



Oblates of St. Benedict Belmont Abbey

October, 2010



October Meeting

The next Oblate meeting is on October 17th, and will follow the following Schedule:

Novices: Meet at 2:30 in the Gallagher Room.

First Years: Read the first Chapter of *Finding Sanctuary* by Abbot Christopher Jamison

Second years: Read the First chapter of *Cherish Christ Above All* by Demetrius Dumm well as Chapter 3 and 4 in *Fully Human and Fully Divine* by Michael Casey.

Oblates: Meeting will begin at 3:30 PM in the Gallagher Room. Please read chapter one of *A Mystical Portrait of Jesus* by Demetrius Dumm.

Abbot Timothy Kelly passes away



Abbot Timothy Thomas Kelly OSB, ninth abbot of Saint John's Abbey for eight years (1992- 2000) and president of the American-Cassinense Congregation of Benedictine men for nine years (2001-2010), died at Colledgeville, Minnesota.

Thomas Daniel Kelly was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 20, 1934, to John Dunn

and Ann Elizabeth (McGrath) Kelly, the youngest of six children (five boys and one girl). Thomas attended public school until the sixth grade when he transferred to Annunciation Parish School for his seventh and eighth grade years. Thomas then attended Saint Thomas Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota, from 1948 to 1952. Following his graduation from Saint Thomas Academy in 1952, Thomas entered Saint John's University, Colledgeville, Minnesota, as a divinity student.

After two years of college, Thomas applied for the novitiate at Saint John's Abbey and he entered on July 10, 1954, receiving the religious name of Timothy. Timothy made his profession as a Benedictine monk on July 11, 1955. In his novitiate autobiography, Timothy recollected his call to religious life: "My interest in religious life began about my sophomore year in high school and continued to grow during my remaining years in high school. My coming to Saint John's, I can see now, was certainly God's providence. Right from the start I liked Saint John's. Everything seemed

to appeal to me. I came to the conclusion that the real reason I came to Saint John's was the Benedictines and the Benedictine way of life."

Timothy completed his BA degree in philosophy from Saint John's University in 1957 and continued with his theological studies. On June 3, 1961, Father Timothy was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Peter W. Bartholomew at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

From 1978-80, Timothy attended the Monastic Institute at Sant' Anselmo in Rome when he was appointed master of novices at Saint John's Abbey in July 1980. While novice master, he was the director of the Institute for Religion and Human Development at Saint John's University (1980-85) and also taught theology for graduate and undergraduate students from 1980-88.

On January 7, 1989, he was appointed Administrator of Mary Help of Christians Abbey in Belmont, North Carolina. Returning to Saint John's Abbey in June 1992, Timothy was appointed rector of Saint John's Seminary.

In November 1992, the monks of Saint John's Abbey elected Timothy, then 58, to succeed Abbot Jerome Theisen OSB as their ninth abbot.

Abbot Timothy was elected Abbot President of the American-Cassinense Congregation for a six-year term in June of 2001 and again in 2007. As Abbot President for nine years, he moderated all abbatial elections in the congregation and also attended numerous visitations at the 20 Benedictine communities in the Cassinese Congregation.

In April 2010 Abbot Timothy was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. He reflected in his letter to the community of April 11, 2010, "I am very much at peace with this and not afraid of dying. The past several years have been wonderfully grace-filled years for me. Your prayers are very important to me and I promise my prayers for you as well." Following the regiment of radiation and chemo therapy, he weakened slowly and died on October 7, 2010.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Abbot Timothy Kelly on October 13, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in Saint John's Abbey Church. Inurnment will be at a later date.

At the request of family members, all memorials for Abbot

Timothy are preferred to Saint John's Abbey.

*Abbot John Klassen OSB
and the monks of Saint John's Abbey.*

The complete obituary can be found at <http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org/obituaries/tkelly.html> or on the Oblate website.

Breakfast with Benedict

Oblates are invited to attend a monthly "Breakfast with Benedict" being sponsored by Belmont Abbey College. The breakfast will begin at 7:45 AM

At each Breakfast with Benedict event, a member of the college or monastic community will provide a 15- or 20-minute reflection on one of the Benedictine hallmarks and the role that hallmark/charism/virtue plays in their daily life. There will then be time for questions/discussion, and we'll end with a prayer.

Dr. Thierfelder has very graciously offered to pay for the breakfasts of up to the first 20 oblates who come. Free breakfast, great reflection by the Abbot.

The schedule of meeting dates are: October 6; November 3; December 8; January 12; February 2; March 2; April 6; and May 4. Please RSVP Patrick Ford, Director of Catholic Student Leadership & Formation at patrickford@bac.edu they can properly prepare for the meeting.

Oblate Website

Please remember that the printed newsletter is only about 1/30th of the entire publication. To save on postage and time, the vast majority of the newsletter is published on-line at <http://OblatesOSBBelmont.org>. You should make it a habit to check the site, which is updated daily, for the latest news, articles, material for *Lectio* and announcements. If you are not checking the site you are missing out!

Desert Wisdom

They asked Abba Macarius, "How should we pray?" And the old man replied, "There is no need to speak much in prayer; often stretch out your hands and say, "Lord, as you will and as you know, have mercy on me." But if there is war in your soul, add, "Help me!" and because he knows what we need, he shows mercy on us."

Abba Theodore, surnamed Pherme, had three good books. He went to Abba Macarius and said to him, "I have three good books, and I am helped by reading them; other monks

also want to read them and they are helped by them. Tell me, what am I to do?" The old man said, "Reading books is good but possessing nothing is more than all.' When he heard this, he went away and sold the books and gave the money to the poor.



The Ordo

Listed are the Feast days and Memorials that are observed at the Monastery and follows the Ordo of the American Cassinese Congregation. You can also see the observed feast days by going to: <http://oblatesosbbelmont.org/ordo/>.

OCTOBER

- 17 **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Week I)**
- 18 Luke, Evangelist. Feast.
- 24 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles. Feast.
- 31 **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Week II)**

NOVEMBER

- 1 **All Saints. Solemnity**
- 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.
- 4 Charles Borromeo, Bishop. Memorial.
- 7 **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Week III)**
- 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Feast.
- 10 Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church. Memorial.
- 11 Martin of Tours, Bishop. Feast.
- 14 **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Week IV)**
- 16 Gertrude the Great, Virgin, Religious. Memorial.
- 21 Christ the King. Solemnity.

November Meeting

Please mark your calendar for November 21, 2010. We will be taking up the Liturgy of the Hours, something that many of you requested. If you need to reach me please write to:

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