



The St. Michael Messenger

News for Friends and Benefactors of St. Michael's Abbey and Preparatory School

Dear Friends of St. Michael's,

As I write these words I am preparing to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. My heart is full of gratitude and hope in anticipation of visiting the places made holy by the footsteps of Our Lord, His blessed Mother, and His disciples. Please know first of all that I will remember you and your intentions as I pray at the shrines we visit.

Another school year will soon be completed and by the time you receive this Messenger, we will have had ordinations and first Mass, annual retreat and the beginning of another season of summer camp. While it is a time of relaxation for students and the little ones, summer is a time of intense and focused activity here at the abbey.

Our men in formation start the summer camp in July and the first days of August, a hard but rewarding apostolic work. While I am on the subject of our seminarians, I thank all of you who generously contributed to the appeal sent out in March. I was overwhelmed by your response and invite those who have not yet responded to do so. May the Lord reward your generosity as you help provide for future generations of priests in service of the Church here in the Southland.

My own days are filled meeting the multi-tasked demands of our Expansion Project. The scope of the work is unbelievably broad but along with the confreres and an incredibly dedicated core group of highly qualified and ineffably generous benefactors, I am ever certain of the Lord's strength and guidance. He is so generous with His grace – we have but to respond and daily conform our wills to His. May that joyful abandonment be a grace we all receive these days of summer, and may our hope grow daily.

Once more, thank you again for your support in so many ways, all of them witness to your generous kindness to us.


✠ Eugene J. Hayes, O.Praem.



The site of the new abbey and school as seen from the southern wing of the abbey building and the guesthouse.

People in real estate are often quoted saying, "Location, location, location." When we realized the seriousness of the current situation – our present abbey's geological instability, and the necessity of moving – we were at a loss for a while about what to do. Searching far and wide, a reasonable question began to concern us, "Will we be able to find something in Orange County?" And then we found the place, off the Ortega Highway, at 2600 feet elevation: a place of serene beauty and silence, a place of peace. It is here, firmly set on granite bedrock, that our new abbey will be built – the beauty of Romanesque architecture perfectly complemented by the setting while enhancing it.



Artist's watercolor sketch of the abbey church interior.

The view seen in this first page photograph is the view that will be seen from the southern side of the abbey – as well as from the rooms of the guest house. Behind the abbey and to the north, the land ascends to a rocky peak, so the entire campus – abbey and church, guesthouse, convent, school and playing fields – will sit on the south facing slope of a granite mountain. Set on rock, the new abbey and school will be faced in stone, as reflections of the permanence of the religious life and educational philosophy they house.



Life at St. Michael's

LETTERS FROM ROME

Father Abbot General made an important announcement to the house earlier this spring. The Holy Father had nominated one of our Belgian confreres and long-time resident of the Generalate, Fr. Franz Daneels, as Secretary of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura (the Church's "supreme court"). To fill that position, he would be ordained a bishop. Immediately questions arose, such as, "Would he still live in the house? Would he still wear the habit? How should we address him?"

The episcopal ordination in St. Peter's was beautiful, served by our young confreres in residence here, and His Excellency, Bishop Daneels, still lives in our house, still wears his habit (albeit with a ring and pectoral cross), and answers in the Roman custom to 'Monsignor Daneels' or simply 'Eccellenza.' Rome is full of men like him—humble, devoted, generous men—who also have the fullness of Holy Orders. Commerce with such bishops, and even with cardinals, becomes something of a commonplace during our time here.

The visible presence of these sons and princes of the Church might give some the mistaken impression that their orders are more about bureaucratic honorifics than about the Sacrament of Orders itself. Mons. Daneels' recent ordination showed me clearly just how mistaken such an impression is; for God, in His Providence, chose this hardworking Norbertine priest to do an extremely difficult, delicate, and important task for His Church, a task for which nothing less than the grace of the office of bishop will suffice. And so it is with the other churchmen who fill this holy city with whom we have the privilege to live, now, even under the same roof.

