



Dear Members of the Abbey Family,

The Saint Louis Abbey Journal— its original name was *The Saint Louis Priory Journal*— was published for the first time in May 1956, almost 63 years ago. The date is significant, because it still would be a few months before Saint Louis Priory School would open its doors in the fall of 1956 to its very first class of students.

Labeled “Vol. I, No. 1,” the *Journal’s* first paragraph reads as follows:

This unpretentious little journal is designed to keep the friends of the Priory informed of what is going on. We shall publish it as need arises, that is at irregular intervals. In time we hope that it will acquire a more solid aspect, but most of the best things begin small. This certainly does, partly from financial reasons. We are conserving all our financial energy for the building program which lies ahead.

I suspect the text above was written by Father (later Abbot) Luke, who was known for many things, including his frugality. As I approach my first anniversary as abbot of the monastic community of Saint Louis Abbey, I have a profound appreciation for Abbot Luke’s good stewardship. Likewise, I share his interest in keeping the many friends of the Abbey informed about all the good that is happening here.

Over the succeeding decades, *The Saint Louis Abbey Journal* evolved into a yearly publication that served as a kind of “annual report” for the ministries of the monastic community. Due to the constraints of its format, what our annual publication did not always do so effectively was touch people’s hearts through the stories we shared — particularly the hearts of our current school families, prospective families, alumni and friends. I know you will agree that we have such great stories to tell of Priory offering its students outstanding preparation for an exceptional life.

Now, to address this concern, *The Saint Louis Abbey Journal* is evolving once again:

- For Saint Louis Priory School families, prospective families, alumni and friends, the *Abbey Journal* will be included within the twice-yearly *Priory Magazine*, a new publication that combines rich storytelling, photos and news about and for the school community with particular content that is of interest to Priory’s more than 2,600 alumni and alumni parents.
- Separately, the *Abbey Journal* content also will be shared with Saint Anselm parishioners, who will benefit from increased awareness of the ongoing efforts of the monastic community of Saint Louis Abbey.

On behalf of myself and all of the monks of Saint Louis Abbey, thank you for your prayers and support. Please know of our prayers for you as well.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.

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Archbishop Carlson Celebrates Abbatial Blessing Mass

On Sept. 9, 2018, St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson celebrated an Abbatial Blessing Mass in the Abbey Church, at which Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76 formally received his abbatial ring and crozier, the shepherd's staff. A reception followed in the High School Commons.



Brother Athanasius Ordained Deacon



With family and friends in attendance, Brother Athanasius Soto, O.S.B., was ordained to the diaconate by the Most Reverend Mark Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, in the Abbey Church on Aug. 25, 2018.

Two Former Priory Headmasters Honored for Jubilees



In September 2018, the Abbey Family celebrated the 60th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Father Paul Kidner, O.S.B., with a Mass and reception.



In November 2018, Father Finbarr Dowling, O.S.B., was honored at a Saint Anselm Parish Mass for the 50th anniversary of his priesthood ordination. A reception followed in the Parish Centre.

Simple Vows for Portsmouth's Brother Benedict

Brother Benedict Maria, O.S.B., professes his simple vows at Portsmouth Abbey in December 2018. Portsmouth Abbey Prior-Administrator Father Michael Brunner, O.S.B., looks on. Brother Benedict is completing his novitiate studies at Saint Louis Abbey before an expected return to Portsmouth Abbey in June 2019.



Father Michael Begins Service as Portsmouth Abbey Prior-Administrator

After 22 years at Saint Louis Abbey — including seven as pastor of Saint Anselm Parish and eight as Priory Headmaster — Father Michael Brunner, O.S.B., journeyed to Portsmouth Abbey in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in December 2018, in his new role as Portsmouth's Prior-Administrator, or interim superior.

The appointment was announced by Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., in September. Abbot Gregory had been appointed to serve as Portsmouth's Prior-Administrator in 2017, and he did so while continuing as Priory's Headmaster, and even after his own abbatial election at Saint Louis Abbey last summer. Father Michael's appointment was made by Abbot Christopher Jamison, O.S.B., the Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation, with Abbot Gregory's blessing.

"I am confident that Father Michael will serve God, Portsmouth Abbey and Saint Louis Abbey well in this role," Abbot Gregory noted in his announcement letter



Father Michael Brunner, O.S.B.

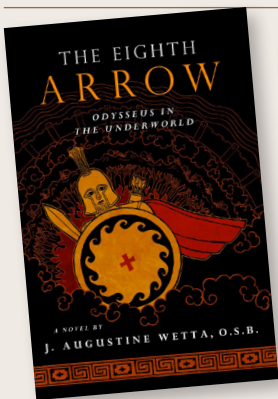
to both abbey communities. "Father Michael has been serving both on the Council of Portsmouth Abbey and on the Board of Regents of Portsmouth Abbey School, and he is very familiar with the Portsmouth Abbey community."

