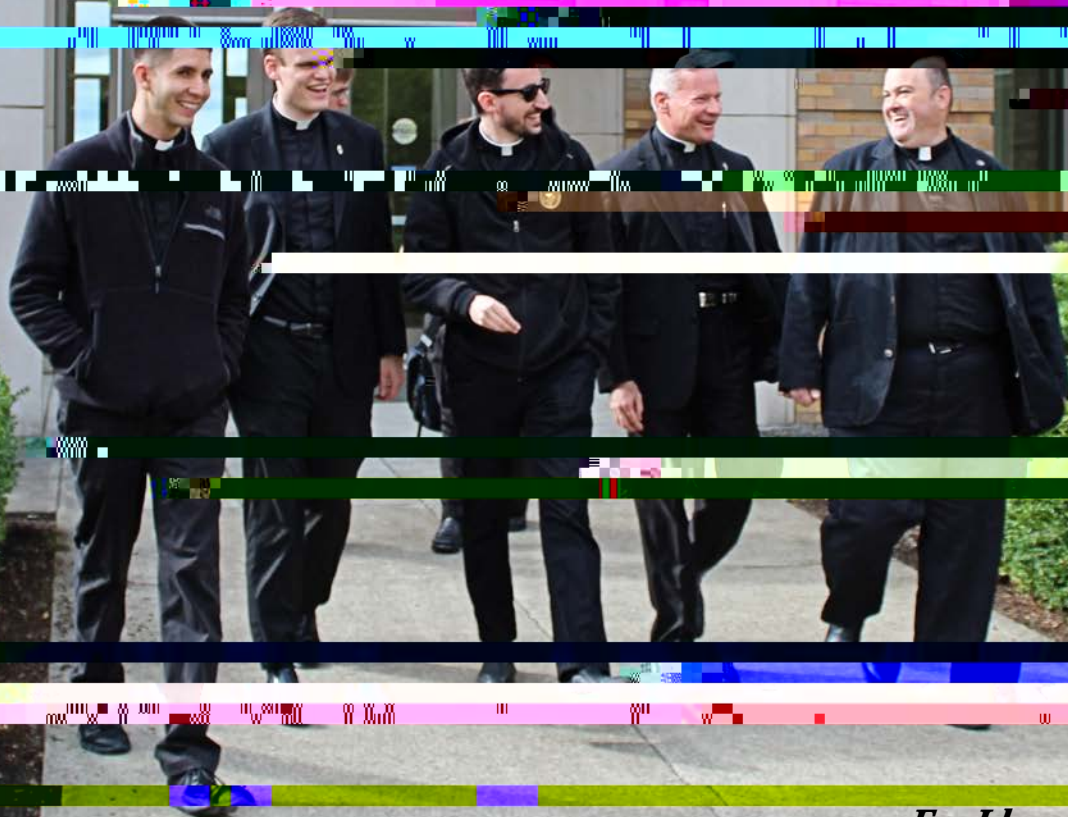


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***For I know him in whom
I have believed.***



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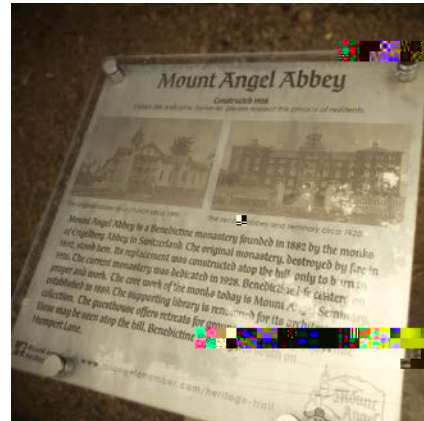
HE HAS GIVEN US LIGHT!

After years of raising funds and planning, the lighting in the Abbey church sanctuary and choir has been replaced! This is exciting news for the monks, who have prayed early morning and evening prayers in near darkness for the past few years.

To accomplish the task, the church was closed during August while the work was ongoing. The task was complicated and painstaking, as the wiring dated back to the original cloth-covered wires of 1929 and had been added to and updated several times over the years.

We sing hymns of praise and gratitude for the many friends who helped shed more light on our work and life of prayer!

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HERITAGE TRAIL MARKERS

The town of Mt. Angel has long planned a set of Heritage Trail markers that define a walking trail of the area's historic points. The project has been a labor of love that involved many of Mt. Angel's civic groups, as well as the cooperation of our own monks, Fr. Philip Waibel, pastor of St. Mary Church – the town's local parish – and Fr. Martin Grassel.

