

NAABOD Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Oblate Directors,

I trust that the Christmas Season was filled with many blessings for you and yours and the New Year is off to a GREAT start! How quickly we move this year from Christmas in the Lenten Season. Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday are just days away. The flu bug has been running rampant here on the hill. I trust you are among the fortunate ones who have been spared this ordeal.

First of all, you may have noticed the www.naabod.org has not been available for a few days recently. After several hours on 'hold' and several conversations with techies, I have been assured that our web presence will be restored by Monday, January 28, 2013. God is good!!! As soon as our NAABOD website is back up and running, I will be including an updated membership form along with registration and schedule information for NAABOD 2013. If you are aware of conferences, articles, books, etc. on Benedictine Spirituality and/or the Rule, please send these to me so that I can include these on our website.

I am finally ready to send out the registration form and the schedule for our Biennial NAABOD Conference for 2013. It will be here before we know it. A heartfelt thank you for the planning committee for the work that is going into making these preparations.

Hopefully, each of you has received a mailing from Fr. Paschal Morlino (Pamorlino@aol.com) regarding the Third World Congress of Benedictine Oblates. I am hoping to be able to attend all or part of the Congress. If all goes as planned, I will be on sabbatical next fall and will be spending my semester reviewing an Semester Abroad Program on International Leadership.

With a grateful heart, I wish to thank each and every one of you and your support team for your special ministry to our oblates. As we know, there is a deep hunger in our world for Benedictine Spirituality and our oblate chapters are instrumental in satisfying that hunger.

Blessings & Peace,

Sr. Bonita Gacnik,
NAABOD President