ambo designed according to its proper symbolic structure. Its three panels will depict 1) the myrrh bearing women approaching the tomb early in the morning, 2) the empty tomb in the background with the Angel sitting on the stone announcing the resurrection and telling the women to go and tell, 3) and the women telling the disciples. While they are constructing the ambo, the sisters have temporarily moved the lectern to the place the ambo will occupy in the midst of the nave on the right hand side facing across the chapel, a place analogous to that in Westminster Cathedral, London. The second principle concerns the two part structure of the mass. The presidential chair has been placed in the midst of the nave opposite the ambo so that the liturgy of the word is celebrated at the chairs and ambo, and the eucharistic liturgy just beyond at the altar. Their ambo along with one projected for the new chapel of the Stanbrook sisters at Wass will be the first two ambos to be constructed according to the proper symbolic structure in England in the past century. A photo of the transitional arrangement at *Mater Ecclesiae* is available at: <http://www.danielmccarthyosb.com/bibliography-architecture>

Daniel McCarthy OSB, Ephrem Carr OSB of St Meinrad's Archabbey and James Leachman OSB of Ealing Abbey hosted the 2012 St Bede Lecture given by Archbishop Arthur Roche, recently named Secretary of the Congregation of Divine Worship and recent Chairman of ICEL responsible for the publication of the new *Roman Missal*. The event was held on 14 July at Ealing Abbey, London and sponsored by the Liturgy Institute (<http://liturgyinstitute.org/2012-archbishop-arthur-roche>). Archbishop Roche's talk is also slated to be published in *Questions Liturgiques: Studies in Liturgy*. The first annual St Bede Liturgy Lecture given in 2011 by Fr Ephrem Carr, President of the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, Sant'Anselmo, is now available as, "*Sacrosanctum Concilium* and its Consequences: The Reform of the Liturgy", *Questions Liturgiques: Studies in Liturgy* 92 (2011) 183-194.

Daniel McCarthy OSB, Ephrem Carr OSB and James Leachman OSB attended the biennial conference of the Society of Liturgical Study (<http://www.studyiturgy.org.uk>) held 28-30 August in the conference facilities of the College of the Resurrection, a Church of England Seminary sponsored by the Community of the Resurrection, an Anglican monastic community (<http://www.mirfieldcommunity.org.uk>). From there they drove to Pluscarden Abbey in Scotland where they conducted a five day mini-seminar on the prefaces of the Roman Rite held from 31 August – 4 September. Each participant, both monk and lay, gave a paper on a preface of their choice. The papers will be published at: <http://www.liturgyhome.org/pluscarden-2012>.

Daniel McCarthy OSB is completing an article to conclude the nearly 6 year column on the proper prayers of the Sunday liturgy that appeared in *The Tablet* from 2006-2011. A brief version appeared as "Faithful lines", *The Tablet* (26 November 2011) 13-14, and the fuller version is slated for publication in *Questions Liturgiques: Studies in Liturgy*. He is also preparing and amending his doctoral dissertation on the presidential chair and models of the liturgical assembly for publication in English. He will stay at Keizersberg Abbey, Leuven, Belgium during October and November 2012 and use the library of the Theology faculty, KU Leuven where he remains a visiting professor.

Daniel taught a new course during the Liturgy Institute summer 2012 program of graduate studies in Liturgy: the history of liturgical books (<http://liturgyinstitute.org>). He also taught a reading course in the letters of Cicero taken from the draft of a book he is writing with Fr. Reginald Foster, OCD. Daniel spent last April and May working on this second book with Reginald in Milwaukee (<http://thelatinlanguage.org/reading-ciceros-letters>).