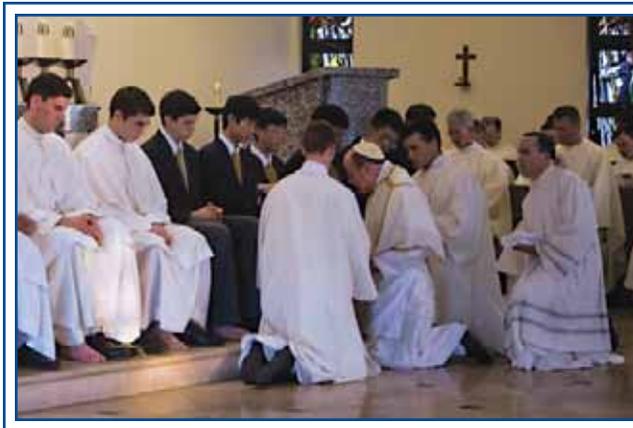
Your faithful brother in Christ and Our Lady,
Rev. frater Ambrose Criste, O. Praem.



Easter on the Hilltop



Bishop Edward Slattery of Tulsa Oklahoma recently visited the abbey. He is seen here with (left to right) Fr. Prior Hugh Barbour, Fr. Abbot Eugene, Bishop Slattery, Dom Daniel Augustine Oppenheimer of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem, and Monsignor Brankin, Bishop Slattery's secretary.



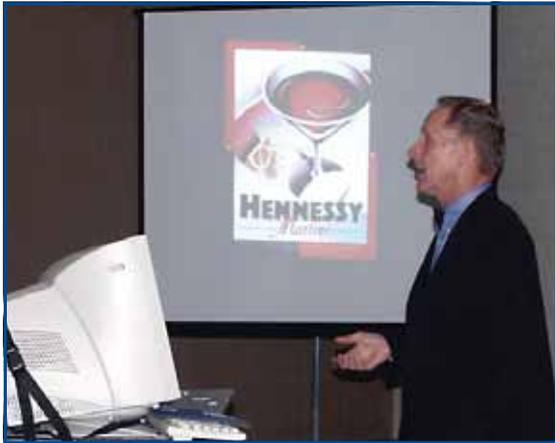
Seminarian Fund Update

The Seminarian Fund drive was a resounding success because of your generosity. Thank you to all of the benefactors who kindly contributed to the ongoing education of our future priests. The response to the mailing of March 28, 2008 was very good. As of May 31 we have raised \$53,845. This is the first year we have made such an appeal and we are very heartened at your kind support. The seminarians appreciate the fact you are enabling them to pursue priestly studies here and in Italy.



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News from St. Michael's Preparatory School ■ www.StMichaelsPrep.org



Artist Kenton Nelson Addresses the Student Body

By Stephen Dudro '08

The students of St. Michael's Prep were exposed to a dose of culture on Thursday, April 10 when Kenton Nelson, internationally exhibited painter, gave a presentation on his work and development as an artist. Acquainted with St. Michael's courtesy of Fr. Jerome, who was responsible for the visit, Mr. Nelson kept students focused with a slide presentation of his artwork accompanied by a lively narration.

Tracing from his beginnings as an illustrator, Mr. Nelson described his plunge into the world of oil painting at the age of 40, and his subsequent trials and triumphs in that field. Every piece of art he produces is soon sold, and his work, popular not only here but internationally, is in high demand.

His style is best described as a blend of Americana and modernity – American Idealism. His work elicits nostalgia for an innocent and elegant past, a quality found in gallant old homes of his native Pasadena, or Cary Grant films. At the same time, there is a contemporary feel to his art, fostered by his clean line and polished style. By Mr. Nelson's own admission, his compositions are idealizations, but this is the strength of art, the ability to create a selective representation of the world.



National Merit Recognizes Tyler Holke

Tyler Holke '08 has been recognized by the National Merit Program for his outstanding academic performance scoring in the top 3% among all test-takers in the nation on the preliminary SAT. While in a graduating class of 12, Tyler is one of only approximately 15,000 finalists in the entire nation. Congratulations to Tyler for demonstrating through distinguished performance high potential for future academic accomplishment.

Living History Program

In April and May St. Michael's Prep hosted groups of 7th graders from the area's Catholic elementary schools for a series of Living History workshops on Medieval Monastic Life.