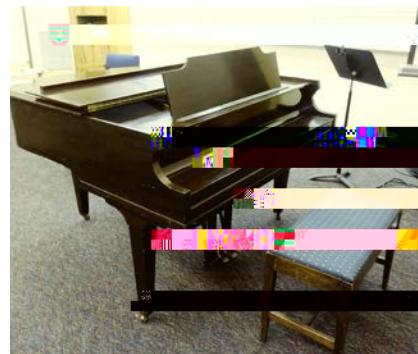
This summer, the first markers were installed, among them the marker indicating Mount Angel Abbey. You will find it on College Road, just a few yards from Abbey Drive. Rest awhile on the bench installed next to it, where you can enjoy the view of the surrounding fields and homesteads.

PIANOS AND GOLF CARTS BRING JOY TO THE HILLTOP

In the winter issue of Mount Angel Letter, we noted the seminary's dire need for pianos. The music studios had been populated with broken-down instruments that had little music left in them. The response from our readers has brought a smile to the face of Myrna Keough, the seminary's Coordinator of Liturgy and Music, and her seminarian musicians. Generous donors offered used and nearly new pianos ranging from a portable keyboard to a baby grand. We now have four new-to-us instruments supporting the music program with vibrant tones. Thank you!

In July, the adult children of a generous donor delivered a pristine golf cart to the hilltop – our first ever. Their father had recently passed away and expressly asked them to be sure the Abbey received the cart. The golf cart, a two-seater, has not stopped working! It can be seen transporting guests from parking lots to the church, carrying materials for meetings, and supporting every ministry at Mount Angel.

In fact, it has been so useful we believe more golf carts could be kept equally busy here. For instance, wouldn't it be nice to see golf carts zooming up and down Abbey Drive, bringing guests to and from Benedictine Brewery? If you have a lonely golf cart – with any seating capacity – that would enjoy spending its days at the Abbey, please contact Melissa Eddings, Development Operations Manager, at 971-343-2702.