In his letter, Abbot Gregory noted that some years ago the monks of Portsmouth Abbey, who have been decreasing in number and increasing in age, asked for

the monks of Saint Louis Abbey to help reinvigorate their monastery by sending a small group of monks to live there. In response, Saint Louis Abbey agreed to send monks to Portsmouth for various periods of time to support them in their monastic life. Today, two monks of Saint Louis Abbey — Father Francis Hein, O.S.B., and Father Edward Mazuski, O.S.B., '05 — reside at Portsmouth along with Father Michael.

Both abbeys see the relationship between them as a means to formalize and deepen collaboration not only between the abbeys, but also between their respective schools — Saint Louis Priory School and Portsmouth Abbey School. Last summer, the two schools partnered on a joint trip to Oxford in England, and more such collaboration is anticipated.

The monastery at Portsmouth Abbey was founded in 1918, and the coeducational Portsmouth Abbey School — a boarding and day school — was established in 1926.



New Book from Father Augustine

Released in September 2018 and 14 years in the making, the most recent book from Father Augustine Wetta, O.S.B. — *The Eighth Arrow* — is described by publisher Ignatius Press as an "action-packed epic [that] follows Odysseus and Diomedes as they journey through all the circles of Dante's Hell, where they encounter various characters from Greek mythology, ancient history, and Renaissance literature."

The Eighth Arrow is available in Priory's Campus Store or via online retailers.



IN MEMORIAM

Aug. 1-Dec. 31, 2018

Elizabeth Bourland, grandmother of Jack Taul '19

Frezell Collins Sr., brother of Derrick Collins of the Abbey's maintenance staff

Liam Coonan, grandfather of Michael Ware '08 and Liam Ware '11

Angie Crutsinger, grandmother of Dan Sullivan '08 and Bob Sullivan '08

Marion DiMarco, grandmother of Joseph DiMarco '12 and Thomas DiMarco '16

James Dimitroff, grandfather of James Dimitroff '18 and Jake Dimitroff '20

Helen Elliott, grandmother of Father Cuthbert Elliott, O.S.B., '02

Marianne Finnegan, grandmother of Kyle Finnegan '12 and Bradley Finnegan '13

James Fox, grandfather of Jimmy Fox '20

Maureen Gaertner, mother of Gary Gaertner '83 and grandmother of Gary Gaertner '21

Thomas Gerber, grandfather of Chase Gerber '22

Tim Gillespie, brother of Joe Gillespie '74, Mark Gillespie '76, and Matthew Gillespie '78 (deceased)

Agnes Godar, grandmother of William Godar '08

Jerry Gunther Jr., father of John Gunther '86, Peter Gunther '90, and grandfather of Gerard Gunther '24

Norman Havlik, uncle of Father Dominic Lenk, O.S.B.

Martin Hennessey, grandfather of Ricky Hennessey '09 and Hunter Salmon '11

John Holmes Jr., brother of Assistant Soccer Coach Jimmy Holmes '06 and David Holmes '16

Alezandra Kamakas, grandmother of Dan Kamakas '04 and Drew Kamakas '09

Donald Kueser, parishioner

Dr. John Daniels Lamping, grandfather of Jack Carr '24

Dr. Don and Karol Livingston, parents of John Livingston '85

Peter Lumaghi '63

Kevin McGinnis, parishioner

Peggy Moellenberg, parishioner

Raymond Mohrman, grandfather of Ray Mohrman '94 and Stephen Mohrman '01

Lou Monnig Sr., father of Lou Monnig '77

Dorothy Moore, mother of Birch Carpenter '76 (deceased)

Marie Morrison, mother of George Morrison '61 (deceased)

Patricia O'Leary, parishioner

Irene Puettmann, grandmother of Michael Puettmann '10

Edward Rasp '00, brother of Sean Haldaman '20

Grace Reichle, grandmother of Robert Reichle '98, Michael Reichle '02, and mother-in-law of former faculty member Gayle Reichle

Anne Ryan, mother of John Ryan '71 and grandmother of Frank Ryan '01

Julie Schroeder, parishioner

Ann Steck, mother of Andrew Steck '06

Andrew Steinhubl, grandfather of Drew Steinhubl '22

Charlotte Suarez, mother of former faculty member Rick Suarez

Roy Szatkowski, grandfather of Matt Szatkowski '07, Tim Szatkowski '08, and John Szatkowski '12, and father-in-law of former Director of Finance Dawn Szatkowski

Paul Tierney, parishioner

Claire Travis, mother of Bill Travis '64, Glen Travis '72, and David Travis '76, and grandmother of Philippe Travis '92

Walker Tobin, son of Steve Tobin '69

Melba Willman, mother of Phil Willman '71, Stephen Willman '75, and Mark Willman '77, and grandmother of Alec Willman '11, and Daniel Willman '18