This monastic experience, aligned to the 7th grade California History-Social Science Content Standards, was a rare opportunity for junior high classes who study Medieval and Early Modern Times and want to know the continuing influence of these ideas in the world today.



St. Michael's, a Norbertine monastic community, traces its roots to 1121 when St. Norbert founded the Order in a secluded valley in northwest France. Boys and girls saw a modern monastery at prayer, meals, and work. Through a series of hands-on workshops they studied ancient manuscripts and sacred artifacts, learned a little Latin and Gregorian chant, made simple illuminated letters, identified plants around the monastery according to their scientific classifications, and staged their own modern morality play.



Through this cross-disciplinary and highly interactive day, young people discovered that they can go back to monastic life in the Middle Ages and stay right here in the 21st Century—at exactly the same time!

Visiting French Student

St. Michael's Preparatory School has been host during the last quarter to a young student, Louis-Karol d'Arras, from Marseille, France. Louis-Karol's family knows Fr. Bernard Ardura, a French Norbertine who works in Rome for the Holy See at the Pontifical Council for Culture.

Louis-Karol is attending classes with a view to improving his English. On weekends he is hosted by the Holke family, whose sons attend or have attended the school. Ryan '04 is currently with the Kolbe Missionaries in Brazil, Tyler '08 will attend University of California at San Diego, and Jake '11 completed his freshman year in June.

St. Michael's Prep Alumni News

Joe Park '98 stopped by after finishing his MSAT tests, a prerequisite for state licensing as a physician. Joe continues to work 80 hours a week at Kaiser Permanente, and hopes to continue his studies and specialize in endocrinology. Joe reports that high school classmate, **Eric Chua '98**, will marry soon.

James Evans '99 reports, "It's been a busy month here in Brussels with transition training...will be departing the service in late August early September 2008."

Steve Kubik '99 writes, "Greetings to all. The weather is just starting to warm up out here [in Connecticut] and the flowering trees are certainly the first to take advantage of it. I must admit, spring and autumn are my favorite times of the year out here. Winter I love as well, but in small doses. Sadly, I had no idea what an 'ice scraper' was when I first arrived... I now own 3, all of which are strategically placed."

"I'm glad to see that St. Michael's is still going strong. Some day, when I have some time, I may just visit and give a small presentation on what I do for a living. I bet I could put half of the students to sleep with the wonders of long division (snicker). Work is going well though and it looks like they're very happy with me. I must admit, St. Michael's installed a work ethic in me that most find inspiring."



Richard LaCerte '99 with his wife, Catherine and baby Madeline Catherine (pictured).

Lowell Schaper '05 called from Saratoga Springs, NY where he will be stationed for the next two years. Lowell and his wife recently celebrated their 2nd anniversary and are expecting their second child in July. Lowell, currently a Naval Nuclear Mechanic, is training to become a Nuclear Power Instructor and plans to take additional classes at one of the local colleges to further his education.

John Barthelette '05 Having graduated one year early from the University of Taiwan, majoring in Chinese Literature and Language, John has received a full tuition scholarship for graduate school in Taiwan. John will be coming home for two weeks in August before beginning grad school.

Christopher Manly '06 is in the Army, currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. He recently passed his EMT exam and is in advanced training to become a medic. After graduation in the spring, Chris will be stationed in South Korea.

Brian Rosete '07 has transferred from Mount St. Mary's this semester. He is currently taking a CAN (certified nursing assistant) class right now which is a requirement for admission at Maric College in San Diego. He also needs to work at a hospital, nursing home or doctor's clinic for at least 3 months. He will take the RN (registered nurse) program for 20 months starting September, take the board, and then go for the BSN (bachelor of science, nursing) internet program (12-18 months).

For more alumni news, go to www.StMichaelsPrep.org

Do you want to stay in touch with teachers and friends from your days on the hilltop? Please send us news about and photos of yourself and your family. You can do this by sending an email to alumni@StMichaelsPrep.org. Be sure to tell us whether you wish to make your contact information available to others, so we can respect your wishes.



Angels' pitcher Justin Speier poses with the Team

League Champions—Again!

