

ST. ANSELM'S PRIORY,  
679 TINTON AVENUE,  
NEW YORK.



TELEPHONE MELROSE 3034

June 8th, . . . . . 192 5

Right Reverend Abbot Alcuin, O.S.B.,  
St. John's Abbey,  
Collegeville, Minn.

Right Reverend dear Father Abbot:

This is to certify that  
according to our records Joseph Thomas Keller was confirmed  
in St. Anselm's Church on May 5, 1916 by the Right Reverend  
Bishop Patrick Joseph Hayes.

Yours very sincerely,

(Very Rev.)

(Prior and Pastor)

FB:MD

OSB KELLER\_00001



TITULI S. MARIAE IN VIA S. R. ECCLESIAE PRESBYTER CARDINALIS  
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA  
ARCHIEPISCOPUS NEO-EBORACENSIS

Cum dilectus in Christo Filius JOSEPH S. KELLER

ad statum religiosum admitti cupiat, attento Canonibus Codicis Juris Canonici No. 544 et  
545, ac prævia diligenti inquisitione, præsentibus litteris fidem facimus atque testamur  
laudatum JOSEPH S. KELLER in quantum nobis constat, nullo impedimento  
irretiri quominus ad regulam religiosam profitendam admitti possit.

Datum Neo-Eboraci ex Cancellaria die XXX mensis APRILIS

anno 1925.

*Thomas Kearney*  
CANCELLARIUS.

*Thomas Kearney*  
*Accepto Rev. Srng.*



**Josephus Franciscus Busch**  
**Miseratione Divina et Sanctae Sedis Gratia**  
**Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus**

Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur, dilectum in Christo Josepho Sylvester Keller qui, ratione commorationis per annum et ultra in Baergerweil Nostrae Diocesis, Nobis noscitur subiectus, pro hoc tempore suae probitatis specimen dedisse, donaque fama vita ac moribus praeditum fuisse, et ex hac Nostra Diocesi annos \_\_\_\_\_ natum, nullo delicto quod infamiam irroget patrato, nullaue ecclesiastica censura, aut alio canonico impedimento quod sciamus innodatum discessisse; quare ex nostra parte nihil obstare quominus ad Tonsuram, Minores et Sacros Ordines promoveri possit.

In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expediri iussimus.

Datum S. Clodoaldi sub signo sigilloque Nostro, die 2 mensis Junii anni 1925

Jos. F. Busch  
STI. CLODOALDI EPISCOPUS.

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen.

Ego Frater Dominicus Keller ex Neo-Eboraco  
diocesis Neo-Eboracensis ad honorem Omnipotentis  
Dei, Beatissimae Virginis Mariae, ac Beatissimi  
Patris nostri Benedicti, et omnium Sanctorum,  
tenore praesentium per vota simplicia ad triennium  
valitura promitto stabilitatem et conversionem morum  
meorum, ac obedientiam secundum regulam ejusdem  
Sancti Benedicti, et statuta nostrae congregationis,  
coram Deo et Sanctis ejus, quorum Reliquiae hic in  
praesenti ecclesia sunt, simulque in praesentia  
Reverendissimi in Christo Patris ac Domini, Domini  
Alcuini Stentech, hujus monasterii Abbatis, et coram  
Reverendis Patribus et Venerabilibus Fratribus hic  
praesentibus: In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus  
Sancti. Amen.

In cujus rei testimonium praesentem schedulam  
manu propria scripsi in hoc venerabili loco Ecclesia  
Sancti Joannis Baptistae, anno ab Incarnatione Domini  
millesimo nonagesimo vicesimo sexto, quinto Idus  
Julii, in Festo Solemnitatis Sancti Patris nostri  
Benedicti.

Dominicus Keller



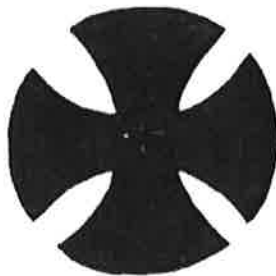
+ Alcuinus  
Abbas

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen.

Ego Frater Dominicus <sup>Joseph</sup> Keller ex Monasterio Eboraco diocesis  
Norwicensis ad honorem Omnipotentis Dei, Beatissimae  
Virginis Mariae, ac Beatissimi Patris nostri Benedicti, et  
omnium Sanctorum, tenore presentium per vota sollemnia  
promitto stabilitatem et conversionem morum meorum,  
ac obedientiam secundum regulam ejusdem Sancti Benedicti,  
et statuta nostrae congregationis, coram deo et Sanctis ejus,  
quorum Reliquiae hic in praesenti ecclesia sunt, simulque  
in praesentia Reverendissimi in Christo Patris ac Domini,  
Domini Alcuini Deutech, hujus monasterii Abbatis, et coram  
Reverendis Patribus et Venerabilibus Fratribus hic praesentibus:  
In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

In cujus rei testimonium praesentem schedam manu  
propria scripsi in hoc venerabili loco Ecclesia Sancti Joannis  
Baptistae, Collegerville, Minnesota, anno ab Incarnatione  
Domini millesimo nongentesimo undetricesimo, die undecima  
Julii in Festo Solemnitatis Sancti Patris nostri Benedicti.

Dominicus Joseph Keller



+ Alcuinus O.S.B.  
Abbas.

# Last Will

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I, the undersigned Dominic J. Keller  
of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, in the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, declare, and  
publish the following as and for **my Last Will**, hereby revoking all other Last Wills that  
I may have previously made:

(1) I give, devise and bequeath all of the estate, property and effects whatsoever,  
wheresoever situated, both real and personal, which I may own or to which I may be entitled  
or of which I may become possessed hereafter unto the Order of St. Benedict of the County  
of Stearns, State of Minnesota, absolutely.

(2) I nominate and appoint the Rt. Rev. Alexis Deutsch,  
President of the aforementioned Corporation, or his Successor in office, sole Executor of this  
my **Last Will and Testament**, and desire that he shall not be required to give any secur-  
ity for the performance of his duty.

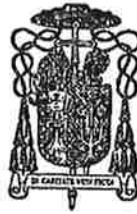
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day  
of July, A. D. 1929.

(Signed) Dominic Joseph Keller

Witnesses:

Addresses:

Collegeville, Minn.  
Collegeville, Minn.



Josephus Franciscus Busch  
Misericordiae Divinae et Sanctae Sedis Gratia  
Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et  
testamur Nos die 15<sup>ta</sup> mensis Decembris  
anni 1929 - in

Ecclesia Abbatis Th. Joannis Baptistae  
Dilectum Nobis in Christo

Dominicum Keller O.S.B.  
et Abbatem Th. Joannis Baptistae

ad Subdiaconatum

juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti  
Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

In cujus rei fidem has testimoniales litteras sigillo Nostro  
majori insignitas confici jussimus.

Apud Mon. Clodoaldanum  
die 16<sup>ta</sup> mensis Decembris  
anni 1929 -

+ J. F. Busch  
Episcopus Th. Clodoaldi.



Josephus Franciscus Busch  
 Misericordiae Divinae et Sanctae Sedis Gratia  
 Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et  
 testamur Nos die Septima mensis Junii  
 anni 1931 -

in Eccl[esi]a Abb[ati]ali S[an]cti Praxedis Bap[ti]ste

Dilectum Nobis in Christo

Dom[ini]cum Keller O.S.B.  
Abbat[em] S[an]cti Praxedis

ad Presbyteratum

juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti  
 Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

In cujus rei fidem has testimoniales litteras sigillo Nostro  
 majori insignitas confici jussimus.

Apud S[an]cti Clodoaldum  
 die Octava mensis Junii  
 anni 1931 -

+ Josephus F. Busch  
Episcopus S[an]cti Clodoaldi



# CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I Hereby Certify, That on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901  
Miss Bertha A. B. was ordained to the priesthood  
of the Catholic church, and that he is authorized under the rules of  
said Catholic church to solemnize marriages.

✠ † Jos. F. Burch  
BISHOP OF ST. CLOUD.  
St. Michael's

Filed for record and recorded June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901  
John L. Dominis  
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT.



St. Barnabas's Ch.  
St. Joseph's Miss.  
June 9, 1931

Dearest dear Father:

As practice! How you  
are one of Edward's eyes  
on and the Message,  
during the gift of calling them down  
you the will of doing. and the will  
to bring me the grace to your fallen  
practice in order to bring him on earth  
and through the sacraments. Engage  
-ation to your dear Father's service.  
May God bless. You and keep you in  
the grace more and more, so that you  
may be able to bring many souls. as  
I God and finally give me salvation

May I ask you for the favor of receiving  
your final blessing before you see a my  
last? I thank you for a much for your  
invitation, but may I say, that I will  
not be able to come, as I have just re-  
turned only a few days ago from the hospital  
where I received your letter. We must all  
to wait myself some. I hope to see you  
here soon and in the meantime accept  
the little offering, small but made in  
hopes, of some one of being able to.  
How many. May I say I hope on my feet  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice and  
bring many more souls to heaven through  
your garden work in the things.

Yours in St. Barnabas's,

St. Barnabas's Ch. Sts

P. Dominic Keller.

b: Dec. 31, 1902.

Prof: July 11, 1926.

Ord: June 7, 1931.

Student: Columbia Univ., N.Y. City-Summer sess.-1931; 1935;  
1936;

Univ. of Minnesota-1932-1934.

M.A. ibid.-1934.

Pius X School of Liturgical Music:

Summer session-1937

Full Term-1937-38.

Europe--Aug. 1938--Feb. 1939.

Abbey: Professor of History-1933-1937

Prefect of St. Gregory's Hall-1933-1937.

Director of High Sch. Dramatics--1934-1937.

Moderator of Intern. Relat. Club-1934-1937.

Instructor of IV High Religion--Feb. 1939-

Director of Students' Choir-Feb. 1939--

Humanities Course-Music-Feb. 1939-June 1939.

Student Chaplain 1939

Director of College Dramatics- 1939

P A X !

Die 13 Sept. 1931

Ex hac vita decessit

Pater R. P. Dcminici, O. S. B.

Ejus requies aeterna piis nostris commendatur orationibus  
et sacrificiis.

R. I. P.

Ex Abbatia S. Joannis Baptistae  
Collegioville, Minnesota  
Die 13 Sept. 1931.

+ALCUINUS, O. S. B.  
ABBAS.

September 8, 1932

Rev. Dominic Keller, O.S.B.,  
629 - 2nd St. N. E.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Father Dominic:

I know not whether you are still acting as chaplain at the Old Folks. But whether you are or not, you will please go to St. Joseph's Saturday morning and serve as assistant there. In case you have been saying Mass all this week at the Old Folks, please notify the pastor of St. Anthony's, on receipt of this, that Saturday morning will be the last time you go there.

At present I do not see any escape for me from appointing you assistant at St. Joseph's for this year, and I do herewith appoint you such.

In case I can make some other arrangement later on which will make it possible to let you attend the University, I shall gladly do so. You may come up next week to get yours things.

Cordially yours,

Abbot.

September 23, 1932

Rev. Dominic Keller, O.S.B.,  
1127 - 4th Street North,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Father Dominic:

This is to notify you that you may register at the University for the coming school year--for work in History, of course.

I am making this arrangement at a personal sacrifice. Father Cletus will be the assistant at St. Joseph's. To supply his place, my secretary, Father Nicholas, will drive to St. Joseph three times a week to give catechism in the school. This will, of course, mean that he can give less service to me.

Please let me know how much money you will need for registration, etc. If you prefer, you may move over to St. Boniface's.

Cordially yours,

Abbot.

St. Anselm's College

Manchester, N. H.,

Aug. 7, 1936

Rev. Rev. dear Abbot Procces:

Some twelve years ago we had eleven Ursuline Sisters from Aulendorf, Germany, take over our culinary department. Tho' teaching centers, they were glad to do that kind of work - however unusual for them. At the close of the next two years their schools at home began to pick up and in 1926 they were recalled. I have kept in touch with them ever since and they write me twice a year. In their last letter of a week ago, they inquired of me whether I knew of any Council and bundle opening in this country, where they might possibly establish themselves, teaching school. Some

of their groups have attended the University of Göttingen - near  
Andersstadt - and a few have very good knowledge of the English  
language. You are of course conversant with the peculiar  
condition of the teaching establishments in Germany. - Would you  
know of any such opening for them out your way? There in  
the East German has become obsolete in schools and there is  
nothing to be had. May I hear from you at your convenience?  
If something could be found for these good folks. They are  
such a very high type - their outlook would be most reassuring.  
Awaiting your reply at your leisure I beg to remain  
Yours respectfully  
W. A. Dornine S.D.S.

ST. ANSELM'S CHURCH

673 TINTON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

MELOSON 5-3034

August 17, 1936

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

In the first place, I want to thank you heartily for your very kind remembrance of me on the feast of St. Dominic.

My work this summer at Columbia has been most interesting and fruitful. and gave some very instructive lectures on nationalism and internationalism, respectively. The two courses in the history and appreciation of music have given me everything I wanted in preparation for my part in Father Dunstan's new "Humanities" course this coming school year. I understand that my section on music is to start two weeks after school opens, and will continue for six weeks; in view of its proximity, I am already working hard to organize the course by gathering my material and preparing my lectures.

