



2005 AR Raises Money, Awareness for Monastic Community

Anderson Mraz Design recently completed work on The Abbey Foundation of Oregon's 2005 Annual Report. The Foundation serves as the fundraising arm of Mount Angel Abbey, a Benedictine monastery and seminary some forty miles south of Portland, Oregon; their annual report is designed to provide financial accountability as well as increase support and reinforce giving to the Abbey. Themed "Breaking New Ground," the publication details Mount Angel Abbey's four areas of service: the monastery, seminary, library, and guesthouse.

Charged with creating a report that would set the tone for future materials – all of which would encourage readers not just to give, but engage in a relationship with Mount Angel Abbey – AMD began by leveraging the work of Brother Claude Lane, O.S.B., the painter-artisan of the Abbey. Brother Claude works in the classic style of Byzantine iconography (the writing of holy images), while adapting it to the spirituality of the Western Catholic Church.

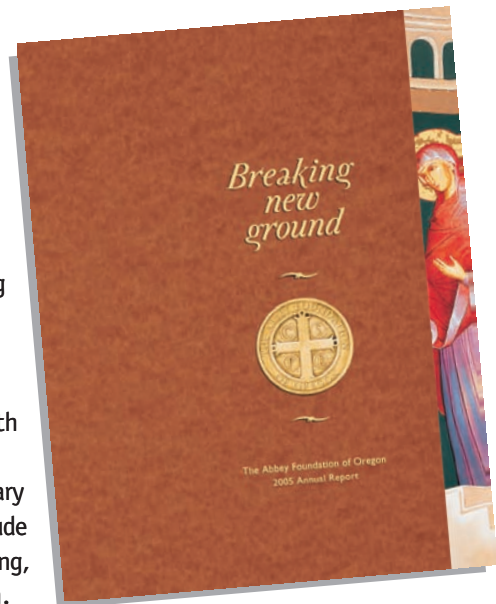
"We felt the Foundation's annual report needed to bring the dedication of its people, and their good work, to the reader's doorstep," explained CK Anderson, founding principal and creative director at AMD. "Brother Claude's work provided a focal point around which we designed a more open, thematically consistent report."

Given the Abbey's strong sense of place – it's perched atop a lone butte, a secluded hilltop overlooking the town of Mt. Angel and the Willamette Valley – AMD assigned ample real estate in the report for photography, bringing the experience of visiting the Benedictine community to each prospective donor.

"We're very pleased with the work of Anderson Mraz Design in the planning and design of our Annual Report," said Steve Beaird, The Abbey Foundation of Oregon's Executive Director for Development. "They provided us with a clear sense of theme – not only throughout this publication, but also as a springboard for other fundraising appeals and promotion pieces."

"We were delighted to be chosen to work on this project and for such a unique group," added Anderson. "The work of the community of Mount Angel Abbey is both sincere and purposeful."

Founded in 1988, AMD is a full-service, multidisciplinary design firm. The company's primary areas of expertise include brand strategy, corporate identity, print, collateral, packaging, website development, and environmental graphic design. For more information, visit www.am-design.com.





President's Letter



Dear Friends of the Abbey Foundation of Oregon:

This past year was one of continuing to break new ground for The Abbey Foundation of Oregon. During that time we expanded the size of our board by adding three new members to the Foundation Board of Business: Sara Bentley, Tiger Harris, and Dr. Rock Samsara. They join a group of dedicated and hard-working individuals already serving on the board.

This past October we broke new ground by holding the first Secretary Benefit Dinner that secretary supporters have ever done to raise the donor and make it an annual event that will not only raise funds but, importantly raise awareness of the fine seminary at Mount Angel.

Ground breaking occurred in a literal sense in August 2005 when Archbishop Wymy participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Center for Theological Studies. This new facility, expected to be completed and ready for use by fall 2006, will provide much-needed classrooms for a growing seminary and faculty office space. Funding for the project is made possible by the generous gifts of supporters who share in the vision of the Abbey. While a good portion of the funding is pledged or in hand, there still remains work to be done to reach our full fundraising goal. As the seminary with the largest graduate and undergraduate enrollment in the West, Mount Angel is a vital resource for graduate formation in the region. Our gifts to the Abbey Foundation of Oregon Capital Campaign help make a difference for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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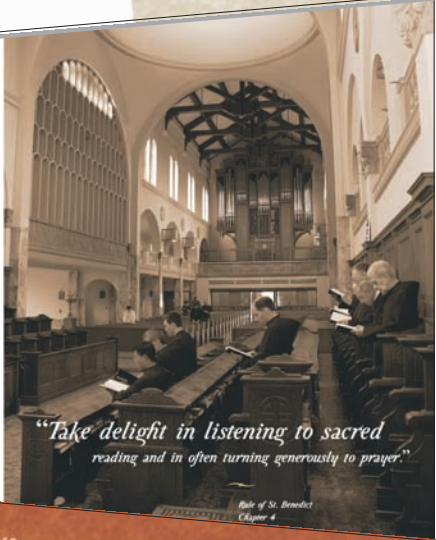
Monastery Report

Our Benedictine community strives to create a welcoming and sacred place where those who seek God can find prayer, peace, and hospitality. Through its buildings, landscapes, art, and atmosphere, our abbey provides an atmosphere of prayer and devotion that allows visitors and guests to more fully experience God.

Over the years, increased development at Mount Angel Abbey has covered nearly half of the abbey with pavement and concrete, dedicated to the automobile. This year the monks decided to reclaim it, removing all cars and materials from the abbey and encouraging natural growth between and among the buildings.

This new landscape, with its paths, plantings, and pedestrian paths, will create a quiet environment conducive to prayer and accessible to all. Practical provisions have been made for the safe and convenient arrival of guests in new locations.

Another burgeoning landscape that extends well beyond the abbey is our Oblate Association. Oblates are men and women who associate themselves formally with the monastery, living according to the Rule of Saint Benedict as their rule in the world. Mount Angel's Benedict Oblate Association includes more than 400 professional, laymen and nearly 30 novices. Leadership, education, and support are provided to local groups by 30 leaders throughout the Western United States and Canada. This year three of our abbey were chosen to represent Mount Angel Abbey in Rome at the First International Congress of Benedictine Oblates called by Pope John Paul II.



Your generous contributions to The Abbey Foundation of Oregon sustain the needs not only of the four monasteries of Mount Angel Abbey, but of the spiritual lives of millions around the world. Our gratitude is matched only by our humble determination to continue ministering in those areas God has chosen for us. Thank you.

Monastery

Library

Seminary

Guesthouse