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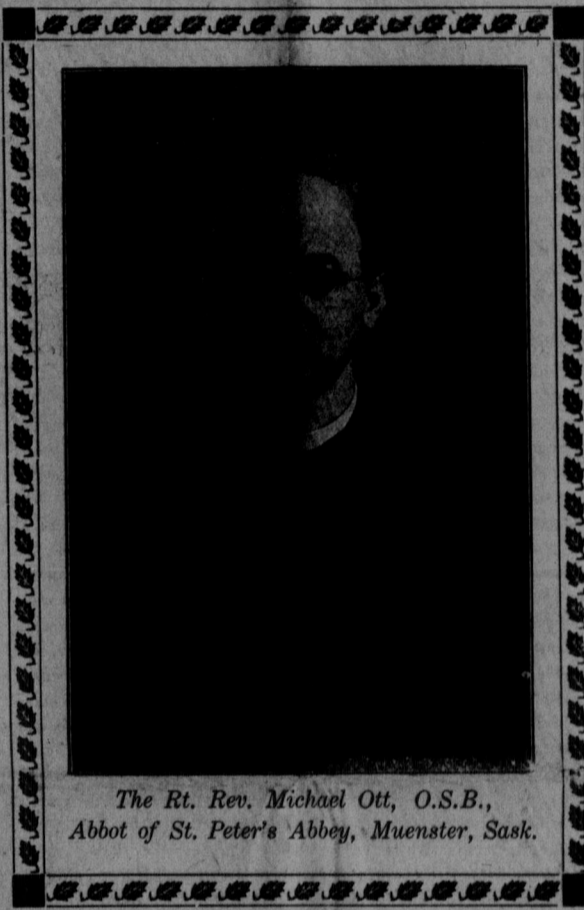
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THE SOLEMN BLESSING of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Michael Ott, O.S.B.

By 8.30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, all things stood in readiness for the Solemn Benediction of the Rt. Rev. Michael Ott, O.S.B., second Abbot of St. Peter's Abbey. At the Gospel side of the sanctuary stood a special altar for the new Abbot, on which were laid the missal and pontifical vestments of white color.



The Rt. Rev. Michael Ott, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, Sask.

At 9.00 o'clock the church bells gave the signal and shortly afterward the procession proceeded from the monastery to the main entrance of the church. The Knights of Columbus with their banner led and were followed by the altar boys, the Rev. Clergy, the sacred ministers, the Rt. Rev. Abbots and Bishops, and the pontificating Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Abbot-elect, with the two assistant Abbots bringing up the rear.

While the Bishop vested for Mass at the throne, the Abbot-elect at his altar received the amice, alb, cincture, stole, cope and biretta; the assistant Abbots vested in like manner. The Bishop, in mitre, then seated himself upon the faldistorium before the altar, and the Abbot-elect and his assistants seated themselves upon their chairs in the sanctuary, the assisting Abbots sitting so as to face the Abbot-elect who sat between them.

The Bishop continued Mass and the Abbot-elect did the same at his altar. After the last verse of the Gradual, the Bishop sat upon the faldistorium at the centre of the altar. The Abbot-elect was led by the assisting Abbots to the Bishop, where he prostrated to the left of the Bishop, while the assistant Abbots returned to their chairs and knelt during the chanting of the 6th, 31st, 37th, 50th, 101st, 129th and 142nd psalms and the singing of the Litany of the Saints.

Next followed the German sermon by Abbot Peter. His words came from the heart as he wished the new Abbot God's blessing and rich graces in his responsible position. He mentioned that the community and the Colony had every reason to rejoice at the blessing of the new Abbot; that Abbot Michael was possessed of the qualities, learning and ability St. Benedict requires of the Abbot, and that on him they could rely.

At the Offertory the Bishop proceeded to the faldistorium before the altar and received the offerings from the Elect, who took from the members of the community the offerings of the burning candles, the gilded loaf of bread, the silvered loaf of bread, the gilded and silvered casks, and kneeling before the Bishop, made to him each offering separately, kissing his ring each time.

and the Abbot said all of the mass at a kneeling bench in the sanctuary, except the words of consecration. After the Agnus Dei he received the Pax from the Bishop and gave it to each of the assistant Abbots. Having consumed the Precious Blood, the Bishop gave Holy Communion to the Abbot. After the Bishop's blessing before the last Gospel, he blessed the mitre and placed it on the Abbot's head.

The Abbot then proceeded to the centre of the altar with mitre and crozier and gave the solemn benediction. After the blessing he knelt at Epistle side, facing the Bishop who stood at the Gospel side and called out to him 'Ad multos Annos'. The Bishop and the assistant Abbots gave the Pax to the new Abbot and the Bishop read the last Gospel, while the Abbot, reciting the Gospel, went with his assistants to his altar.

