

Greetings NAABOD Members,

A blessed Easter Season to each of you! May this holy time of year bring spiritual renewal.

Has spring finally arrived? Just two weeks ago, we had several days on which our low was below freezing. We are finally enjoying some warm weather, so I put my tomato plants in the garden and have trenched, fertilized, and mulched my roses. And, I have my watering system connected and working. Now, I can just watch my garden grow and celebrate the harvest. One of my rose bushes is just about ready to burst into bloom. I love springtime and I enjoy gardening.

Last week, I flew out to Subiaco, AR to Subiaco Abbey to begin planning NAABOD 2015. Fr. Mark Stengel has put together an excellent planning Committee. Check out the NAABOD Web Site: <http://www.naabod.org/naabod-mtg.html> The speakers, schedule, and registration fee have yet to be determined. The speaker, schedule, and registration continue to refer to NAABOD 2013. I will update these pages when the new information is available.

Upcoming Events:

Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, AL <http://www.shmon.org/retreat-center-upcoming-programs.html>

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery, Phoenix,
AZ http://www.olgmonastery.com/Events_Calendar.html

St. Anselm's Abbey, Washington, DC <http://www.stanselms.org/>

St. Scholastica Monastery, Chicago, IL <http://osbchicago.wordpress.com/>

St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL <http://procopius.webs.com/apps/calendar/>

Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Beech Grove, IL <http://www.benedictine.com/>

Mount St. Scholastica Monastery, Atchison, KS <http://www.mountosb.org/>

St. Gertrude Monastery, Ridgely, MD www.osbridgely.com/

St. Benedict Monastery, Oxford MI <http://www.silvestrini.org/oxford.html>

St. Benedict Monastery, St. Joseph, MN <http://sbm.osb.org/events/>

Sacred Heart Monastery, Richardton,
ND <http://www.sacredheartmonastery.com/news.php>

Queen of Angels Monastery, Mount Angel, OR <http://www.benedictine-srs.org/vocationevents.html>

St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA <http://www.stvincentmonks.com/rome-trip>

St. Benedict Monastery, Canyon, TX <http://www.osbcanyontx.org/>

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Check out the information on the Workshops link at: <http://www.naabod.org/naabod-formation.html>

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Hopefully, you are already in the planning phases of your regional meetings. The regions are listed below. Some of you may have met already.

NAABOD Regions

Region 1 – Northwest – western Canada, Washington, Oregon, northern California, Idaho, Wyoming, and northern Utah

Region 2 – Southwest – central and southern California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, and Mexico

Region 3 – North Midwest Plains -- central Canada, North Dakota, northern Wisconsin, and Minnesota

Region 4 – Central Midwest Plains -- South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, and Missouri

Region 5 – South Midwest – Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas

Region 6 – Midwest Woodlands – southern Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky.

Region 7 – Great Lakes – eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania

Region 8 – Northeast – eastern Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

NOTE: I think this group further subdivided. Would someone please provide me with this information? Thank you.

Region 9 – Southeast – North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Bahamas, and Puerto Rico.

Blessings & Peace,

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