Following in the legacy of last year's baseball triumph, St. Michael's Prep took first place in the Express League in a decisive victory over Pioneer Baptist. The in-season record was 11-6, with only one of those losses being a league game. Just as last year St. Michael's progressed to the second round of CIF playoffs, hopefully this year's play-offs go equally as well, if not better.

The team has been encouraged this season by their friendship with Angels relief pitcher Justin Speier. Justin came up the day of the playoffs to speak to the players and offer his support.

SENIOR REFLECTIONS



Jon Abramson — Not all lessons I have learned at St. Michael's have been grandiose. Some are as simple as the discipline of getting up for Mass even when you don't want to, or getting up at 5:00 a.m. to help a classmate study. Here, we learn how to live in a community, forming friendships that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.



Eric Childs — We are graced here with abundant sources of wisdom, and they are the ones wandering around campus in white robes, willing to counsel us upon request. I am also grateful for the fact that I have made the best friends here that I have made anywhere. No doubt, I will carry the memories of our times together throughout my college years. With God in my life, and the virtues taught by the religious here to guide me, I now know I have this high school to thank for shaping me into a better person than I was four years ago.



Edward Chou — Throughout my four years at St. Michael's I have learned a number of things, especially through the influence of football. I learned discipline on the field and physical mastery. I also learned how to manage my time and school work, as football took up a great deal of time. Through participation on the team, I learned two things that I will always cherish and that represent the majority of my football memories. The first is the joy of being part of a family, the team, with trust and friendship. The second is the joy of overcoming obstacles, of triumphing over adversity, of winning.



Stephen Dudro — When I first came to St. Michael's, I didn't have much in common with the other students, but four years breaks down differences. We were all so different at first. Now, we are all very much alike. There is something about living together that causes friendships to form. We get to know each other well. I know what makes one friend angry, another friend sad; I know their dreams, their fears, and their aspirations. Now we will break paths and each take separate courses, but having such friends has been life-changing. It has made going to St. Michael's worth every minute.



John Ford — St. Michael's stresses the importance of developing and maintaining a spiritual life. My spiritual life would not be where it is today had it not been for the counseling and spiritual direction of Father Augustine, Father Damien, Father Chrysostom, and Father Sebastian. These men have given me the best example of how a priest should conduct himself.

I thank Jason Deift and Father Jerome for being musical mentors. I thank Coach Meschuk for always making me "give it a go" on and off the field. I especially thank Fr. Gabriel for making St. Michael's a place that emphasizes the importance of a man's faith, character, and academics. I owe everything to my benefactress, Nancy Iredale, who made the entire experience at St. Michael's possible through her extraordinary and amazing generosity. Lastly, I thank my mother for her constant support and care towards me throughout my high school years.



Phillip Ghosn — During my junior year I heard the horrific news that my older brother had been in a violent car accident. As I prepared to depart school, my fellow students gathered to pray the Holy Rosary in front of the statue of Mary in our dormitory. Encouraged by my fellow students and the priests of this community, I turned to God. I came to realize that how we face death is as important as how we face life. More than a year later, my brother is with us today after his miraculous recovery. I thank God for my years on this hilltop.



Tyler Holke — These four years have been a time of development and change for me. I had never met people who prayed regularly or went to daily Mass or knew the Catechism. The religion classes were of great worth. I am much more spiritually formed now and more able to assist others in coming to the light.

Other things I have learned here include friendship and patience. Dorm life—the very thing which makes such close friendships possible—also demands much patience. When living together, we discover that we don't always share as much in common with the friends we thought were closest as we do with a person we hadn't given a second thought to.



Justin Howard — A truly stalwart individual will prosper wherever he is or whatever the condition. It doesn't matter if the internet doesn't work in the library, or that there are no dances. One must make the best out of what one has been given. It took me some time to realize this.

One of the essential items needed to gain maturity is knowledge of self. I can truly say Saint Michael's showed me my strengths and aptitudes and laid bare my faults and shortcomings. I was constantly challenged, and it was through these challenges that I was able to identify my abilities and inabilities. I hope to one day be united with each and every one of you on a vastly grander hilltop.