Father Dunstan told me last spring that you were willing to grant us a sufficient amount of money to pay for the phonograph records which are absolutely essential for demonstration purposes in this cultural course in music understanding. My professor at Columbia told me the course could not possibly be given without some records. Suspecting this before I left St. John's, I made a thorough inventory of all records available anywhere at St. John's. Here in New York there are several places where I can get some very desirable bargains on records that I shall still need. Before leaving New York, I should like to visit these places and buy as cheaply as possible the very minimum number of records I think we shall require. My very careful estimate is that I shall need at least one hundred dollars. You understand, of course, Father Abbot, that the kind of records needed are those of classical music such as symphonies and parts of operas, oratorios, etc. Such records are naturally more expensive than popular records. And so I am writing you to ask for the money and the permission to make these necessary purchases personally. I have spoken over this matter with Father Virgil and others, and all agree that this is the cheapest and most satisfactory method of getting exactly what is needed. And once we have it, we shall have it for many years.

With kindest regards from all of us here at St. Anselm's, I am

Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,

*Dominic Keller, O.S.B.*

OSB KELLER 00016



August 27, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller, S.S.F.  
673 Clinton Avenue,  
Bronx, New York City, N. York.

Dear Father Dominic:

It is funny! For years I have had in mind such a cultural course as is proposed in our new Humanities course. Yet, now that it is to become a reality, I have become rather indifferent. I do not know exactly why. But my feeling is that there is something wrong in our approach - if I may use a rather bare - to our educational work. It seems to me that, despite all advanced work in History, Literature etc., there has been little advance in Culture, and I fear greatly that a new course in the Humanities will but furnish new names and facts and little addition to true Culture. After all true Culture comes not merely through the channel of the word, but more effectively through the inspiration of example. *Capitoli anti*

I enclose herewith check for \$100 for the procuring of the records which you say are absolutely necessary for the course on musical appreciation or whatever it is to be that you are to give. I confess that I send this amount with some hesitation on the score of conscience. I ask myself whether it is money wisely spent; whether in a couple of years the records will not be stored away in some corner of an attic, as other things have been stored away - just now I am thinking of a lot of stereopticon views for which my revered predecessor allowed \$500: I do not know just how long they were used; but I have good reason to doubt that it was for more than two years.

Well, I make this a matter also of your conscience, since I have some doubt as to whether so many records are necessary, given what we have on hand and what might be gathered from some of our parishes, where violins together with the records belonging to them have been put into the attic in favor of the radio. But I confess my ignorance as the matter of music.

You say nothing about needing money wherewith to come back home. I am, therefore, presuming that you have enough on hand to bring you here. I hope you have not worked too hard during the summer and that I shall find you in good condition on your return here.

Your devoted abbot,

OSB KELLER\_00017

ST. ANSELM'S CHURCH

673 TINTON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

MELROSE 5-5034

June 26, 1937

Dear Father Abbot,

Here I am at St. Anselm's for a week already and shall probably stay here until September. Mother Stevens said there would be no room vacant for me at Pius X School until the summer course is over. She insisted however that I take several courses there in Chant this summer while living at St. Anselm's, and thus get a good start on my work during the year. There seems to have been some slight misunderstanding about my being chaplain there. She thought I was an organist until I told her I had never received an organ lesson in my life. We finally decided that I go through their course from the very beginning, starting with the fundamentals. I really do not understand fully what it is all about yet, but I will probably know more by the time you get to New York in August and then we can talk the matter over together. The summer course at Pius X School does not start until next Wednesday.

The three days I spent last week at Loyola University in Chicago were very interesting and instructive to me. The Catholic Dramatic Conference which was inaugurated there promises to be exactly what Catholic dramatic directors all over the country need. We have been waiting for a long time for some such organization which would be a clearing house for Catholic dramatic activities. We have much to learn from each other, and we all found out that we have plenty of material and need not go outside our own Catholic circle for inspiration and technical knowledge. It was very stimulating to meet so many priests and nuns who have labored so long in the past under the same difficulties and with the same problems. Even if nothing else comes of the convention, I think I gained much by the experience of meeting all these people in the field of Catholic dramatics. We really do want to make something of the Catholic stage and stop imitating the secular stage.

Fathers Martin and Emeric arrived here Thursday for a few days visit and we are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of Father Godfrey. I have not yet met Father Casimir. He was away on Retreat this week. Here at St. Anselm's there is nothing in the way of news. We are all anxiously awaiting your arrival, particularly myself --for further instructions at the end of the summer course.

Faithfully yours,

*Dominic, O.S.B.*

OSB KELLER\_00018

July 1, 1937

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
673 Tinton Avenue,  
Bronx, New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

Your letter of the 26th ult. indicated that you are in some confusion as to your status in reference to the Plus I school of music, and you venture to remark that there seems to have been some slight misunderstanding about your being the chaplain there.

Well, the misunderstanding was not on my part, but on the part of Mother Stevens, who either had the assurance or the suggestion that one of their chaplains was going to leave, and therefore asked me to send a letter to take his place. She wrote me on the 17th ult. that the chaplain in question is not leaving, and that therefore there is no necessity for you to fill. She offered to try to make compensation for this loss of promised income by having you give a few lessons on the organ and by teaching Latin in the school. You say that you never had an organ lesson in your life. Whether that would dissuade you from giving lessons to others, I do not know, nor do I know how you would take to teaching Latin.

Anyway, I am disposed to leave the matter in abeyance for the present, in view of the fact that you are following some courses at the Plus I school and have been provided with board and lodging at St. Anselm's. Since the school does not need your services as chaplain, I have been considering the advisability of sending you to Europe. I suppose this will make your heart leap. But I want you to put aside all thought of your own pleasure and consider only what will be of the greatest advantage to you from the point of view of your own progress and your future usefulness at home. It may be better for you to spend a year at the Plus I school to make up for whatever technical deficiency there may be in you, and then go to Europe next year. Please consider this matter dispassionately and talk it over with others - Father Coffey and Mother Stevens - and be ready to advise me when I reach New York, which will be about the 10th of August. I have written Mother Stevens just now, but have not mentioned Europe to her.

I am glad you have enjoyed the three days at Loyola University and profited by your attendance at the Catholic Dramatic Conference. You will please keep in mind what I told you about my desire regarding the religious drama.

Hoping to find you in good health and spirits on my arrival in New York, and asking you to greet the rest of the brethren from me, I am

Affectionately yours,

OSB KELLER\_00019

ST. ANSELM'S CHURCH

673 TINTON AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

MELROSE 5-3034

July 14, 1937

Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Your letter of July 1st informed me that you are considering the advisability of sending me to Europe to study chant since I am not really needed as chaplain at the Pius X School. According to your instructions I have talked it over with Father Godfrey and Mother Stevens and others. Father Godfrey is all for my going to Europe. Mother Stevens, of course, is not. Although she cannot deny the many advantages of studying the chant at its source--with the Benedictines in Europe, it is only natural that she should want to carry out her original plan of having a Benedictine from St. John's at her school, if not as chaplain then under any other pretext. I had hoped that you might come East for Abbot Ernest's funeral to-day. Then I could have spoken my mind to you completely, and you could have seen Mother Stevens personally to get at the bottom of her intentions.

However, since you are disposed to leave the matter in abeyance until your arrival here in August, I shall have to wait until then for a settlement. In the meantime, Mother Stevens wants me to ask your permission to be chaplain for the sisters at Pius X during the period between the summer session and the opening of the fall term in the middle of September. That would be from August 7 to about September 19. Fathers Casimir and Klein, the regular chaplains, shall not be there during this time. Mother Stevens also assures me that I could possibly take some private lessons in chant or harmony from some member of the faculty during that time. Whether I stay in New York or go to Europe next year, this arrangement would not seem to interfere, as far as I know. Please let me know whether I may accept this position for that period of time.

I sincerely hope that you did not suffer from the heat as we did here in New York during the past week. What a day for Profession that must have been last Sunday! I was at St. John's in spirit on that day but having to help out at a secular parish, I was denied the privilege of celebrating the Mass of St. Benedict. Perhaps it was more salutary to feel like a Benedictine in exile on that day.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, but especially your arrival here at St. Anselm's, I am

Respectfully yours,

*Dominic P. K.*

OSB KELLER\_00020

July 17, 1937

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.A.  
673 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

I shall reply only briefly to your letter of the 14th inst., as I have not given the matter of your future place of study any further thought, since I have decided to postpone further action until I get to New York. For the present I will merely say that Father Stevens asked me to let you serve as their chaplain during the absence of the regular chaplain from August 7 until about September 15. I wrote her that I shall ask you to back their service, which I do herewith.

I could not very well undertake to attend the funeral of Albert Ernest. Neither Father Brian nor Father Murphy are at home; besides, with the short time before my sailing for Europe, I could not afford to go away for several days.

Yes, the feast of our holy Father was a hot day here too. So dense a lot of people present at the service sympathized with me and wondered how I could stand it. But I got through without any great inconvenience and possibly perspired even less than some who were not rested as I was. But in the evening I did feel the effects of the morning's work. Every day since then was hot until yesterday when it was so cool that we almost shivered. I saw in the paper this morning that the West is still smoldering. My sympathy to all of you. Here in my room it is rather pleasant. Father Arnold just came in to say good-bye, as he is leaving for New York. Hence, however, I hope to see him again.

hoping that you are enjoying your stay in New York and profiting by it physically, mentally and spiritually, I am

Affectionately yours,

PIUS X SCHOOL OF LITURGICAL MUSIC  
COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART  
133rd Street and Convent Avenue  
New York

Dec. 20, 1937

Mt. Rev. Alvin Deutch, C.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Just want to write you a few words for Christmas. I have been very busy with my studies and other work here since we saw each other in New York. As I told you at that time, the New York climate and environment doesn't seem to agree with me any more. I am anxiously looking forward to the end of my stay here and my return to St. John's. But I suppose I shall have to learn much more about the chant before I can think of that day! And I am learning all I can now to hasten that day.

Father Ads is expected at St. Anselm's to help out for Christmas. I, of course, shall be expected to help Fr. Laximis here. Whether Fr. Emrie and Martin shall be here I do not know. How good it is to meet anyone from St. John's! When shall I have the pleasure of

another talk with you at St. Anselm's, Father Abbot? There  
is so much to talk about again!

But you must be very busy at this time and so  
I shall not take any more of your time. What this  
letter is really meant to do is to wish you a  
most joyous Christmas feast and God's blessing  
on you and all your undertakings throughout  
the new year.

Affectionately and respectfully yours,  
Dominic Keller, O.S.B.

December 22, 1937

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
133rd Street and Convent Avenue,  
College of the Sacred Heart,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

Just a brief note in acknowledgment of your letter with its greetings for the Christmas holidays. I presume you received the circular letter in which I sent my greetings to all the Fathers living outside of the Abbey. I need therefore but to renew them here.

I am pleased to note that you are homedick for the West and for the romantic life. I trust this feeling will grow in you and be purified of all selfish motives more and more, as time goes on and you become more active in both your intellectual and spiritual life. Our happiness here below depends on the attitude that we take and the attitude that we take to maintain that attitude. The attitude should be that we will make the best of any situation that we are placed in, trusting in God to help us, who never forsakes men of good.

I expect to leave on the next visitation trip on January 27. I shall not arrive in New York until the end of February or the first days of March.

Should you be able my greetings and good wishes to Mother Stevens, I am

Respectfully yours,



January 23, 1928

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
College of the Sacred Heart,  
College Avenue and West 133rd Street,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

Just a few lines to acknowledge receipt of  
your financial statement and to thank you for it.

I have no special comment to make on it,  
except that the total for the half year runs pretty high. I  
thought you would have supplied yourself with the necessary  
clothing when you left here. I trust you will always keep  
before you a high ideal of the monastic life and of the self-  
denial which gives it power.

I am leaving here next week on the visitation  
trip, which will finish up at Rochester. After that I hope to  
have the pleasure of seeing you. God bless you.

Affectionately yours,

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March 9, 1938

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

In our conversation at St. Anselm's last week I told you that I have learned to love the Chant in general, and the Solesmes rendition of it in particular, but I have not yet learned to like this place, --the whole set-up, if you know what I mean. Everything is women and girls, womanish and girlish. I have a great admiration for Mother Stevens and her work, but this is no place for a priest and a monk to stay for more than a few months. The whole atmosphere is unsuited for the study of chant and liturgy as I shall need it in the monastery. It is a wonderful school for training nuns or girls to become singing teachers for children or choir directors for parish churches. And there is no place in the world (and I mean that), where the chant is sung more perfectly. Even the monks at Solesmes have not the trained voices that Mother Stevens' choir of 60 girls has. Did you read the article in the "Commonweal" for Feb. 11, 1938, on page 435 entitled "Habit of Perfection"? Father Thornton, who wrote it, did not study chant here, -he is a man well traveled in Europe and knows what he is talking about.