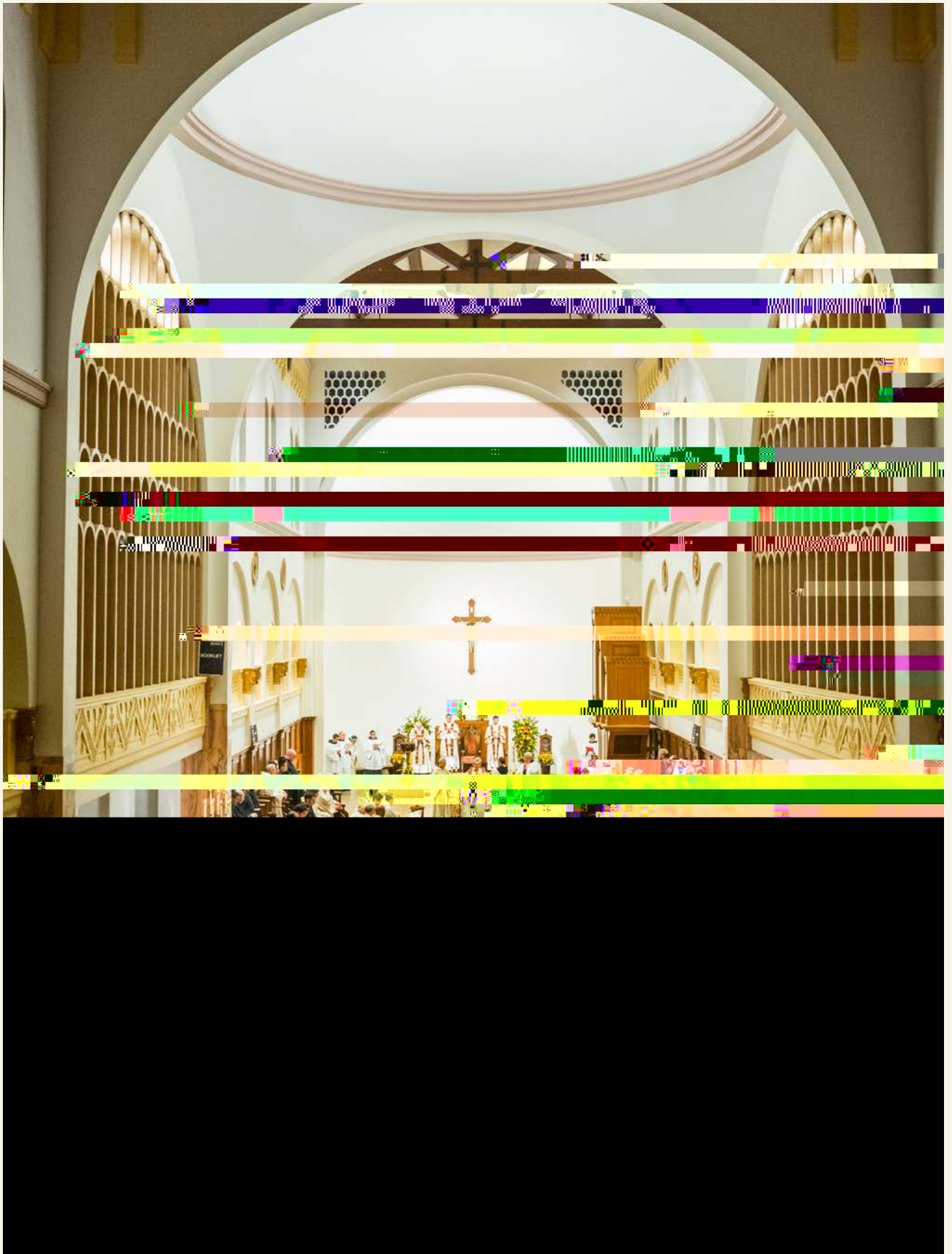


NEWS ABOUT MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY

Each year in September, the monks of Mount Angel Abbey celebrate milestones in the vocational journey. This year was cause for extraordinary joy as two men joined the community as novices, four men made their first, or "simple" vows, and three men professed their final, "solemn" vows for life. In addition, Abbot Gregory Duerr renewed his vows as he celebrated his 60th anniversary of monastic commitment.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When a novice, along with the monastic community, discerns readiness for his first profession, he takes a significant step by accepting a new name in the presence



On the evening of September 12, three junior monks of Mount Angel Abbey gathered in the Abbey church with their monastic community, family members and friends to make their professions of solemn vows.

Br. Ephrem Martinez, Br. Timothy Kalange, and Br. Bede Ramos have very different backgrounds and followed different paths to the Abbey. But the trio are united in their love of Christ, and the monastic community to which they are now committed for life.

Br. Ephrem Martinez, 34, came to Mount Angel from Cuernavaca, Mexico, in 2015. He had been in formation at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Mexico before accepting the invitation of Abbot Gregory to come to Mount Angel.

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Br. Ephrem spoke little English when he arrived, but he made quick progress and is preparing to teach a course on spirituality in the spring. Another duty after solemn vows will be to minister to Spanish-speaking visitors and guests.

“Our community at Mount Angel Abbey has many cultures,” Br. Ephrem said. “We are living through a new moment in our history. It is really good.”

Br. Timothy Kalange, 39, is from Twin Falls, Idaho. Growing up he had regularly visited the nearby Monastery of the Ascension where he became acquainted with Benedictine monks. In college he “drifted away” from the Church, but while working in Florida in video production he began to question his direction. Life changes and active discernment of his vocation led him to re-establish contact with Benedictines.



WITH TIME, ALL THINGS COME TO PASS

The crew of the now-open Benedictine Brewery and St. Michael Taproom has been on a busy cycle of “brew, pour, plan and repeat” almost non-stop since quietly holding a blessing of the building in early August. Here is a summary of the eventful start-up phase:

August 8 – Benedictine Brewery and St. Michael Taproom officially marked the conclusion of construction when Abbot Jeremy blessed the timber-frame structure and its mission. Several monks, hilltop employees, and local friends of the brewery attended the blessing and helped sample the brew.

August 16 – Mt. Angel’s Oktoberfest Planning Board stopped by the brewery for an evening hour of tasting with the Benedictine Brewery crew. They posed in dirndls and lederhosen for photos that appeared in advertising for the 2018 Oktoberfest. Several monks, including Abbot Jeremy, joined in the fun – and the photos.

September 5 – In response to steady requests from media for interviews, Fr. Martin held a media event, where twelve news reporters, photographers and beer bloggers participated in a question-and-answer group interview, with photos and samplings. Representing eight media outlets, each of the journalists has added to ripples of positive publicity.