Thai Lai — I remember leaving St. Michael's at the end of my freshman year. I felt joy anticipating the end of the year and the feeling of nostalgia when the car turned onto El Toro Road. I looked back, believing I would never see this place again. I was wrong.

After a year at another school, I came to realize my wants did not coincide with my needs. I needed a good environment where I could flourish as a young adult, and with that recognition, I understood my need to return to St. Michael's. The environment offered here surpasses any other Catholic school known to me. I will sorely miss the order and peace that constitutes my boarding school experience here.



Joseph Manzano — Preparing to attend St. Michael's already into my junior year was an arduous task and an awkward experience. I didn't realize that attending Saint Michael's would be such a fulfilling experience in sports, academics, and dorm life. These priceless experiences have helped me grow spiritually, physically, and have taught me to be an independent Catholic gentleman.

Attending Mass and holy hour everyday has enabled me to grow in piety and come to know God in a more meaningful and spiritual light. I am thankful to the great Norbertines of this abbey, for through them I have gained a new found zeal in the worship of Christ.



Bach Tran — I am not perfect, I have never been perfect, and I will never be perfect. I was programmed to succeed, however, on a purely academic level. It was programmed into me that earning A's at all times was the anti-virus, the impermeable firewall against failure, and the answer to a successful life. I thought I was invincible. I needed help. Luckily, I was in the right place at the right time.

Saint Michael's became my first-aid kit, but unlike other first aid kits, this kit contained a multitude of influential characters. As I look back upon these past four years, I conclude that they were the most fruitful of my life. As I am about to graduate, I leave Saint Michael's a different person, confident that the tools given to me will take me far in life's journey.



John Paul Velasco — Before I attended St. Michael's, I was always rushing. I was always trying to find something more, never stopping long enough to give time to God. I stressed over insignificant things. At St. Michael's, I have learned to calm down, listen to God, and devote everything I do to Him. I learned God rarely speaks to us in bright flashes of light. He

instead speaks to us in silence and stillness. We do not realize how blessed we are to be here. I cannot imagine what I would have become if I hadn't gone to this school. I thank God as well as my parents for sending me here.



From the Hilltop

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IN MEMORIAM

Carl Karcher

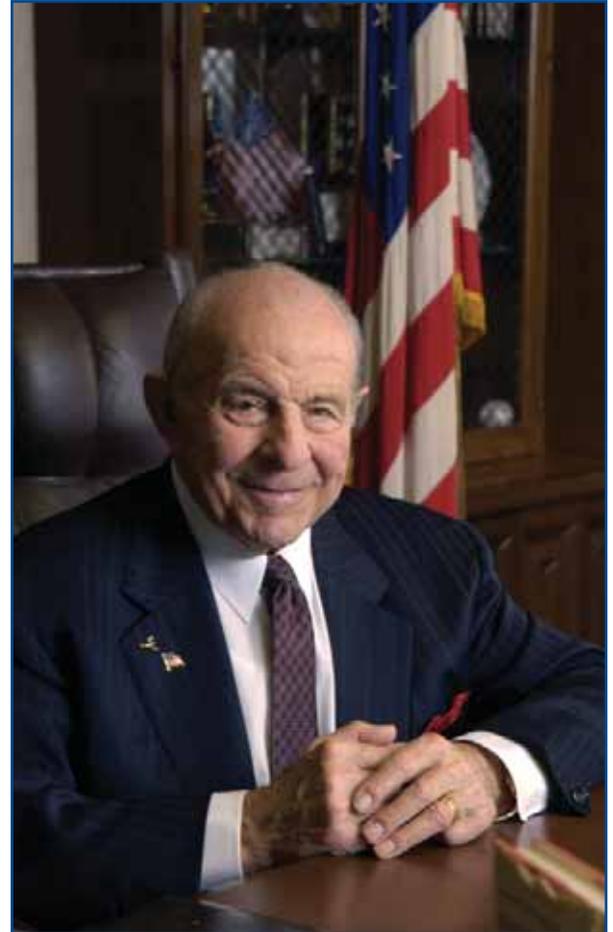
St. Michael's lost a true friend with the passing of Carl Karcher on January 11, 2008.