But unfortunately, Mother Stevens has not the right set-up here for a systematic school, -necessary facilities, living quarters, routine, faculty, atmosphere, influence, etc. etc. that would attract priests, monks, or any men here. Aside from Father Casimir, who is a most exceptional case, what other priest ever lasted here more than a few months or a year? At the beginning of this year, Mother Stevens had four priests here! Four priests in a place that could give this country the chant! There should be forty, -but there never will be; and the reason for that I indicated when I spoke to you last week. Father Kelly, a fine priest from Columbia College in Dubuque, Iowa, was here from September until January, when he decided "he couldn't take it" any more. He left for Europe about a month ago and now writes me from Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight that at last, under Dom Desrocquettes he is getting what he wants and what we priests here at Pius X want and cannot get.

Other men of note, from different parts of the country, stop off here for a few weeks or days, and so we get the opinion of many people interested in the chant and the liturgy. And they all have the same solution. These men are musicians who have spent months or years in Europe looking for the Chant. They all agree that the girls do it beautifully here, but that if you

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want the real thing in its proper setting, in the real way in which the Church wants the chant sung at liturgical functions, i. e. as actual prayer, and not merely in preparation for concerts and demonstrations, you must spend some time at various monasteries in Europe and catch the fire of the thing for yourself at its source. It is no fault at all of Mother Stevens that she cannot supply this actual liturgical setting of the chant.

All the authorities on the chant that I have met here also agree that the Pontifical Institute in Rome is no place to make up for deficiencies of Pius X School. The Pontifical Institute is a conservatory of music for studying harmony, counterpoint, theory, organ, voice, etc. -professionally and over a period of years. No one recommends it for the chant.

What I am trying to say is this. I think I have gotten all I want out of Pius X School for the present. I do not say that I think I know it all, but I do know enough now to benefit by something better and broader than is possible for Mother Stevens to offer here. On the other hand, I do not feel that I could ever live through the four or five years of drudgery necessary to get a degree in music at Rome. I am too old for that, and I cannot convince myself that I need it for the work you have in mind for me at St. John's. As far as the theory of the chant is concerned, I know enough now to be able to teach it all to anyone at St. John's, i. e. students, novices, clerics or seminarians, and even the Fathers that are willing to learn the Solesmes rendition. But, of course, I lack the polish and prestige and first-hand experience with the living chant in the great centers of its origin in Europe. That I could only get by doing what a number of successful priest directors of choirs and teachers of chant in this country have done, i. e. go to Quarr Abbey, Solesmes, and other centers and observe and ask pertinent questions from the authorities at each of these places. None of them have a school of chant. You don't learn the chant in a school, you experience it, you catch the spirit of it, it grows on you, you become enthusiastic, and you gather all the information you can from those who do it well with their choirs.

The side-lines of the chant, namely harmony, counterpoint, etc. I can get at any music school in this country. I could pick that up from year to year at summer courses either at Pius X or in Minnesota.

Father Abbot, I decided to write you this letter only after and because Mother Stevens informed me that she gathered from your talk with her over the phone, that you were quite decided about my not being here next summer. That led me to suspect that you had in mind one of two things for me, either to come back to St. John's and teach the chant to the clerics during the summer, or to send me to Europe as you mentioned in a letter to me last summer. Whichever of these it is to be, Father Abbot, I do think it very

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essential that I should know in time to make adequate preparation as soon as possible.

May I take the liberty, Father Abbot, of saying that if you had Europe in mind, I could profit most abundantly by a procedure such as was indicated in an earlier section of this letter, namely several months with Dom Desroquettes (the gratest living authority on the chant) at Quarr Abbey, and then some time at Solesmes, Belgium, Maria Laach, Rome, and some other famous Abbeys that Mother Stevens has suggested to me on several occasions. But, Father Abbot, not the Pontifical Institute in Rome. There I would actually have to unlearn everything of the Solesmes method which is so beautiful and correct. I know that from competent and sincere men who have been there. You brought me some catalogues from the Pontifical Institute in Rome last fall, and naturally, I asked everybody I thought would know something about the place, what they thought. They all tell me the same thing --it is not for what you have in mind for me. I am too old to go into music on the technical side, professionally, Father Abbot. I would be forty by the time I got a degree there, and I no longer feel able to go through the terrible routine and drudgery of getting another degree. Furthermore, I honestly believe that it would not be necessary for the work you have in mind for me, namely the introduction of the true Solesmes Chant into St. John's. I love the Chant, I love the Liturgy, I love history and I love the religious drama, but I must confess I cannot see myself happy as a professional music teacher, such as the training at Rome would produce. Surely you could find a much younger and more talented man to take up music professionally, -to warrant the expenditure of so much time, money and energy as would be required at the Pontifical Institute. Besides, I am thoroughly convinced that the Pontifical Institute may be good for modern music theory and polyphony, but it is not recognized as the place to go for the chant. And that, I believe, is the mission you sent me out with, --to get the chant. Here at Pius X I have gotten most of its theory, and could get more if conditions were suitable. I explained to you that they are not, --at least in my case as priest and monk.

Now, Father Abbot, I am perfectly happy to come back to St. John's and do what I can for the Chant whenever you say so. But I also feel obliged to let you know what I think is needful for the completion of the education you sent me out to get. I am trying to be humble and honest about it. Last year when you and Fr. Godfrey suggested my going to Europe I begged that I might not be sent until I was more prepared to profit by such an opportunity. Now I feel that I am sufficiently grounded in the chant to make such an experience almost ideal. I do not think so alone. Mother Stevens and Fr. Casimir and the other teachers and priests here think the same.

Here is my suggestion, Father Abbot. I think I can get all I really need in Europe by next January. Then I could come back to St. John's and teach the music section of the Humanities course for the college and could begin my work on the chant with the

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students, seminarians, and clerics. I could even take over any other work in history or dramatics that the school needs me for in the second semester. My idea would be to finish off my courses at Pius X during the first part of the summer, after which I would go to the Isle of Wight for several months, and then, of course, to Solesmes, Maredsous, Beuron, Maria Laach, and Rome. Thus I could see the great choirs and choir masters at work in preparation for the great feasts and could get many pointers and atmosphere on monastic liturgy in general. It would give me authority and prestige when I got back to St. John's, not only about the chant but also about history and culture in general.

Perhaps I should also tell you, Father Abbot, that I can claim an inheritance of a little over 200 dollars from relatives in Bavaria, which I can get in no other way than in person, since Hitler will not permit the shipment of money out of Germany. I would not take the money out of Germany, but my aunt here in Brooklyn is willing to advance the cash to me now, if I could get to tell her sister in Bavaria about it. You gave me permission about a year ago to sign all the papers about this affair. But, of course, they have found no way of getting the money out of Germany so I said nothing to you about it lately. At any rate, Father Abbot, this sum would help to defer some of the expenses of the trip, if you permit it.

Now, Father Abbot, I have done what I think the Abbot expects of his monks, to tell him honestly what is on their minds about fulfilling the work he has enjoined upon them. I would not have dared to write this way if I did not think you would understand the honesty of my intentions. I beg you, Father Abbot, to give this matter the same fatherly consideration you have always given my problems in the past, and assure you that whatever you shall decide, I shall be most willing and happy to do with the help of God. With filial affection in St. Benedict,

Yours most sincerely,

*Dominic Keller, O.S.B.*

March 18, 1948

Rev. Dominic Keller, O.S.B.,  
College of the Sacred Heart,  
123rd Street and College Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

What you wrote me in your letter of the 5th Inst. was nothing new, since you had given me the substance of it on my recent visit in New York. However, I appreciate your having made the formal statement.

I am not prepared to give any definite expression, at the present time as to what course I shall pursue in your regard. There is no hurry and conditions in Europe are rather uncertain at this time. The lapse of a few weeks may bring some clarity into what is likely to happen and enable me to arrive at a more prudent decision.

I take this opportunity to wish you a most pleasant feast of our holy Father Benedict. Our Bishop will, as usual, officiate and I expect to preach the sermon. The other day it almost looked as though I might not be here for the feast, having received an urgent request from the Abbot of Holy Cross Abbey to go out there on account of a difficulty that is confronting them. But I got him to consent to my coming out there only after St. Benedict's Day.

Trusting God to bless you and to prosper your work, I am

Affectionately yours,

May 7, 1930

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
College of the Sacred Heart,  
133rd Street and Convent Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

Father Richard wrote on the other day to ask whether I could send someone to assist him at St. Benedict's, since Father Lawrence is in the hospital and will not be able to do work for another month or two. Father Wigan, too, will have to undergo an operation about the middle of June. I shall make provision to have some one at St. Benedict's to take Father Wigan's place. But naturally I have no one whom I could send to New York before the close of our school year and the first retreat.

I have, therefore, written Father Richard to confer with you to ascertain whether it would be possible for you to assist him. Of course, and please understand that I want you to finish this school year at the Holy X School. To make whatever arrangements may be required to obtain credit for attendance for the year. If convenient with this regard it is possible for you to help Father Richard, he will gladly have to turn elsewhere to find a priest to help him. If the Holy X School gives any money or credit for the work done during the year, I want you to obtain them and send them to me.

I have considered letting you go to Europe to visit monasteries in the western countries in order to get some practical experience from observation of their habits in Chart. I do not know whether Father and other you wish that you could not get on the continent. I would, therefore, suggest that you leave Europe out of consideration, unless you find that there is something worth while to be had at some Abbey on the Isle of Wight. But you might consider a brief visit to Saint Andre, Buzelange, Clervaux (in Luxembourg, which is said to render the Chart very well), Maria Laach, Neussen and Colmar. From there you may go down to Rome and return via Venice to New York. I figure that you should leave New York on August 10 or shortly thereafter, and be back here for the beginning of the second semester. Until the time of your departure I want you to stay at St. Benedict's, rendering assistance there from the time that you have completed your work at the Holy X School. You may naturally make your packing for passage to Europe and get what practical pastoral experience you can get at St. Benedict's.

If you have any suggestions to make concerning the above program, you are welcome to present them. God bless you!

Affectionately yours,

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May 10, 1938

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Your letter of May 7th gave me great joy. I want to thank you heartily for the great privilege and opportunity you have granted me to finish my study of the Chant in Europe. God grant that I may ever deserve the great trust you have placed in me! Mother Stevens and others that should know here, agree that it is the very best thing for the work you have in mind for me. It is the perfect complement to the work I have done this past year at Pius X School.

Father Richard called on me last evening. We both had our letters from you and could therefore discuss with understanding the matter of my helping him with parish work until you are able to send some one in Fr. Edgar's place. You expressly mention that you want me to finish this school year at Pius X School, to make whatever examinations may be required to obtain credit for attendance for the year. Since that is your wish, I must inform you that I shall not be able to leave here before June 15. I saw Mother Stevens about this and she confirmed the fact that I could not finish the courses I am taking and also the examinations before that time. Besides, I am needed (and paid) as chaplain here, and would embarrass the nuns considerably if I left them before that. Frs. Flynn and Nail have other places in N.Y. to take care of until they leave. They never were chaplains here. Fr. Casimir and I are both needed, one Mass for the community and another for the 350 college girls at a later hour.

At any rate, Father Richard and I came to the conclusion, that under the circumstances, it is not your wish that I can be of assistance to him now. He says he shall be able to get the Redemptorists to help him on Sundays until the middle of June when you say you shall be able to send some one. Then, Father Abbot, if you really want me to complete my courses here at Pius X School, I ought to take at least Chant II, Accompaniment II, and possibly Harmony II, while continuing with Liturgical Singing. I have marked these courses on the last page of the folder enclosed. Mother Stevens and I both think that as long as I am to have the advantage of studying with the great masters of the Chant at the different monasteries you indicated, it would be well for me to be prepared as fully as possible before I leave, so that I can make the most of my contacts in the six months in Europe. I had that in mind also when I wrote you last time suggesting that I leave "the latter part of the summer," -in this way getting in the summer session here from June 30 to August 6.



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As Mother Stewens puts it, --I shall then be all the more able to ask pertinent questions and discuss problems of the chant with a deeper understanding. Besides, it would hardly do for me to stay away completely from the Chant for over two months before I leave for Europe. Thus, if you should consent to let me continue until August 6 with some work here at Pius X, I would have only two weeks at my disposal to assist Father Richard, --namely from June 16 to 28.

Perhaps I could live at St. Benedict's as you say during the summer but then I could hardly be of more assistance during the week except for the extra daily Mass. From St. Benedict's to Pius X is a good hour's ride each way and means thirty cents car fare daily. These are the facts, Father Abbot, but I shall be glad to do whatever you decide.

Another matter is that of the Retreat. When and where do you wish me to make that before I sail? Would a private retreat in some European abbey be feasible?

You suggested that I leave England out of consideration unless I find that "there is something worthwhile to be had at Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight." But everyone that has been across for the Chant here seems to think that Quarr Abbey is next only to Solesmes in importance. Fr. Kelly and my vocal teacher spent most of their time there. The renowned Dom Derocquettes is there and he speaks English. You know, of course, that the monks at Quarr are French monks from Solesmes and carry out their traditions in the chant as well as in monastic discipline.