Bishop McMally delivered the English sermon. He spoke eloquently on Benedictine activities through the fourteen centuries from the founding of Monte Cassino where St. Benedict wrote the Holy Rule, which is commonly believed to have been inspired by the Holy Ghost, up to the present day. From that time till the thirteenth century the learned and zealous Benedictine monopolized, so to speak, the educational and missionary fields of Europe.

After the sermon the pontificating Bishop and the Abbot vested and left the sanctuary. Services ended at 12:15 p. m. The grand and elevating ceremonies, though difficult and complicated, were ably and smoothly conducted by the Rev. Fr. Fridolin and the Ven. Fr. Marcellus as Masters of Ceremonies, and made a deep and lasting impression on all present.

blessed Abbot Michael. The Rt. Rev. Bernard Menges, O.S.B., and the Rt. Rev. Oswald Baran, O.S.B., were the assistant Abbots; The Rt. Rev. Mgr. M. Pilon acted as Presbyter assistant; the Rev. P. Hilland, O.M.I. as deacon; Rev. L. Nandzik, O.M.I. as sub-deacon; the Very Rev. A. Jan, O.M.I. and Rev. Th. Schmid as deacons of honor; the Rev. Fathers P. Nicolet and D. Gamache in dalmatics and the Rev. Frs. Chrysostom and Matthias in pluviale. The Rev. Fathers Boening, O.M.I., Pet. Habets, O.M.I., Th. Nandzik, O.M.I., Lawrence, O.S.B., Clement, O.S.B., Benedict, O.S.B., Casimir, O.S.B., and Joseph, O.S.B. acted as chaplains to the attending Rt. Rev. Bishops and Abbots in the sanctuary.

In the minds of the visiting Abbots never was the hierarchy of the Catholic church so well represented at the benediction of an Abbot in North America as at the blessing of Abbot Michael. We had the great honor and extreme pleasure of harboring in our midst three Rt. Rev. Bishops and four Rt. Rev. Abbots, not including our Abbot. We sincerely regret that our beloved Bishop Albert Pascal, who is still abroad, could not be present.

The Rt. Rev. visitors at the solemn benediction of Abbot Michael were: His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Vincent Wehrle, O.S.B., Bishop of Bismarck, N. Dak., formerly Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Richardton, N. Dak.; the Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally, Bishop of Calgary, Alta.; the Rt. Rev. O. Charlebois, O.M.I., Bishop of Berenice, Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin; the Rt. Rev. Ernest Helmstetter, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, N. J. and Praeses of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictines; the Rt. Rev. Peter Engel, O.S.B., Abbot of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.; the Rt. Rev. Bernard Menges, Abbot of St. Bernard's Abbey, St. Bernard, Alabama; the Rt. Rev. Oswald Baran, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Martin's Abbey, Lacey, Wash.; the Rt. Rev. Mgr. M. Pilon, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alta., and the Very Rev. A. Jan, O.M.I., of Saskatoon, Vicar General and Administrator of the diocese of Prince Albert.

Other visitors were: The Rev. Fathers P. Nicolet, Th. Schmid, D. Gamache, A. P. Hilland, O.M.I. of Winnipeg, P. Habets, O.M.I. of Windthorst, Th. Nandzik, O.M.I. of Fish Creek, L. Nandzik, O.M.I. of Winnipeg, Clement Dimpfl, O.S.B., of Mandan, N. Dak.

Among the lay visitors were Artist B. Imhoff of St. Walburg, Sask., Alfred Vonnegut of Winnipeg, B. Hoeschen of Saskatoon, a former student of St. John's University. Mr. Wm. Krumpelmann of Saskatoon was present as a special delegate of the class of '16 of St. John's University. In the name of the class he presented the Rt. Rev. Michael Ott with a spiritual bouquet of the class. A number of other alumni of St. John's University and former pupils of the present Abbot were in the church to witness the elevation of their former professor to the high dignity of Abbot. In the afternoon the Humboldt Council of the Knights of Columbus presented to Abbot Michael as a token of their esteem and good will a most delicately designed address on a parchment measuring 1x1 1/2 ft. Each letter is designed and executed with the greatest care and grace, and the whole has evidently cost many hours of painstaking labor.

Right Reverend Abbot, We, the Knights of Columbus, Humboldt, cordially uniting with your many friends, desire on this happy and auspicious day to offer to you, Right Reverend Abbot, our heartfelt congratulations.

Great was the sorrow of this Colony at being severed from a Pastor whom it cherished in a special manner, but great is its joy today in being able to salute, as his successor, one of his brother priests of St. John's Monastery.

Fruitful indeed has been your ministry. The great band of students that have passed under you as professor in St. John's University, the many scholarly articles which grace the pages of the Catholic Encyclopedia are lasting monuments to your untiring energy, the spiritual fruits of your zeal, the Master alone can reward, but even to men these fruits have been apparent.

The Vicar of Christ has seen fit to recognize your deep piety, love of souls, and administrative ability by calling you to a higher sphere of labour, a wider scope of activity, and increase of responsibility.

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