One short month after opening, in August 1961, the community had its first Fall Steak Dinner to raise funds, and Carl was already making his presence known. That night began with a Mass and then all the faithful were invited to the dining room. Unfortunately, the volunteer kitchen crew was nowhere near ready to serve the guests who were approaching the doors. In panic, one of the evening's chefs locked the entrance!

The well-dressed crowd merely went around the new building and appeared at the kitchen entrance as the workers tried to get things ready in the midst of produce boxes and disarray. Seeing a difficult situation, Carl came to the rescue and took command. He picked up a nearby broom, swept aside the debris and organized all the hungry diners into neat rows. By the time this was accomplished, the kitchen crew was ready to serve, and the remainder of the evening was a rousing success.

Carl was a well-known and respected businessman. He regularly attended events at St. Michael's through the 60s, 70s, 80s, and into the 90s. The Founding Fathers appreciated his efforts to participate in their functions, for they saw in that a "seal of approval" on their efforts to establish a home in Orange County.

When the buildings of St. Michael's became too small for the growing number of seminarians, Carl stepped forward and took command once again, by underwriting the construction of a two-storey novitiate building. Carl gave a verbal commitment to this project during a time of huge economic growth, and Carl fulfilled this same commitment during a period of economic difficulty: he was that kind of man. May his soul rest in peace.



Carl Nicholas Karcher
(January 16, 1917 – January 11, 2008)



Bishop Donald W. Montrose

Bishop Donald W. Montrose, retired bishop of Stockton California, and a great friend of St. Michael's Abbey, died on May 7, 2008 at age 84. He had been ill for a short time and was in hospice for the last days of his life. Bishop Montrose met the Norbertines at Mater Dei, where he was a teacher and principal from 1950-1964. He was always very supportive of the Hungarian fathers who joined the faculty of Mater Dei after their arrival in California in 1957. May he rest in peace.



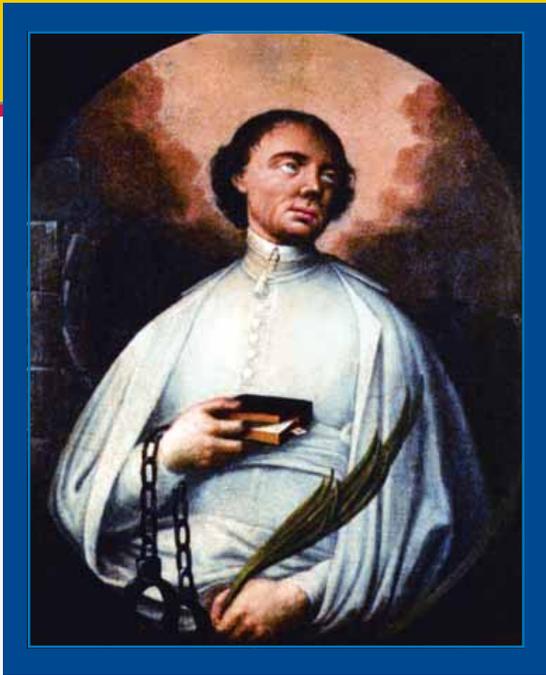
Fr. Harry Marchowsky

The community lost a great friend and spiritual benefactor with the death of Fr. Harry Marchowsky on December 11, 2007. Fr. Harry, a convert to Catholicism because of his contact with The Great Books Program at the University of Chicago, went on to study philosophy and theology at the University of Laval in Quebec and was ordained a priest. Fr. Marchowsky knew the community from its earliest days, and was a familiar face, with his lively intelligence, his good cheer and his love for all that was good and true. We miss him very much, and remember the repose of his soul in our prayer.



Monsignor Patrick Gallagher

Monsignor Patrick Gallagher, a good friend of the Abbey, died on Friday, April 4, 2008 after a brief illness. He was pastor of Mary Star of the Sea in San Pedro, one of the largest parishes in the Los Angeles area. He invited the Norbertines to become involved in the schools at Mary Star in the early 1990's. He was well known for his support of education, and was involved in the building of the new campus for the Mary Star of the Sea High School, which opened its doors to students this academic year. We keep the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family members in our prayers.