I have taken the liberty to make these suggestions because you said I was welcome to present them. Hoping this finds you well, and everything at St. John's going as it should, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Dominic O. M.*

May 14, 1940

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
College of the Sacred Heart,  
133rd Street and Convent Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

It will not be necessary to write you at any length in reply to your letter of the 10th inst. In view of what I wrote you on the 7th inst., you know what my mind is with regard to awaiting Father Ireland. Forget about that and finish your school work for this year, and remain then also for the summer session, taking the courses which you mentioned in your letter as desirable in view of your program in Europe.

I would have told you definitely to go to Quarr Abbey, if I had been certain that Tom Brown was still there. Since you tell me that he is, you may go there. You may arrange to land at Plymouth and visit Rockfast and Howside enroute to Quarr; but I don't want you to spend much time at any Abbey, except where you can profit for the purpose for which I am letting you go to Europe.

As to your retreat, it seems to me that you might get in the prescribed amount of time in a private retreat at Redboston after the summer session has closed, for you will still have a full week before you leave for Europe, unless indeed the sailing schedule should make it advisable to leave earlier. Of course, I expect you to travel tourist class and third class by rail in England and on the continent.

There, I think I have covered all that is to be said at the present time. You will please remind me later on to send you a Galabret and a letter of introduction to the Abbey. From the Apostolic Delegation you can obtain permission to say Mass on board ship. May God bless you.

Affectionately yours,

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Bronx, N.Y.C.  
July 19, 1938

Mr. Rev. Alvin Deutch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I am writing this from St. Francis Hospital in the Bronx where I have been staying the past few days at the request of Dr. Scholz of Manhattanville. My health has not been good during the summer school and by the middle of last week I actually became alarmed in view of my approaching trip to Europe. After a very sore throat and several sleepless nights I presumed your permission to see a doctor and also to follow his advice to come to the hospital for a thorough check-up and observation.

So far nothing of major importance has been discovered as far as the doctors will let me know. However, I expect a verdict tomorrow or the day after, and Dr. Scholz tells me he will write you a personal report on my condition. For several weeks I have been wanting to write

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you concerning the progress of my preparations for the trip to Europe, but I have always postponed writing in the hope that I would soon feel better and then could write with more certainty about future plans. Father Larchal has been a great help to me; and a steamship agent (friend and parishoner of Fr. Richard) has booked me tentatively for the "Nieuw Amsterdam" of the Holland-American Line sailing from New York on August 16. The Doctors assure me that I may still hope to sail on that date unless further complications arise which may make it necessary to postpone the sailing.

Regarding "celebrat" and letters of introduction and money for travel expenses, I shall write you as soon as I am definitely assured that my health will warrant my going ahead with plans. As you can readily understand, being sick at this time is rather a severe trial for me, so I ask you most earnestly to pray that God grant that everything turns out as I hope.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,  
 Dominick Keller, O.S.B.

July 23, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
673 Tinton Avenue,  
Bronx, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Father Dominic:

I am sorry that you have been stricken to such an extent that you had to go to the hospital. However, I am pleased to hear that up to the time of your writing no ill of major importance was discovered in you; I hope none has been discovered since. I shall await the letter of Doctor Scholz with interest.

I might as well postpone sending you a Celebret and letter of introduction, until I hear from you again. Ditto as regards the money for your travel. We haven't a superabundance, and want to hold on as long as possible to what we have, instead of letting it lie idle with you. You don't say what class you travel on the boat nor whether you have purchased a round-trip ticket. I am assuming that you will travel tourist class or its equivalent. It may be better not to purchase a return trip in New York, but rather in Germany, since you may be able to use for the purpose the money which you say is awaiting you in Germany. You will not be allowed to take it out, I presume; but you may be able to purchase return passage with it on a German ship.

Awaiting your next letter shortly and in it a statement of your present financial condition and of your expectations in Germany, and hoping you will have recovered fully by the time this reaches you, I am

Affectionately yours,

NEW YORK

Re Reverend Alenx. Weutsch O.S.B.  
Dear Father Abbott,

Your Father Dominick Keller  
has recently come under my care  
at St. Francis Hospital. He asked  
me to inform you of our findings.

After a thorough study of his  
case, we find he has a cystohe-  
rnic tumor of the left ventricle,  
of hypertrophy of the left ventricle,  
probably due to some slight aortic  
stenosis. We have instructed him  
not to be over active, to avoid stairs  
as much as possible or to mount  
them slowly.

We also found some closure  
of his thyroid sinuses. We recommend  
leaving them alone. The trip to  
Europe will I believe prove bene-  
ficial & there is no need for nasal  
surgery.

We also found an enlargement  
of his pituitary gland. We did not

tell time of this. as he has no symptoms  
from this condition & he is quite in two  
spective & free to worry me about his  
health. His gall bladder, stomach, intestines  
& lungs show no pathology. We believe  
the slight stomach disorder he con-  
siders of is of the nervous type.

I am enclosing my bill  
for services rendered:

Sincerely yours

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673 Tinton Ave., N.Y.C.

July 20, 1938

Mt. Rev. Alwin Deutsch, O. S. B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot.

I hasten with joy to inform you that I was released from the hospital to-day and am back at St. Anselm's feeling much better though somewhat weak from being in bed almost a week. Dr. Scholz and Herbermann seem to think that my condition shall mend gradually if I take it a little easy for a while. Both agree that from present indications I ought to be well enough to sail, as I had planned, by August 16. In fact they think the trip across the ocean and the change of climate in Europe ought to have very beneficial effects on my health in general. As I wrote you yesterday, one or both of my doctors are sending you a report as to their findings regarding my physical condition, hence I shall limit myself to saying that they tell me there is no infection nor any serious organic disorder. They found my heart a little abnormal & that I



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am suffering from a nasal condition and nervous stomach. I do not know if they have had anything to add to this in their report to you. I hope and pray there is nothing more serious.

Now, with regard to my trip to Europe. From what the doctors tell me, I presume it is safe for me to plan on sailing on August 16 on the steamer "Nieuw Amsterdam" to Plymouth, England. The round trip ticket, tourist class is \$248.00. Mr. Collins, my agent, tells me a round trip ticket is good for a return trip on any other steamship line, so that I can use it to return from Naples as you instructed me. How much more money than this I shall need for travel expenses in England and on the continent until January I shall have to leave to you, Fr. Abbot. Mr. Collins thinks I ought to have all my money in travelers checks before I leave N. Y. May I ask you at this time, then, to send me whatever amount you think I shall need for ocean round-trip ticket and travelers checks. I have about \$125.00 in cash on hand now from Mass intentions and chaplain salary at Pine I. Which reminds me, don't you think it might be well for me to make out my financial account up to July 31, 1938 and send it to St. John's? If you do, please send me a blank from the Procurator's office.

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What financial arrangements will be made for me at Quarr Abbey, Solomes, and San Quaelmo in Rome? Will you settle with these places direct, or do you want me to pay when I leave each place, - and about how much would you say is enough per week at each place if I am to pay myself?

I should also like to know whether and how much money I should leave at other monasteries I visit for a few days or less, such as Downside, Buckfast, Saint Andre, Maredons, Clewvart, Maria Taach, Beuron, etc. Fr. Kersch says some expect it.

May I also remind you, Father Abbot, to send me letters of introduction to Quarr, Solomes, Beuron, Maria Taach, San Quaelmo and whatever other monasteries you think I shall need them for. Will you write to Quarr and Solomes before I get there, or is that unnecessary?

Please send me also a "Celibret" for use in Europe. Then there is the matter of Mass intentions for the next few months. Could I get about 80 or 100 from St. John's to start out with? It shall be difficult to say where you can reach

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me by mail in Europe, except during the longer intervals at  
Quarr, Solemes and Haslebach.

Since I could not finish this letter last night, I  
am continuing it on Thursday, July 21. In this morning's mail  
I received a reply to my letter to Don Desroquettes. He  
says that he shall be able to give me about three weeks after  
August 24 or 25 but in the middle of September he must go  
away. That makes it just right. After that I can continue  
my visits on the Continent. I presume, of course, Father  
Abbot, that you shall not object to <sup>my</sup> seeing my aunt and uncle and cousins  
in Bavaria en route through Germany. It is the only place in Europe  
that I have close relatives.

Please may I ask you again to remember me in a  
special way in your Mass and other prayers so that my health  
returns fully by the time I sail, so that I can make the most  
of this opportunity.

Whatever other instructions you may have for me,  
I shall be pleased to receive now, for the time is drawing  
near. With the help of Fr. Sacchal I am gradually getting  
things planned, my only worry right now is that I get to  
feeling better by next month. Asking your blessing, I remain,  
yours devotedly,  
Dominic, O.K.

July 23, 1938

My dear Doctor:

I thank you for your letter giving me your findings in the case of Father Dominic Keller.

Your statement concerning the condition of his heart and the instruction you gave him to avoid stairs as much as possible or to mount them slowly and not to be overactive, makes me wonder whether it will be advisable for him to take the trip to Europe, on which I had in mind to send him.

He will hardly be able to avoid going up and down stairs on the boat and on other occasions during his trip, and may sometimes have to take them quite rapidly to avoid missing a train or bus. Besides, if he wants to profit by sightseeing, he can hardly avoid doing some walking.

I had in mind that he should study music in Europe to fit himself to direct choirs and orchestras. Of course, I would not care to go to the expense and possible danger to his health arising from the trip to Europe and study there, unless I have the assurance that his condition is not likely to be such that he will be able to render little service on his return. Should the examination that you gave him make you feel that his going to Europe may not prove as profitable to his health as my plans for his future would make desirable, I beg you to advise him not to take the trip at the present time, but to refer the matter to me without delay.

Thanking you cordially for this service, as well as for the service already rendered Father Dominic, for which I herewith enclose our check, I am

Yours sincerely,

Abbot.

July 25, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller, C.S.B.  
873 Tinton Avenue,  
Bronx, New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

I shall reply only briefly and by air mail to your letter. The reason is that your letter, as well as the doctor's, make me question the wisdom of your going to Europe at the present time.

Do not fear: the doctor has not made your case any worse to me than he has made it to you; in fact, I am almost inclined to think that you are making it worse than he. You write: "my only worry right now is that I get to feeling better by next month". The doctor didn't seem to worry about the possibility of your not making the trip. I did; and therefore wrote him what I had in mind for you to do, and reminded him that, unless he felt quite certain that your health would permit you to correspond with my plans, I would rather not have you go at the present time. You say in your letter that the doctor told you and Doctor Herbersman, the only one who has written me, says so in his letter to me, that you should take it easy, that you should avoid steps, or take them slowly when you can't avoid them. But, my dear, when traveling it is not so easy to take it easy and to avoid steps: sometimes one almost has to run, and there is luggage to carry (I hope you will not overburden yourself with it) and it costs money to hire a porter. Therefore you had better think twice before you leap into a boat, remembering that you have a responsibility to the community and us.

By this time you will have received my letter of last week. I note you speak about a return-trip ticket, and that you figure on spending the longer periods of time at Quarr, Solesmes and Rome. In my letter of last week I referred to the money that you expect to get in Germany. You know that, unless there is a change in the law, you cannot carry the money with you out of Germany, though you may probably be able to get it to defray your expenses in Germany. I wish you would plan to go from Quarr to Solesmes, to Rome and thence to Maria Laach to spend some time at the Academia there. If you have not purchased your return-trip ticket yet, I wish you would not do so until you get to Germany, if you go at all.

Yes, you may send me your personal account of receipts and expenditures up to August 1, exclusive. I trust you will remember in Europe, if you feel well enough to go there, not to be too lavish in the use of money. If your heart is not in good shape, I fear you will either not see much or have to spend considerable money on taxis and porters and yet be handicapped. But, really, I am not sending you over on a sight-seeing tour, but on a study tour. If you go to Europe, I shall want you to send me before leaving an approximate plan of what you want to see.

I will send you money, Colobret and letter of introduction when I hear definitely that you are fit to travel.

Affectionately yours,

Rt Rev. Alexander Beutsh. C. S. B.

My dear Abbot.

I fear I may not have made myself entirely clear and possibly unduly alarmed you over Father Hermann Keller's condition. He has a slight valve <sup>and</sup> defect with no damage at the present time to his heart muscles. This with slight gaud being taken against physical overexertion should not in my opinion shorten his life or impair his usefulness for many years to come.

We believe in warning people with slight heart trouble again at over exertion more with an eye to the future than any immediate danger of collapse. My opinion is that too great curtailment of his activities would only add

to his entire satisfaction and increase his  
worrying over his health. By all  
means, I would advise allowing  
him to continue his studies and  
work and I think your order  
will not lose by doing, as I  
do not think he will fail you  
from any physical collapse.

Thank you for your check.  
I am enclosing receipt

Yours sincerely  
S. T.