October 13 to 16 – The brewery opened quietly for a “trial run,” to check equipment and test processes prior to Oktoberfest, the town of Mt. Angel’s grand annual event, which attracts nearly 400,000 visitors over four days. The tap room crew were ready for the steady stream of customers who sampled servings of Black Habit and St. Benedict Farmhouse Ale. Meanwhile, in town at the Oktoberfest Biergarten, a tap serving Benedictine Brewery’s newest beer, the St. Michael’s Helles Lager, ran dry after two days due to popular demand.

October 22 and 23 – The (Humble) Grand Opening of the Benedictine

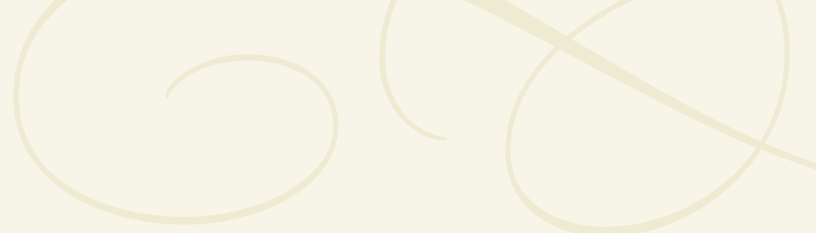


Brewery attracted more than a thousand people to the celebratory weekend. There was sunshine, pub food and plenty of brew for all, with tents outside to accommodate the crowds. The event drew friends of the Abbey who have waited and helped and supported Benedictine Brewery for years, and also many new visitors. Whether old friends or new, all were welcomed “as Christ.”

If you’re in the area, stop by during our fall hours: Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Monday and Tuesday.)

Taste and Believe!

For more information, find us on Facebook!



Now that Benedictine Brewery is up
and running, friends of Mount Angel

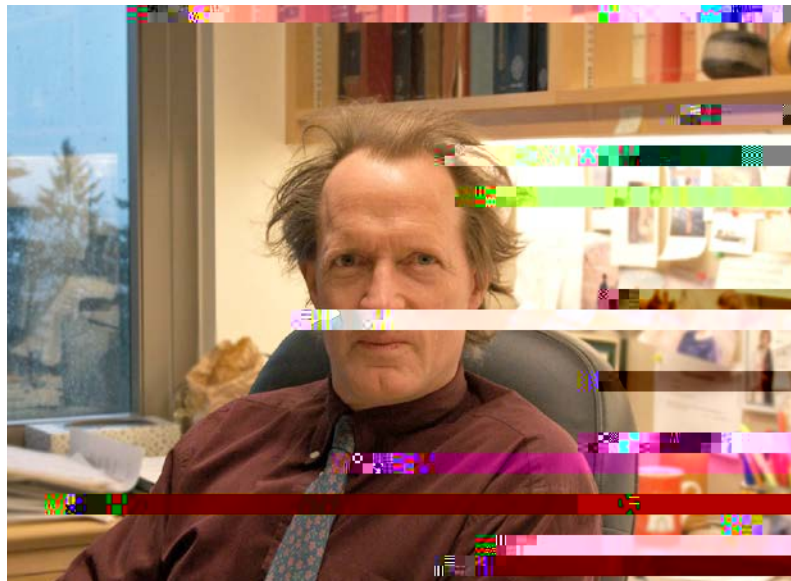




Deacon Steven: My seminary experience here has been an education in brotherhood. I support my brother seminarians and they support me, and each time we help one another we grow in relationship with God, with the heart of Jesus Christ.

The emphasis on developing healthy human relationships was a constant theme among the panelists and is central to life and education at Mount Angel Seminary. For more information, find us on Facebook!

The emphasis on healthy human development and the ability to form mature human relationships is what helps each seminarian become a priest who serves the people of God with the heart of Christ.



Dr. Seymour House began teaching at Mount Angel Seminary nearly a quarter century ago. Acknowledging his long tenure teaching literature courses to undergraduates and Church history to theology students, Dr. House calls himself “one of the gray beards” at the seminary.