ST. HROZNATA

When the Czech nobleman Hroznata was born in 1160, his mother consecrated him to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although he appeared to be stillborn, his mother's trust in the Virgin's intercession resuscitated Hroznata. Twice as a young man he came close to death, but the Blessed Mother's special protection preserved him.

Hroznata grew into a distinguished young man, having received a good education in Cracow where his sister, Woyslawa, was wife to the city's mayor. He became well-versed in diplomacy, military science, and economics. Hroznata married a young lady from a noble family, but was soon bereft of her and of their young son.

Devastated, he was left alone and abandoned. But turning his gaze heavenward, he resolved to place his riches at the service of the Church. To this end, he founded in 1193 the Norbertine monastery of Tepl (Czech Republic), placing all of his lands and possessions at the disposal of the Premonstratensian Order.

Shortly thereafter, he took part in the Crusade of 1197. En route to the Holy Land, he and the crusaders passed through Rome, where Hroznata requested and received from Pope Celestine III confirmation of the Tepl foundation.

The Crusade failed, and Hroznata returned to Rome where the Pope released him from his vow to assist the crusaders in liberating the holy places. Instead, the Pope encouraged him to found a sister monastery for Tepl, which he did at Chotieschow. Together with his widowed sister, he established a cloister for nuns there in 1202.

Hroznata himself also felt the call to become a religious. To that end he sought advice from Pope Innocent III who, also in 1202, clothed him with the white habit of the Norbertine Order.

Upon returning to Tepl as a lay brother, many trials awaited the Blessed. Owing to his background in economics and diplomacy, Hroznata was called by his abbot to look after the abbey's patrimony, most especially its lands, which were subject to numerous disputes on the part of greedy nobles.

Around 1217, these same men, who had become his mortal enemies, contrived to kidnap Hroznata and extort a ransom from Tepl. Because Hroznata courageously refused the ransom that the abbey was to pay for him, his captors let him die in prison from starvation. The date of his liturgical memorial is taken from his date of death: July 14, 1217.

His cult as a martyr was officially confirmed by the Holy See in 1897, when Pope Leo XIII formally beatified him. Pope John Paul II declared him patron of the newly erected diocese of Pilsen (Czech Republic) on March 3, 1997.

QUESTION and ANSWER

Q Sometimes when I am at Mass the priest or deacon preaching says something that doesn't sound right to me. How can I find out what the correct Catholic teaching is? I don't have time to study a lot of documents or theology books.

A The Church has wisely provided us with an authoritative and speedy reference for basic Catholic teachings. After the Council of Trent in the 16th century, the Church gave us the so-called Roman Catechism. This older catechism is still an authoritative guide and still in print. In our own time, after the Second Vatican Council, the Church has given us a new catechism, covering all the same things as the old, but with more detail and background information. It is called The Catechism of the Catholic Church, published by order of Pope John Paul II. Every adult Catholic should have a copy. All the truths of the faith found in the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments, and Prayers are given in the catechism along with much useful explanation. There is even a smaller summary of the catechism called The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which is also authoritative, and in an easy question and answer format. The Compendium was published by order of Pope Benedict XVI. All of these books are easily available. With them, there is no excuse for anyone, clerical or lay, to be off the mark about Catholic teaching. We find out whatever we really need to know for our practical life in the world, so why not find out about our faith? It's not a secret, after all!

NORBERTINE SAINTS

Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over areas of life that are important to us. The saints listed are either Norbertine saints or patrons of the confreres of St. Michael's.

July 1 Blessed Junipero Serra
July 9 SS. Adrian and James, O.Praem.

July 11 St. Benedict

Patron saint of farmers and monks

July 13 St. Eugene

July 14 St. Hroznata, O.Praem.