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Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Upon receipt of your second letter, I can now make proper reply to both. The two chief questions seem to be the present condition of my health and the matter of the money I am to get in Germany. Regarding my health, I can only say that I am gradually improving from day to day since I left the hospital. Yesterday I called up Dr. Herbermann and asked him how safe he thought it would be for me to leave for Europe on August 16 for the work you have in mind for me there. He told me he had received your letter and answered it to the effect that there was no reason for alarm, and he would vouch for the safety of my undertaking such a trip at this time. Besides, I still have almost four weeks (including the ocean trip) to "take it easy" and give my heart a chance to mend before I do any actual travelling in Europe. Of course, Father Abbot, if I should feel worse again, I would not think of making such a trip at the present time. I would much rather go home to the monastery. But I am really improving from day to day, and since most of the arrangements have already been made, I think I ought to go through with present plans. As you say, I am not going to Europe for a sight-seeing trip which would keep me on the run all the time. I expect to spend several weeks or more each at Quarr, in Paris at the Institut Gregorien, at Solesmes, at Maria Laach, and at Rome. And with your permission I would also like to spend a week or two up in the Bavarian Alps with my relatives. They are located in Seeg bei Fuessen and the nature of their place is a "Hoehen-Kurort." I really owe them this visit not only because they have waited for many years to see the priest in the family, but also because of the money transaction.

Your first instructions to me were to land in England and return in January from Italy, and I have planned my stay accordingly. In your most recent letters however you seem to indicate that I finish up in Germany and sail from there back to New York. This you do, I think, in view of the fact that you are thinking of ways and means by which I can make use of my inheritance money from the relatives in Germany. And that leads me to the second point,--the money I am to get in Germany.

I am sure, Father Abbot, that you either misunderstood what I had to say about that money in a much earlier letter, or that I did not make myself clear about it in the past. First of all, Fr. Paschal informs me that no kind of transfer of money would be possible from my relatives in Germany to me. Not only can they not send it out to me, but they would even get into



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trouble giving it to me while I am in Germany. My aunt in Brooklyn, N.Y. knew this from other sources and therefore worked out a plan by which I could get my share here in N.Y. before I leave for Europe. You know, of course, that I signed papers at St. John's making my aunt in Bavaria the beneficiary of my part of the inheritance (since we knew the money could not leave Germany). Now my aunt in Brooklyn, who is the sister of my aunt in Bavaria, wants to transfer several hundred dollars to my aunt in Bavaria. She has already sent some of it over by mail, but she is willing to give me two hundred dollars here, if I can then inform my aunt in Bavaria personally that she use my inheritance as an equivalent for herself. The aunt in Germany has already agreed to this thru Fr. Paschal. Thus, no one in Germany need know of any transfer of money between us except my aunt. The amount of my inheritance would not come to more than two hundred dollars if I could collect in marks, --most likely it would be less. So you see, Father Abbot, there is no question of my getting any money while I am in Germany. I get that money here, and therefore, with your permission, I might as well take advantage of the reduced rates of a round-trip ticket. In view of this knowledge, please let me know if you still think I should not get a round trip ticket before I leave N.Y. I have not yet paid for it, but the reservation is made, I have my passport, and also wrote for permission to say Mass on the steamer,--all this after renewed assurance from Dr. Herbermann that my health would warrant it. You see I am pressed for time and hence must assume that you heard from Dr. Herbermann and are assured that I am fit to travel.

My personal account of receipts and expenditures I shall send you next week. I have not yet had time to make it out but I think I have about one hundred dollars on hand. Since I wrote you last I spent about \$25. for passport and other things necessary for the trip. Enclosed is the bill from St. Francis Hospital for my week's stay and X-Rays. It is a nominal charge,--not the regular rates. I don't think that either of the doctors are charging anything--unless they sent a bill to you, which I doubt.

You want me to send you an approximate plan of what I want to see in Europe. Here is a tentative and very approximate list of places Fr. Paschal and I thought I ought to see both for historical and musical importance:-  
England: Buckfast, Downside, Quarr, Oxford, London, Cambridge, Ramsgate, Canterbury, Dover. (Nothing north of these)  
Belgium: St. Andre, Brussels, Maredsous, Mont Cesar, Antwerp.  
Luxembourg: Clervaux.  
Germany: Koln, Bonn, Maria Laach, Abtei St. Joseph bei Münster, Beuron, Trier, München, Salzburg, Vienna (Fr. Lancelot would like to have me visit his uncle in Budapest)  
Switzerland: Kloster Engelberg, Einsiedeln, Geneva.  
France: Paris, Solesmes, Rheims, Amiens, Lisieux, etc.  
Italy: Florence, Assisi, Milan, Venice, Rome, Montecassino, Subiaco, Naples.

It is understood, of course, that I shall connect up these places in the cheapest possible way, going out of my way or retracing my steps as little as possible. Hence, the above list does not indicate the proper sequence. Please may I remind you again of the following items: money, celebret, letters of introduction, Mass intentions, and the matter of what compensation the monasteries will get for my stay there.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dominic, O.S.B.*

OSB KELLER 00049

August 1, 1938

Reverend Dominio Keller, O.S.B.  
672 Tinton Avenue,  
Bronx, New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominio:

You have won on almost every point. I hope, however, that neither you nor the doctor have been too optimistic, and that you will be in such fine fettle as to accomplish even more than I expect. You say, therefore, sail for Europe and you may purchase a round-trip ticket before you leave New York. For my part you have about \$100 on hand and that your aunt will give you \$200 (I was quite mistaken about the possibility of making use, in payment of the inheritance due you. I will give you permission to take it out on Hitler if you can do so without committing a crime). That will give you \$300 approximately. I am sending you herewith another \$200. That will carry you through for the present. Our funds are running rather low - a bill for \$2,000 for the organ just completed, and of \$4,000 for a new electric engine will give us a pretty tight time, and there is little possibility of pumping it up to any extent until September. You will please write me from Europe when you need more and how much approximately you will need.

I handed the bill from St. Francis Hospital to Father Procurator this morning. Last week we paid the bill Doctor Herberman asked for.

There is one point on which I shall not capitulate - itinerary. I shall let the English itinerary stand, provided you do not consume more than a week in visiting London, Downside, Oxford, London and Cambridge; at Quarr Abbey, you say, of course, stay as long as the work for which I am sending you suggests advisable. I can see no good reason for your going to wherever eventhough it is not far from that point. Similarly I can see good reason for going up to St. Joseph's Abbey near Manchester, nor to Munich and Salzburg, nor to Vienna or Budapest. I think it sufficient, if I let you go down the Rhine from Cologne to Bonn, Bielefeld, Bieleberg, Geneva, Paris, Salzwedel and then down to Italy.

I am sorry to disappoint you in regard to the places eliminated. But I am not sending you over for anything but Gregorian chant. You do not quite understand that it will take time and money to visit all the places you have listed, and that what has included under the vague Liguori etc. But it is not merely time and money that I have in mind; it is also the wear of travel. If you think that travel is unmitigated pleasure, you will have a busy time some weeks of rolling about. I ask you therefore to confine yourself to the line that I have here traced for you.

This is all for today. The fact is I haven't time to do more, as I have already let a visitor wait for me for a considerable time. I will send the letters of introduction etc. in a day or two. For today I will merely add my best wishes for the feast of St. Dominio.

Affectionately yours,

OSB KELLER\_00050

August 5, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
678 Tinton Avenue,  
Bronx, New York City, New York.

Dear Father Dominic:

I wrote you on the 1st inst. and sent you a check for \$200. I trust you have received both. I did not send you the Celebret nor the letter of introduction. I did not have the time just then to write them. I am enclosing them today.

You will note that the letter of introduction is but a single one. You will, therefore, have to hold it tight - merely presenting it to whatever Abbot you want to board. You will please also note that I express my readiness to pay compensation not only for what you may consume, but also for whatever help you may get from a teacher of the chant or of the organ. You may figure at least a dollar a day for board and lodging. Offer that in places where you stay only a short time, if they are willing to accept. Where you stay a longer time and get special help so that there may be quite a bill, please ask that the bill be sent to me, or send it yourself.

The reason for my change of instructions, which first were for you to land in London and return in January from Italy, was not merely the money question. No, the principal reason was that it occurred to me that you might as well register at the Accademia in Maria Laach and remain there until the end of the year, in case we can get along without you also in the second semester. In other words, I think it would be best for you to go to Liège, then to Paris and Cologne, then to Italy, and from Italy make your way up to Leach, along the line indicated in my last letter so that you would be in Maria Laach in time for the opening of the second semester. You can there get instruction not only in Gregorian Chant, but in the Liturgy and in History of Monasticism. From Maria Laach you could then continue to see the other points of interest north and west of it which you mentioned in your last letter.

Of course, you may spend not more than two weeks with your relatives. But you must not lose sight of these two weeks. That is why I cut out some of the places which you mentioned in your itinerary. Zip-sawing back and forth means time and money, and you have neither to waste. Be sure to get Reise-Mark and Tourist-Lire and whatever advantages any other country offers to travelers. Get your information from Cook's, who has an office in every larger city in Europe, and one also in New York.

I am sending you herewith also 50 Mass intentions. They will hold you for a while. Perhaps you will get some more in New York before you leave. We haven't more to spare at the present time. Write Father Prior when you need more. God bless you. Gottliche Heil!

Affectionately yours,

St. Anselm's Priory  
673 Tinton Ave., N.Y.C.  
August 13, 1938

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I waited this long to answer your recent letters so that I might be able to inform you of my completed preparations. First of all I want to thank you for the check of \$200, the Celebret, the letter of introduction, and the Mass intentions. I think I understand the instructions you gave me about compensation at different monasteries, and also regarding the changed itinerary. I have also bought Reise-Marks to the amount of \$50, and expect to get what I need of Tourist-Lire when I am in Paris.

Regarding my registration at the Academia in Maria Laach and my stay there till the end of the school-year, I suppose I shall have to wait for future instructions from you, since it seems to depend on whether or not you need me at St. John's during the second semester. However, I have changed my itinerary completely to put it in line with the possibility of my staying at Maria Laach the second half of the year. This means that I shall be in England (Isle of Wight) until about September 24; then in Paris and Solesmes until November 11. Then I thought I ought to go to Rome so I might witness the canonization of Mother Cabrini. I could then stay in Rome until after Christmas and work my way up through Germany to Maria Laach for the second semester, if this is in accordance with your wishes.

Could you tell me where I might address a letter to Frs. Ralph or Vitus between now and the time when they return to Rome? I should like to inform them of my arrival in Rome in sufficient time.

My health has improved steadily, and I am ready to sail on Tuesday. I shall keep you informed as to my movements in Europe. Once more I ask your blessing and a special remembrance in your prayers and those of the community for my trip and work abroad.

Most sincerely yours,

*Dominic, O.S.B.*

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Aug. 22, 1938

Mr. Rev. Maxim Swales, O.S.B.

St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

My steamer landed at Plymouth this noon and I came at once to Buckfast Abbey. We had a smooth sea all the way over. Two priests from the Hartford, Conn. diocese were in tourist class with me and we soon had many other friends among the passengers. The weather was fine until this morning. The landing in England was a very rainy affair and it has been pouring all day.

I haven't been here long enough to see much but I was impressed by the beautiful Abbey Church and also by the very powerful singing of the monks at benediction. I have not yet heard any part of the divine office. Fr. Abbot was very

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patient to me and Fr. Prior and the guestmaster promise to keep me busy seeing and hearing things all day to-morrow. Then I shall leave on an early train Wednesday for Quarr Abbey where I expect to be with Dom Desnoquettes until he leaves about Sept. 16. Then I shall go to Norwich, London and a few other places in the south of England before I leave for Laris and Solence.

But to-day I merely wanted to inform you of my safe arrival in England. I shall write you again when I am about to leave Quarr. I hope this finds you in good health

Faithfully yours,

Domine Keller, O.S.B.

whom I expect to meet the choir director and organists of Hampton Gratory and Westminster Cathedral. I have letters of introduction to them.

About the 22nd of September I expect to leave England and go over to Belgium and visit the Abbeys of St. Omer and Maréchal.

My cousin has written to me at the Isle of Wight that in accordance with my plans up to a week before I sailed, she has obtained her leave of absence (she is a teacher away from home) for two weeks beginning Oct. 1 and if I saw any other terms she would not be home. Since she is the one I wish America I feel I might just as well drop over to Lugesburg from Belgium (down the Rhine) and visit my relative before I go on to Paris and Orleans. Thus I expect to be in Orleans after October 12. According to your instructions I am waiting in German universities until the second semester when I return from Italy to go to Maria Teach.

My health has been very good since I am here. Only today I had a little stomach trouble but don't expect to say it is the weather. I suppose everyone of us. This is my first day with the opening of school. Hope this finds you well. Would be delighted to hear from you whenever. Very sincerely yours,  
Domitius. *DK*

QUARR ABBEY,  
RYDE.

ISLE OF WIGHT.

Sept. 6, 1938

Mr. Rev. Kevin Deutech, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

This is a very cold and rainy day - the first bad weather since I got to this beautiful island. It rains almost every day but the sun always comes soon after to cheer and warm me again. But not to-day! Being confined to my room I shall write a few letters that I promised - the first to you.