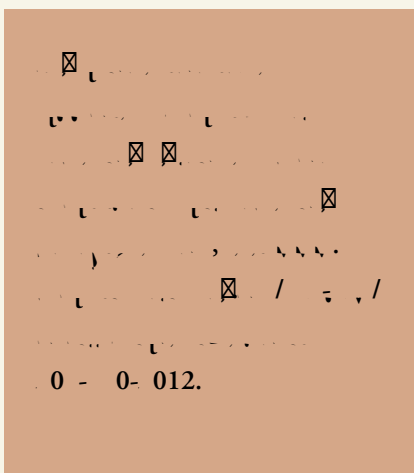
Seminary Academic Dean Dr. Shawn Keough said the endowed chair position “signals that the institution has a strong commitment... to the liberal arts and the study of the humanities here. We’re the only [Catholic] seminary in the west that has both a graduate school of theology and an undergraduate school for philosophy and the liberal arts. By endowing a chair in the humanities we are showing that our academic concern is a broad and fundamentally humanistic one, not just the study of theology, or even the study of philosophy, but one that is grounded in the most basic ancient considerations of what human flourishing looks like.”

Dr. House said he believes the study of the humanities is essential to gain a true understanding of theology and Scripture. He points to St. Augustine, Erasmus and John Henry Newman as great Church thinkers who were steeped in the classics.

“You have a theologian in Augustine, you have a scripture scholar in Erasmus, you have a historian in John Henry Newman,” House said. “That’s the trifecta of the humanities right there.”

The chair is made possible through an endowment made by a generous benefactor in honor of the late Archbishop Robert Dwyer, the fifth Archbishop of Portland, Oregon, from 1966 to 1974.

– Steve Ritchie







Bruce Bliese's involvement with Mount Angel Abbey goes back quite a few years. It began during his 25-year tenure as a high school social studies teacher in the Portland School District in Oregon. One of his good friends during that time was a Benedictine oblate.

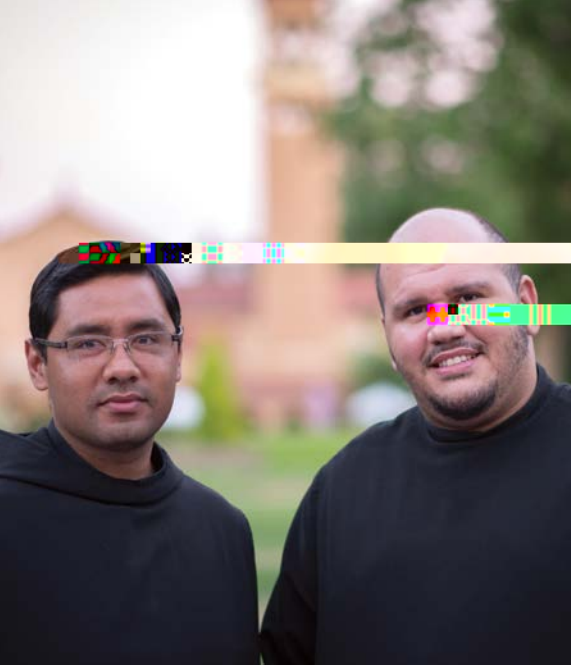
Thanks to that friendship, Bruce eventually visited Mount Angel Abbey. He recalls that, after





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Join the monks of Mount Angel Abbey for the Liturgy of the Hours

WEEKDAYS

Vigils: 5:20 a.m.
Lauds: 6:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m.
Midday Prayer: Noon
Vespers: 5:20 p.m.
Compline: 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES

Vigils: 7:30 p.m. (Saturday)
Lauds: 6:40 a.m.
Holy Eucharist: 9:00 a.m.
Midday Prayer: Noon
Vespers: 5:20 p.m.
Compline: 8:00 p.m.

COME AND SEE

Discerning a vocation to the monastic life is best done by personal experience and an encounter with the monks within the cloister. At Mount Angel Abbey, we open our doors to men at least 18 years old, and discerning a vocation, to come and join us for a three-day monastic discernment experience.

Our next discernment retreat dates are:

November 16–18, 2018, and March 22–24, 2019

- Pray with the monks
- Join them for meals
- Tour the monastery
- Spend time in quiet prayer
- Listen to conferences and vocation discernment stories
- Discern your vocation with monks and other retreatants
- For more information, contact Fr. Odo Recker, O.S.B.
- Email vocation@mtangel.edu

Learn more about the life of the Benedictine monks of Mount Angel Abbey at www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations.

If a monk, spiritual director or teacher has changed your life ...

If mentors at Mount Angel have challenged you or a loved one to grow in new ways or opened doors to God, please consider planning a gift or bequest to honor them. In any way, others will have life-changing opportunities as well.

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