July 20 St. Elias

July 21 St. Victor

July 24 St. Charbel

August 1 St. Alphonsus Mary

Patron saint of arthritics, confessors, moralists and the scrupulous

August 8 St. Dominic

Patron saint of astronomers and scientists

August 10 St. Lawrence

Patron saint of archivists, brewers, butchers, comedians and cooks

August 11 Venerable John Henry Newman

August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

Patron saint of drug addicts, families, prisoners and journalists

August 20 St. Bernard

Patron saint of beekeepers and candle makers

August 24 St. Nathaniel

Patron saint of bookbinders, cobblers and those suffering from neurological diseases

August 28 St. Augustine

Patron saint of brewers, printers and theologians

September 3 St. Gregory

Patron saint of educators, musicians and students

September 8 St. Alan de la Roche

September 13 St. John Chrysostom

Patron saint of epileptics, orators and preachers

September 14 St. Robert Bellarmine

Patron saint of canon lawyers, catechists and catechumens

September 21 St. Matthew

Patron saint of carpenters, reformed alcoholics and tailors

September 29 St. Michael

Patron saint of ambulance drivers, police officers and soldiers

September 29 St. Raphael

Patron saint of the blind, doctors, nurses, pharmacists and travelers

September 30 St. Jerome

Patron saint of archeologists, archivists, librarians and translators

October 4 St. Francis

Patron saint of animals, environmentalists and zoologists

October 18 St. Luke

Patron saint of artists, doctors, sculptors, surgeons and unmarried men

October 20 Blessed James Kern, O.Praem.

October 24 St. Anthony Claret

Patron saint of the Catholic press and weavers

October 26 St. Gilbert, O.Praem.



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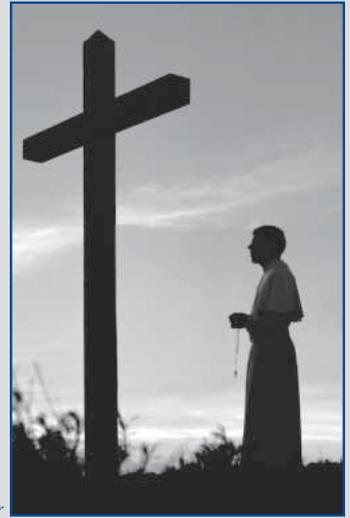
Want To Help St. Michael's?

There are many ways that you can contribute.

- The Abbey and the school have year-round needs that rely upon your generosity.
- Many students receive scholarships and your continued generosity allows these young men to receive the best education available.
- Many companies offer an Employer's Matching Gift Program that you can ask about at your work.
- Have you considered including a charitable bequest as part of your will? Or donating a gift of stock?
- A simple gesture will have far-reaching effects: it will help clothe, feed, house and educate a rapidly growing number of seminarians; it will enhance the sacramental ministry of the Abbey and it will help to meet the retirement needs of our Norbertine priests.

For more information on how you can donate, please call (949) 858-0222 x264.

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Calendar Of Events

July 4 Independence Day
6 Summer Camp* begins – runs through August 9

August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption
25 First day of School
28 Solemnity of St. Augustine

September 1 Labor Day
20 Anniversary of the Dedication of the Abbey Church
29 Feast of St. Michael

October 25 Vantage Point Gala 2008
31 Eve of All Saint's

*For more information on Summer Camp, please visit www.StMichaelsAbbey.com.

Mass is celebrated each day at 7:00 a.m. and on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

For further information on calendar of Liturgies and events, please visit www.StMichaelsAbbey.com.

For more information about the Prep School, please visit www.StMichaelsPrep.org.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who go about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Please join us in saying this prayer for the success of our Expansion Project.

O St. Joseph, Blessed and loving protector, guardian of our Savior Jesus Christ and Spouse of the Virgin Mary, our heavenly Mother, we come to you humbly and beseech you to hear and answer our fervent prayers to build this monastery and school for the greater glory of God, the growth of the kingdom of Christ on earth, the conversion of souls, sanctification of all the confreres of St. Michael's and all the members of the Church whose Patron you are. Inspired by our confidence in you, O Chaste Spouse of Holy Mary, we entrust our worthy cause to your intercession. Do not despise our petitions but in your goodness and unfailing love, hear and answer us, presenting our prayers to the One of whom you are privileged to be guardian, Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

An envelope has been included in this newsletter to allow you to request the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be celebrated for you and your loved ones, both living and deceased.



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