I have been here almost two weeks now and during that time have had over an hour a day private instructions in the Church from Dom Fleopactis. He is very willing to answer all my questions and then to expand on points that come up in discussions.

I feel that meeting him and learning even what I have learned since he came has warranted my coming over to Europe. From Dom Beaccoquetta one learns more than the chant as such, more I was particularly impressed here with the idea that the chant is fresh and ~~fresh~~ prayer. The proper use of the chant in actual liturgical services is what I found here and could not find in N.Y. For the monks here the chant is the natural medium of prayer.

The French (Bohemian) triumph is very notable here, especially after our comes from Buckfast which is more English (I like now!) Of course, neither Buckfast nor Quert have any kind of school, so that to me life seems quite better here as far as imitative notation is concerned. The whole day is occupied in prayer or manual labor. Tabl' reading is in French in the evening and in English at 11:00. This is a bad place to try to learn any

French. Some monks do not speak any English and with those I cannot speak French. The others all speak English. As the French monks will not learn English because all the monks can (and must) learn to speak French. What Gabriel Tiers, who has been very kind to me, gives all his conferences in French. Dom Beaccoquetta conducts the choir practices in French.

Speaking of Dom Beaccoquetta, I must inform you that I got here very soon. He is leaving Quert the end of this week for Chile in South America where he expects to stay at least two years! Hence, I shall leave Quert also and spend some time at Downside Abbey with Dom Gregory Murray whom Beaccoquetta has highly recommended to me. Murray has written some fine things on the chant and is strictly a Bohemian follower.

After Downside I shall spend some days getting a glimpse of Oxford and then go on to London.

EALING PRIORY

London W.5

Sept. 23, 1938

Mr. Rev. Edwin Neustach, O.S.B.  
 St. John's Abbey  
 Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

You must know from accounts in American papers of the terrible nervous tension all over Europe in regard to the crisis over the Czech - Sudeten question. There is great anxiety about war. That is why I have been delayed in London for over a week, - at the advice of the American consul here. The situation seems to look a bit better after Chamberlain's second visit to Hitler and so I am leaving England for Belgium to-morrow with the hope that no further complications will arise. If possible I shall then go on to Germany and be in Solingen as I told you about October 12. How much longer after that the strain in political relations will last I do not know.

I write you this because I feel bound to let you know how things stand and I would appreciate if you write to me in Solingen telling me whether I may assume your permission to leave Europe and return to America when things get so bad that the possibility of study



in Europe seems out of the question.

Perhaps things may look better after a week or two, but now the atmosphere in England is very pessimistic. I met a Spanish priest here at Ealing (he is staying here for several months) who studied in Munich for the past two years and intends to go back if possible. He tells me that it is very unpleasant in Germany and the future looks even worse. Under the circumstances I wonder whether you still want me to stay in Maria Teich the second semester for the liturgical academy. The church at Maria Teich has a very good reputation and would help me a great deal for that part of my work at St. John's. Perhaps we had better return to our first plan of having me back at St. John's for the second semester. If things go on like this I am sure I can learn very little more about the church than what I have learned from Dom Beaquerette at Leam and what I still can get at Exeter and Rome.

No one regrets more than I do that your plans and mine seem so threatened, but I might as well tell you the truth as I go along.

Trusting that you and the community are praying earnestly for peace and also that God may protect me and see me safely home, I remain affectionately yours,  
P.S. Perhaps things will look better to me after I see Germany myself. Dominic Keller R.S.

EALING PRIORY

London W.5

Sept. 24, 1938

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutch, O.S.B.  
 St. John's Abbey  
 Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,  
 Yesterday I wrote you that after being delayed in England a few days I would go to Belgium to-day. But this morning the radio and newspapers announced the apparent failure of Chamberlain's efforts with Hitler and the war atmosphere was renewed with greater force than ever. All the Fathers at Ealing agreed in dissuading me from entering the continent at this time. They told me it would be running a great risk of being caught in war areas if something serious happens in the next days.

So you see I am stranded in England and do not know how long you want me to wait here. I thought I would let you know that I am not on the continent but at Ealing Priory, London, W.5, England, in case you wish to communicate with me by wire or letter. If I leave Ealing within the next week or two I shall leave a forwarding address with the Prior. If things get

even more critical I may have to wire you even before you get this letter or the one I sent yesterday.

The latest news is that Hitler has given the Czechs till October 1st to decide on handing over the Sudeten area. What the Czechs and other countries in Europe will do during the interval no one can tell. I certainly cannot leave England and enter upon the Continent until this crisis is definitely over, or if European war breaks out I shall have to await your permission to take the first boat I can get back to America, for then, of course, any further attempt to accomplish anything for the Chaut over here would be out of the question.

With sincere hope that all our fears shall soon be dispelled, I remain

affectionately yours,  
Dominic, A.B.

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them now) I shall go direct to Paris, possibly stopping off for a day or two at Leuven, which is on the way. After a few days in Paris I shall go to Solenne where I expect to stay a week or two depending upon how much information I can get from Dom Deford, who does not speak English. But Dom Deford will talk me at Leuven that even just listening to the clear id Solenne for a week is invaluable. [It is true that Leuven is an getting in 100% education.]

From Solenne I expected to go direct to Switzerland and Rome, being at San Rualmo by the middle of November or a little later. However, I hope to hear from you while I am at Solenne and shall gladly welcome whatever instructions you have for me from there on.

Please be assured, Father Abbot, that my long delay in England and my unhappy "excuse" to Ireland was anything but pleasant for me. It wasted a lot of time and money for me and ruined all my plans. But I suppose we ought to thank God for our hearts that a world war was prevented after all and that it is still possible for me to get much out of my visits to the remaining Abbeys on our list.

That the conditions at Maria Teuch at this time of Germany or Europe shall be in the next month I do not know. I have known the Father Superior at Albadri (35 of them) on only now coming back from the Army which was mobilized in full last week.

My health is my fear, not the best, but good enough to carry on for whatever you have in mind for me in the next month. Perhaps things may turn out quite well and I shall be able to come back to Maria Teuch for the second semester, as you once suggested. I certainly would not go there for a study of the Church, but for the liturgy I might gain much there. Did I say you died? All that in due time. Very sincerely and dutifully yours, Dominic Keller, O.S.B.

Abbaye de Saint-Ladre  
par Louvain, Belgique  
Oct. 5, 1938

Mr. Alvin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

At least I am in Belgium after several terrible weeks in London. I do not know whether in America you found out how very close we were to war. But I hope you will take my word for it when I tell you I had every reason to fear that my stay in Europe was ended. Your telegram told me to see the American consul. I had done so before I wired you for instructions but on seeing him again he told me very definitely that war was inevitable within a few days and advised me to leave for America at once. Then I could not do because thousands were already booked on every available steamer. The only possibility was to go to Belfast where I could get away after ten days. On this morning, the Father at Ealing told me to get out of London at once and go to Ireland where it would be safer and easier to get away when war started. In Ealing and all over London schools were closed and all women and children were being rushed out of London which was making feverish preparations for air-raid. I got a very meek myself and saw them digging trenches day and night. There was no time to be

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last. I had to make a decision at once. As I followed the  
Council's advice and left for Dublin, there to wait for the date  
of my departure for America from Belfast. When I got to  
Dublin (i. e. after the first day there) the news came that the  
crisis had been settled at the Munich conference very suddenly  
and unexpectedly between the representatives of the four Great  
Powers. Everyone was surprised and mad with joy and  
thanksgiving. The next day I saw the American consul at  
Dublin and he urged me not to go back to America now  
if I had any business on the Continent for there was no  
longer danger of war for the next few months at least.  
I waited another day and the newspaper seemed to confirm  
the opinion that all would be settled peacefully now and  
without any danger of war.

What was I to do? If I returned to America  
now I could give no good reason for not having continued  
the work you sent me to Europe for. I did not want to  
worry you again, so I presumed that you would now agree  
that I go to the Continent and continue my life as  
first planned. Naturally the trip to Dublin cost me more  
money than I wanted to spend, and I assure you I get  
no pleasure whatever from my stay there. I know not a  
soul in Dublin and I had no intention of seeing any other

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part of Ireland because I had no place to go and I had no  
money to waste. The Augustinians I was told at Ebing to try  
to stay with them) only offered to let me say Mass at their church  
and then directed me to a cheap Catholic hotel. But they again  
took money for four days and were very lawless and unpleasant  
stay. On October 3, therefore, I went back to London, which I  
had to do because it was the shortest way to Belgium. The  
next morning I crossed the English Channel, which was  
exceptionally rough, and got last night to the Abbey of St. Landri.

Here at St. Landri I received a fine Benedictine welcome, the  
first place I felt at home in for over a week! Even with the  
Benedictines at Ebing it was unpleasant because they were all  
as tense and abnormal about the war-scene.

I expect to leave here in a day or two and go direct to

Marians. I assure you I shall do my sight-seeing at all  
in Belgium. I want to see money wherever I can, and besides  
the experience of the last two weeks here taken away a great deal  
of my desire for sight-seeing.

On my way down to Leuven, I have been told I  
shall see Underneath and so I will book the trip there to  
see Maria Trach because I feel that if war does break out  
in a few months, I shall never see Maria Trach. I might  
as well see it now that I am so close. After I work with my  
relatives in Geneva (I already wrote you why I think I ought to see

October 11, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller O.S.B.  
Abbaye de St. Pierre  
Solemnus par Cabit-sur-Canot  
(Sarthe) France.

Dear Father Dominic:

I have your letters of the 7th and 8th ult. I think I received one also from Mainz which I have not yet acknowledged. Besides that I had your colleagues, to which I want you to reply: Council Council. Use your head and not your heart. Expecting that you complied with this advice and that you will be in Cologne by the time this note over there, since the war cloud is not so lowering, I am sending you just a few lines.

I do not know whether you want over to Germany first. Your heart, of course, was craving you that way. However I take it that you will have seen your relatives by the end of the third week of this month, and shall then have settled down for good in Cologne. I trust you will enjoy your stay there and get out of it a great deal of benefit. For my kind life a bit monotonous, but don't let that bring on the "reife-sieber". Sacrifices must be made for the sake of knowledge. It was for knowledge that I let you go to Europe.

You ask the question whether, in view of conditions in Germany, you should go to Maria Laach for the second semester of the Academy, as I instructed you to do. Not only I, but also others, think that you will benefit by the liturgical instructions and the atmosphere, if not by the chant. Besides, there seems to be no urgent need for you here. Therefore, I still stand by the instruction given you. Only if conditions should turn out such that the work in Laach should have to be discontinued, or if political conditions in Germany should not make it appear advisable to go there, would I dispense you from reporting there for the second semester or even earlier, and of remaining there until the close of the school year. I must, of course, leave this ultimately to your own judgment in view of the unsettled conditions in Europe. But consult also others who can advise you before you reach a conclusion.

I am enclosing the death notice of Father Louis Yeady, who, I believe you know, was at the head of the Foundation made by St. Procopius in Haident, China. He was an able fellow; it seems a pity that he should have been stricken after but a year in Haident. But God knows best and works undertaken for His glory must be taken as by fire.

I suppose others are sending you the news. I am too busy to write more. I want to leave the day after tomorrow for the American Congress in New Orleans, where I have a great deal to read on the liturgy and the laity. Tomorrow I shall be in Holy Grove to preach at Father Pauline's golden jubilee; besides, there is other work which I must do before leaving.

Trusting God to bless you, and attending my greetings to the Abbot of Solemnus, I am

Affectionately yours,

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October 24, 1938

Monsieur Beller, . . .  
Abbaye de Colson,  
Sable-sur-Sarthe,  
(Sarthe), France.

Dear Monsieur Beller:

I do not know whether you will receive this letter at Colson. I found yours of the 14th inst. only yesterday on my return from the Eucharistic Congress in New Orleans. Your directions were a bit too indefinite to give me the certainty that you will be at Colson at the time this note there, which will be about ten days from now. However, I presume you have left a fax mailing address, in case you are no longer at Colson.

You got more experience than you deserve when you left for Europe. Well, in the year to come you can tell, with some expansion of chest, your adventures since the recent world war are about to break out. You do not count on my telegram wanted to say that you had visited the American Consul. I did not want that other advice to give you, being much further from the scene of trouble than yourself. Because I worried the bishops as I did, several other instructions ran through my mind, and I asked also other opinion. The rest of England, Scotland, Ireland, southern France continued to me. I rejected all formalities except the one I sent you. I was not worried that you might have already seen the Consul. For me to have given you a different advice than that of the Consul would only have served to confuse you. I sympathize with you in your loneliness in Dublin. You might have liked better, if you had first tried London or Liverpool, and crossed the Irish sea only when the state of war was declared. I was hoping you would have sought some way out of Dublin without my telling you so to do.

