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New President Appointed

In the more than 100 years of its existence, Belmont Abbey has had only 7 presidents; Fr. Neil W. Tobin will be the eighth.

At a press conference on March 16, Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B., announced that Fr. Tobin will succeed Father John Bradley as president of Belmont Abbey College.

Father Tobin, a native of Cascade, Iowa, received the B.A. degree in Latin from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in classical languages and literatures from Fordham University. He received the S.T.B. and S.T.L. degrees in theology from Gregorian University in Rome.

For the past seventeen years, Fr. Tobin has been associated with Loras College in various capacities. He most recently served as vice president for academic affairs. Since 1972 he has been national secretary-treasurer of Delta Epsilon

Sigma, a national honors society, and will continue to hold this office here at Belmont Abbey College. Fr. Tobin has always been interested in the arts and was a member of the Board of Directors and second vice president of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. At present he is the Pastor of St. Donatus Church in St. Donatus, Iowa.

Fr. Tobin was among 18 candidates considered by an eight-member committee seeking a president since Fr. Bradley's November announcement that he will resign in May to concentrate on Belmont Abbey's "external affairs."

At the conference, Fr. Tobin said he hopes to bring together "a community of planners" to develop long range plans for the Abbey.

He plans to study how the College can meet the academic needs of the religious and

business community around Belmont Abbey College. And he wants to keep lines of communication open among teachers, students, alumni and trustees.

"I'm really a co-worker with God trying to realize our Father's plan for an institution," Father Tobin said. "Many times our Father's plan is different from ours, and it becomes a matter of discerning what God's plan is and having the courage to go along with it."

Asked if the search committee conducted an extensive search for a president before deciding on Fr. Tobin, Abbot Jude replied: "The fact that we got a man from Iowa may indicate to you it was widespread."

Father Tobin said it's his "prayer, hope and expectation" that he'll be able to walk in the footsteps of the College's past presidents, which included Abbot Jude and Fr. Bradley.



FATHER NEIL W. TOBIN

Alumni Directory

The Alumni Office has received word from College and University Press in Falls Church, Va. that you will be receiving your alumni directories in late May if you have already placed your order.

If, by chance, you receive an acknowledgement slip from College and University Press, and you have not ordered a directory, please telephone them toll free at 800-338-3724 to correct the error.

Directories can still be ordered by calling the above number or by writing to the following address: College and University Press, 200 Park Avenue, Falls Church, Va. 22046.

Day Of Recollection Set For Area Alumni

The Day of Recollection for all area alumni and their spouses or dates, originally scheduled for April 1, has been changed to May 6.

The events, sponsored by Father Oscar Burnett, O.S.B., director of Campus Ministry, will be held at the Abbey's Lake Norman retreat house. The day's activities will

include informal group discussions of obstacles encountered in daily living, recreation, swimming, a covered-dinner and just good fellowship.

For more information on times, directions to the house, etc., contact Fr. Oscar at 825-3711, Ext. 247 or 218.



Fr. Neil Tobin, Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B. and Fr. John Bradley at news conference during announcement of Fr. Tobin's appointment.

Alumni Support Admissions

Because of the fine efforts of the admissions staff, Belmont Abbey College is invited to many college night programs. Invitations are given by high school counselors and education associations. These "College Nights" are attended by high school juniors and seniors who wish to gain information and brochures from those colleges represented. Unfortunately, many of these occur on the same night, especially during the fall of the year. The admissions staff believes attendance at these programs is

very crucial to the continuation of increased enrollment. Many programs allow alumni to represent the College. The admissions office is seeking alumni who are willing to help in this area.

The admissions counselors will supply all the material, as well as update the alumnus or alumna as to the changes that have taken place since their graduation. If you are interested or would like more information, write or call the admissions counselor responsible for your area:

Mr. J.P. Collins, 1516-11th Ave, R.D. 3, Toms River, N.J. 08753, (201) 566-3098 or 341-3366, New York, New Jersey, Penn., Conn.

Mr. Robin Roberts, Admissions Office, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C. 28012, (704) 825-3711 or 825-9682, Florida, Virginia, D.C., Maryland, Tenn.

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