You do not say whether you need money or not. Hence I conclude that you probably have money; for if you had not, I dare say you would have mentioned the fact. By the way, I sent you a letter on October 14 to Colson. If you have not found it there, I do not know what happened to it. It contained no money; in fact, nothing of importance except an instruction in regard to your order to Maria Louch for the second semester. The plot of it is that I want you to go there for the library, if, in your judgment, after having heard others who are more familiar than you with conditions in Europe, it is advisable to go there. I cannot talk from here with any degree of indifference. Conditions in Europe are too uncertain from day to day besides, either way more and less intolerable for the people by that time.

I returned from New Orleans yesterday after dinner. I left the city as soon as the procession had passed the altar since I was reviewing it. It took over three hours to do so. At the first Confessional Mass in the stadium or not disturbed by rain at the second one, on the following day, the sun was so hot that I was literally drenched with perspiration. All in all, it was not a pleasant trip for me, as I went down with neuritis in my arm and came back with it. The Abbot present at the Congress was: St. Joseph's (Louisiana), New Orleans; Saint Anne's, Cambridge, Arkansas; St. Michael, St. Francis, St. Louis; Belmont, St. John's, St. Providence and the Transient Mount of Carmel. Of the Minnesota bishops, the Archbishop, Bishop Kelly of Duluth and Bishop of Duluth. Our bishop is to be there, but also have



Reverend Dominic Keller C.S.B.

My dear Father John Lewis, who passed away with a heart attack.

Would you please give my greetings to the Sisters that my inquiries about the situation do not bother you, I am

Affectionately yours,

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I suppose I might as well write you now that I shall arrive in Paris with sixty dollars in Traveller's checks. Up to Paris everything is paid. Whether I shall get to Solenne, Switzerland and home with sixty dollars you can judge better than I. Perhaps it would be safer if you would please send me some extra money to Solenne. I expect to be there at least until November 28. Thank you!

Engelstei Beuron  
Nov. 6, 1938

Mt. Rev. Meinbertus, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

It is now a month since my last letter to you from the Abbey of St. Gudoi in Belgium, and I suppose you think it is high time that I write you again. Even now I shall have to be brief and write only what I have been since then and what I expect to go from here.

On Oct. 7 I left St. Gudoi and went on to Mandelieu where I stayed until Oct. 9. Then I spent a day at Mont César in France where I met Fr. Joseph Pope, the arch-enemy of Solenne. I arrived in Maria Taach the evening of Oct. 10 and stayed there for four days when I went directly to my relative in Heg bei Füssen, Bavaria. With them I stayed over two weeks, but these two weeks were broken by excursions to near-by Abbots. From Heg it was easy and cheap to get to Ettal, Ottobrunn,

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with the renowned Henri Loton, whose is the Secretary-Kingpin in Paris. Beside I shall naturally want to see the city a little and then, after about a week, go on to Cologne. I recommended myself at Cologne for November 15 and shall stay as long as I find it profitable for the purpose for which I came.

From that I had expected to visit Linz, and England in the Tyrol and then go on to Rome where I hope to arrive about December 1 or 2. But of course, I am waiting for a restoration of Cologne. However, Father Wood, I want to let you know now that it expects to visit you a month longer and more completely letter when I get to Cologne or Cologne.

Trusting that you understand, and that this finds you well, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Amos A. Miller, A. B.

P.S. - Of course, all the Liberts of the association will be invited as far as their practice and health permits to you. Please turn to page 44

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At Ottilien and St Bonifay in Minschen. The best Cologne church I heard in St Ottilien where I also had excellent conversations with the Father in charge of the church.

On my way from Aug to Barmen last Sunday, I also stopped at Lindey to pay a brief visit to Fr. Willigis in the Salvatorianer Kloster in Tullau. He is a great friend of Fr. Laedel. They studied together in Fribingen for years. I was about him in my next letter.

Here at Barmen I have been since Oct. 31. I was then able to witness all the postical. conference for the first of All Saints and All Souls. I had intended to stay only a few days here, but in Fr. Quatone I found much a good musician and vocalist that I thought I had good reason to stay at least a week. Besides, I caught such a cold on November first in the ice-cold church that I did not dare to leave until I felt better. Now I feel quite well again and therefore expect to leave for Paris on Tuesday or Wednesday (Nov. 8 or 9)

In Paris I shall want to have some conversation

November 21, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller O.S.B.  
Abbaye de Solennes,  
Sablé-sur-Sarthe, (Sarthe)  
France.

Dear Father Dominic:

I found your letter on my desk the day before yesterday from Crookston and Devils Lake. Since you state that you will remain in Solennes at least until the 20th inst. and ask for money, I am sending you herewith a check for \$250 with a few lines to accompany it. I do not remember now whether you possessed a round-trip airplane ticket or not, though it seems to me you spoke of getting one. Anyway, this is all I am sending you for the present; if you have a return ticket, it should carry you through until you return, unless you are closely with my instruction to return the present amount at Paris launch. Anyway, if you need more, you will write me. Of course, I expect you to keep account of your receipts and your expenditures, and to have it to me on your return.

There is nothing in your letter that calls for special comment. I merely wish to express the hope that you are making written note of your observations, impressions, conclusions and resolutions. If you have not heretofore done so, I could advise you to begin to do so, writing up also your experiences to date. You will then have something to write to reflect your memory after you return from Europe. I trust you both with yourself and with others convinced me that this is a worth-while job.

I shall look forward with interest to the promised coming letter telling your experiences, particularly in Germany. Don't hurry away from Solennes in order to get to Switzerland. You can visit Maastricht and Zurich on your way north from Rome. From Rome you may visit Monte Cassino and Spoleto of course, also Lodi and some of the principal cities north of Rome. But I beg to remind you that you were sent to Europe primarily for study.

Maying God to bless you, I am

Affectionately yours,

In fact I do not even know whether I should attempt the trip to Einsiedeln and Engelberg before I go to Rome.

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Here at Solbemea, of course, I have reached the apex of my study tour of the American Church. If we could ever get to sing like this at St. John's, the Daily Divine Office in choir would be a joy, and the full liturgical life would bring a peace and warmth into our hearts that would be a very foretaste of heaven. I do not believe we American monks could live this life of Solbemea exactly, but I see no reason why, with a common good will to learn and cooperate, we cannot sing and recite the office as they do. The individual member does not as human as any of us. Not in this a community of trained singers. They sing well because, as when St. Bernard put it, they want to pray well. I have learned that the liturgical life becomes beautiful and spiritually satisfying only in as far as we have the faith which makes us want to pray well. Where we are filled with the conviction that in the liturgical service of God nothing is too good and too sacrifice too great, there will be no beauty, no satisfaction, no art in our singing or recitation.

But you know all this better than I do. I merely want to express the opinion, if I may, that the improvement of the singing and recitation at St. John's shall not depend on me (or another person) not on any system of chant I bring home. You see I am beginning to feel the responsibility you have placed on my shoulder.

In this meantime, however, I only hope that I shall be able to return to you in good health and able to do all you expect of me. I shall expect with great interest and anxiety your reply to this long and tiresome account of mine. Perhaps when I get to the sunny clime of Italy my health will improve again and I may be able to stay at San Luca for a longer time to do some work with Don Saverio of the Pontifical Institute. But I shall call that to your better judgment in view of the facts I have here presented. With kindest wishes for your own health and happiness. Your very sincerely, Dominic Miller, O.S.B.

P.S. - My wish to return of course, shall be in Rome.

Solbemea  
Nov. 25, 1938

St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I am deeply grateful for your very kind letter of October 24. I never received your letter of Oct. 11. In my letter to you from Suvaon (Nov. 6), I promised I would write a longer and more complete letter from France, and also I said I hoped you would "understand." What I meant, of course, was that I could not write my real impressions of Germany for fear of their enmity. What I found the German people very kind and friendly, and the German scenery and cities and Abbeys very interesting and instructive, I was momentarily impressed by the very real social effects of the outrageous Nazi regime. There is only one topic of discussion among German Catholics now. No one seems interested in anything else: "What shall happen to me, and how soon shall it happen?" In every monastery I visited I heard accounts of the closing down of monastic schools, the imprisonment of monks and secular priests in the slightest protests. I myself spoke with some who were in concentration camps for months. In one monastery where I stayed they took the formator away and forbade the monks even to talk about the affair among themselves. If the officials ever discovered that the monks discussed the matter they threatened to take the Abbot, Prior and Superior to the



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judgment, after having heard others who are more familiar than I am with conditions in Europe, it is advisable to go there. From everything I have written so far you must see, Father Abbot, that in spite of Maria Teich as in all Catholic Germany a very unfavorable atmosphere for study. With life and conditions uncertain from one day to the next, and the mind constantly occupied with worry about the near future, there is anything but a healthy background for serious or successful study. When I asked of Maria Teich, as we seemed to know (or so) definitely whether there would be enough students to warrant giving the lectures. At Keuron I was told privately to get out of Germany as soon as possible if I had a choice in the matter. Besides, the second semester does not begin at Maria Teich until Easter, and no one in Germany dare to think of what could happen by that time. Here in France (as well as in Germany) the general impression is that the war which was merely postponed at the end of September, will break out in Spring, for by that time Hitler will be ready to bluff the world again and the rest of Europe may then call his bluff. In Germany the poor people are hoping for a war because it will mean their redemption.

I might mention too, that as an American I left Germany just in time. Since the Jewish persecution started, the German relations with America have been anything but friendly. The German papers are full of vitriolic attacks on Jewish America which is preparing to "attack"

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when I stayed, at eight in the morning, young men (15-19 yrs.) broke into a house and pulled out of bed a Jewish man 75 years old, led him out only a pair of trousers (and it was a cold day), took him out on the street, beat him bloody with their fists, and then the "A.R." men came and took him off to a concentration camp with dozens of other Jews, - for "protection" as the paper had it that evening. That is the most diabolical phase of the whole thing, - see, see, see! The truth simply does not exist in public life in Germany to-day.

Everybody must read and say and do things that are totally against his inner convictions. The expression "Heil Hitler" which our Jews daily respected as a lie on the lips of most who use it. Nobody to stay out of trouble do they use it. "A father cannot trust his own children, an Abbot his own monks, or a bishop his own priests, for someday he may say something that may be incogonist him" - this I heard from a monk and priest!

The Spanier in my town told me things that made me think the days of the Church in the 16th century is not far off in Germany. The good Catholic people themselves are afraid to show a priest much respect because of the consequence to themselves and to the priest! I saw one head-bill that is being multiplied and spread among Catholic people, the theme of which is that you cannot serve two masters, Germany and the Church.

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from Germany and from some God. Roman Catholics are nothing but second-rate Jews, etc., etc.

The most deplorable aspect of the movement is that its effects are beginning to show in the German youth which is growing up filled with materialism and propaganda against Christianity and foreign nations. Some of the terrible things their own children hear in school. One mother said she wished she never had had children! In the demonstrations against the Jews on Nov. 10, some of the Hitler Jugend were heard to say: "Did you see how we finished with the Jews we shall have to rid this country of priests (Pfaffen)." One Catholic storekeeper told me on that day: "We are next!" Another German family said: "No longer hope to escape bloody persecution, we only pray that God give us sufficient strength when the hour comes."

Conditions in all the German municipalities I visited were sad indeed. In all a spirit of depression and hopelessness prevailed. Especially at Maria Teich and Beuron the Abbot and monks are convinced it is only a matter of time before the government shall "need" their buildings. While I was at Beuron the Abbot had a meeting with the Abbots Primates of Maria Teich. He one knew just what it was about, but every one seemed to suspect that it had to do with seeking refuge in foreign countries. What Dominik Bauer of Beuron said their Bishop told him, it was high time he and his monks began to look around for a refuge outside Germany. It was absolutely pathetic the way all the monks envied me as an American.

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What has happened to the Church in Austria, they expect in Germany proper within a very short time now.

It was with a great sigh of relief that I crossed the border at Feld into Strassburg, leaving behind me a most unhappy country. Incidentally, at Feld I had a very unpleasant, but typical experience with a German (Austrian) customs official who tried to question the validity of my passport. After slamming a door in my face and letting me stand outside without my passport, he came back a little later and threw the passport at me with the attitude, that he could make a lot of trouble for me if he cared to.

While crossing the Feld frontier into France I saw the miles of new fortifications the Germans are feverishly building. In Germany, wherever I went they had built or are building huge barracks, hospitals, refugee (Gegensinn) and other "movement" buildings. And the poor German people must pay heavy taxes and stand by and watch where their money goes while they live a very frugal and uncertain daily existence. Well, Father Abbot, I could go on for pages like this, but I think you can gather from what I wrote that my impressions in Germany were very sad indeed.

And now regarding your wish or suggestion that I study at Maria Teich during the second semester, if, you say, in my



December 16, 1938

Reverend Dominic Keller O.S.B.  
Collegio San Anselmo,  
Rome (47) Italy.

Dear Father Dominic:

I received your letter of the 25th ult. this morning. I thank you for having taken the trouble to give me such a long narrative of your impressions in Germany. All reports seem to indicate that what our German brethren fear is likely to take place before many months have passed, unless the Lord interferes.

Under the circumstances I do not want you to go to Maria Laach again, especially since you feel that you should have attention given to your physical condition.

I could ask you, therefore, to forget about going up to Einsiedeln and Beyerberg, but rather to arrange to get a boat from Rome, or, if you have not stopped to see cities like Milan and Florence on your way from Colesma to Rome, from Genoa. Arrange to be in New York by the end of January, so that if I need your services for the second semester, you will be available. Any treatment that you may need would probably not interfere with your lending a helping hand in parish work in one of the larger cities. You will please let me know, as soon as possible, when you expect to arrive in New York - or better, write to Father Prior, since I shall be down in the Bahamas until about the middle of February. I shall instruct Father Prior concerning you. If you are not needed out here immediately on your arrival, you might take treatment in New York; otherwise you can get it in the Twin Cities.

I do not think it necessary to write you anything beyond this. You haven't told me whether you will need money for your return trip. I sent you a check for \$250 in my letter of November 31, addressed to Colesma. If you had any money left that ought to be sufficient to bring you back at least to New York. Should any be needed, Father Gregory can let you have some.

This will reach you only after Christmas. My best wishes and prayers are with you, especially for an improvement in your health and a safe return.

Affectionately yours,

Collegio di Sant' Anselmo  
Roma, January 3, 1939

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

After being in Rome two weeks and not having heard from you, I am beginning to wonder whether you received the long letter I wrote you from Solesmes on November 25. Its contents were such that I cannot leave Rome until I know your answer to the question brought up in that letter. Now it may be that a letter from you is on the way and I may get it one of these days, but in case your letter or mine was lost, it is high time that I write you again telling you what is on my mind. But before that I want to acknowledge with thanks the check and letter you sent to Solesmes. When you sent that letter you evidently could not yet have received mine. Since our letters crossed, I thought I would wait until I got your other letter in Rome and then reply to both, since everything I had to say was in my first letter.

Now the big question in my mind is: may I return to St. John's from Naples, or do you still insist (after having read my letter from Solesmes) that I go to Maria Laach? The letter I wrote you from Solesmes was a long and detailed account of my impressions and also of my reasons for not wanting to return to Maria Laach, on the one hand, and for wanting to come home soon, on the other. I cannot, from here, repeat all I had in that long letter, but if you got it you will be at least convinced that I think it absolutely unadvisable to return to Maria Laach for the second semester. However, since I received no answer to that letter yet, I can do only one of two things, either stay here in Rome till I do hear from you, or interpret your letter of November 21 in which you again let the ultimate decision of going to Maria Laach to myself. If I interpret that letter of November 21, it would be on the strength of your words: "Anyway, this is all (the money) I am sending you for the present; if you have a return ticket [I have], it should carry you through until you return, unless you can comply with my instruction to spend the second semester at Maria Laach."

Frs. Gregory and Vitus agree with me that this and similar statements in your former letters could correctly be interpreted as permission to come home without going back to Germany, if I was convinced that it would be better not to return to Germany. That I am thoroughly convinced of this is quite evident from what I wrote you from Solesmes. Therefore, I take it that you do not object to my returning to the U.S. and St. John's for the second semester.

The "Conte di Savoia" sails from Naples on January 19 and the "Rex" on February 1. If I hear from you in time I shall be able to leave on January 19, otherwise I shall wait until February 1 when I shall take it for granted that you do not object to my returning to America at this time. I do not know what else to do under the circumstances, Father Abbot, and I have reached this conclusion with the help and advice of my confreres here.

In the meantime I feel I can keep plenty busy here in Rome attending lectures and chant practices of Dom Sunol,

Fr. Beatus Reiser, and in the Pontifical  
Institute. Besides, I have picked up some very good books on  
the chant for a ridiculously small price at Desclee, and they  
are giving me more than enough material to work with. Of course,  
from Frs. Reiser and Casimiri I am getting nothing new to me, but  
it keeps my knowledge fresh and their personalities are inspiring.  
is another Desroquettes or Gajard for me, and therefore  
particularly helpful in his chant practises because he is strictly  
in accord with the Solesmes rhythm. Unfortunately, I do not  
understand much of his Italian, and he speaks no English or German.  
But it does one good to see so great an authority as Sunol confirm  
what I have learned at Pius X School and at Quarr and Solesmes.  
At any rate I shall not be wasting my time here in Rome even if I  
stay until February 1. Incidentally, as you know, there is always  
something to see and learn in Rome.

If I did not send you a special Christmas  
greeting it was because I thought I had included that in my letter to  
you from Solesmes. However, the year is still young enough for me  
to wish you every blessing for the New Year. My Christmas and New  
Year holidays were, of course, very happy, being with my own  
confreres again after four months of lonely exile among strangers.

Your suggestion that I make written note of my  
daily impressions has been put into practise since I first arrived  
in Europe last August, and I am sure you will find them very  
detailed and interesting if ever you want to see them.

Fr. Gregory is doing a good job of showing me  
around Rome and its thousand points of interest. It is an education  
in itself just to study from day to day what the Eternal City has  
to offer in the way of art and monuments of historical significance.  
The history of the world's culture seems to be opened wide before  
your eyes here in Rome.

We are having rain to-day and it is quite  
uncomfortable in the insufficiently heated rooms, but for the  
Christmas holidays, it was very fine. The cold here, of course,  
is nothing like what I experienced at Engelberg and Einsiedeln.

one of my former history students,  
was here to see me yesterday. He has had his fill of Europe also in  
these dreadful times. If a trip to Europe does nothing else for a  
man, it should make him for ever satisfied with his life in America.  
Too few Americans realize what they have to be thankful for!

But this letter is getting too long. Besides I  
cannot possibly write you all my impressions now anyway. But I do  
hope and pray that I shall soon be able to tell you them personally.  
I want to thank you for including me in your Christmas letter to Fr.  
Gregory. Incidentally, that letter also made me suspect that you  
never received my long letter from Solesmes, or that you felt it  
needed no special comment, since I was convinced as to what I should  
do after seeing Rome. Since this letter will probably have to be  
forwarded to you from St. John's, you will not get it as soon as  
usual, but I do believe you shall have it in time to let me know  
your will in the matter. Wherever you are when this reaches you,  
I hope it finds you in good health and enjoying God's blessing on  
all your undertakings.

Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,

*Dominic Keller, O.S.B.*

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Rev. John J. ...

Per B. D.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Answered 6/18/42

June 12, 1942

Dear Father Abbott,

Just to let you know that I arrived here safely after a nice trip and am staying at this parish to help out Fr. Innocent over Sunday because he needs me! Then on Sunday I shall go on to Santa Barbara to give my six-weeks course in chant to the Franciscans. Had a nice talk with Father Augustine, O.F.M. in St. Paul last Monday before I left the Twin Cities. He gave me some idea about my work out here.

Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,  
Dominic, O.S.B.

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY  
SANTA BARBARA  
CALIFORNIA

July 9, 1942

Dear Father Prior,

On June 21st I wrote to you for Mass intentions. I have not yet received them from you and am completely out, having to ask the Franciscans here for them. Presumably my letter to you never reached you or you have been away from St. John's. Please send ~~my~~ about 40 Mass intentions as soon as possible.

My chant classes here are keeping me very busy, but the Friars are so genial and the California weather so sunny and cool, especially at nights, that the time is passing only too quickly. Getting ready for the Sisters' Retreat in Antigenish in August fills up the rest of my days.

Faternally yours,

*Dominic, R.L.*

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY  
SANTA BARBARA  
CALIFORNIA

July 17, 1942

Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I thank you for the forty-two Mass intentions you sent me in your letter of July 13. I was completely out, and had to ask the Franciscans here for some. Father Prior evidently never got my letter of June 21st.

My six weeks Chant course to the Franciscan clerics is gradually drawing to a close. There are only twelve days left. The Fathers and the Provincial were very much pleased with the singing in the Old Mission which I directed for Solemn Profession of ten clerics there yesterday. I am training also four directors to take up the task of conducting the singing after I leave.

My next appointment for the summer, as you know, is a Sisters' Retreat and Chant course at Bethany in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, beginning August 14. I expect to arrive there on the 13th. That gives me two weeks to cross the country. I am taking your advice and travelling back by a different route, i. e. through Denver. On my way I want to spend a day or two, to break up the long trip, at Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City. I have never seen that place. From there I go directly to New York. To come up to Minneapolis would be quite out of the way. In N.Y. I should like to visit my brother and the Fathers at St. Anselm's & St. Benedict's and then on to Nova Scotia. Devotedly yours in S.P.N.B. *Dominic Keller, O.S.B.*

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY  
SANTA BARBARA  
CALIFORNIA

July 27, 1942

Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Enclosed herewith is a check for two hundred dollars. This is part of the stipend I received for the course in Chant I gave here during the six weeks of my stay here. The remaining one hundred and fifty I am taking with me in cash to pay my expenses to Nova Scotia and return to St. John's in September. The Friars seemed very pleased with the Solemes Rhythm that I tried to give them, and I am happy to say that I enjoyed teaching them.

As you know, my address from now until the second week in September will be: Sisters of St. Martha, Bethany, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. Before my course in the Chant there I shall give them my first Retreat for Sisters. Asking your prayers for this new venture of mine, I remain,

Devotedly yours in St. Benedict,

*Dominic Keller, O.S.B.*



August 1, 1942

Rev. Dominic Miller, O.S.B.  
Sisters of St. Martha  
Bethany, Antigonish  
Nova Scotia, Canada

My dear Father Dominic,

On my return last evening from a few days absence, during which time I was present at a meeting of the advisory council of the Department of Education to the N.S.S.C., I found your letter of the 27th attached with the enclosed check for two hundred dollars. Thank you for your promptness in forwarding this money to the abbey, and for advising me of your new address.

I agree with your statement that the Friars seemed to be pleased with the course that you gave them, for they were generous in their pay. I am sure that you gave them a good course, and I am pleased that you thoroughly enjoyed your stay in California.

Last week I permitted Fathers Columban and Harold to apply as chaplains to the army; neither has his commission as yet but the military intelligence writer that he hopes to have them in the service by the 1st of September. I would like to send a couple more, but do not quite see how it will be possible. Maybe later on, when I have more fully studied our needs for the coming year, it will be possible to release one or two more. Father Moysine will replace Father Columban; Father Canale will replace Father Harold. Father Isaaciel is replacing Father Murphy in St. Joseph's, Min. Cayolle; Father Peter will replace Father Isaaciel in New York -- I have not yet decided whom to send to replace Father Emmanuel.

Both Fathers Luke and Richard are very well; the other invalids are taking the summer in stride.

With a prayer the God bless your work in Antigonish, especially your retreat, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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Mother House of the Sisters of St. Martha  
Antigonish, Nova Scotia

August 24, 1942

Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I should have answered your kind letter of August first before I started the eight-day Retreat to the Sisters here. Found it quite impossible to do any letter writing after I got started. They wanted two conferences and two meditations a day, and there was not much difference between the meditations and conferences as far as I could tell. Well, as a matter of fact, I was not prepared for 34 sermons. At the most, I had about twelve in my bag. The rest had to be prepared as I went along. You can imagine what that meant! I never worked under such tension before in all my life. But all went off quite satisfactorily, and this morning it all came to a grand close with Bishop Morrison accepting the simple and perpetual vows of about twenty sisters.

Naturally I feel a little run down after the strain, especially since it was coupled with hot and sultry weather and some stomach flu which is making the rounds here. is coming for supper to-night and that will provide a little diversion. His sister was one of those who made vows this morning. Some of the Fathers from St. Francis Xavier University also came up to see me during the week, but, of course, I could not give them much of my time under the circumstances.

To-morrow I shall start a two-weeks course in the chant for about fifty of the sisters. This ought to be much easier on me since I am well prepared for that sort of thing. There is one thought with which I can console myself ~~with~~ especially. Here in Nova Scotia I shall escape my annual attack of hay fever which would put me out of commission at St. John's. Since I shall not finish my work here until September 7, I may be a few days late for the opening of school at St. John's.

I thank you for the news about the changes. This information is always welcome to those away from home. Hope this finds you well and that everything is going smoothly at St. John's.

Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,

*Dominic A. B.*



OLD MISSION SANTA BARBARA  
THE FRANCISCAN FATHERS  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

June 20, 1945

Right Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

This is to inform you that I have arrived safely again at the Old Mission in Santa Barbara. The trip was long but quite agreeable all the way. I spent a day at St. Benedict's in Atchison, Kansas, where Father Pius Pretz (who had spent six years at St. John's) showed me around. Soon discovered that I knew some of the other Fathers whom I had met on various occasions and at different times and places.

When I got to Los Angeles last Saturday, Father Benedict was glad to welcome me at Our Lady of Lourdes for he needed a priest over Sunday to take Father Louis' place. Yesterday, his other assistant, Father Bernard, drove me by car up here to Santa Barbara for he wanted to see the place and this was his first convenient opportunity to do so. He also made it the occasion to give several of his servers a little outing.

The clerics from various houses arrived on Monday and my classes in Chant begin to-morrow morning.

Sincerely in St. Benedict,

*Dominic O.S.B.*



**SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA**  
**OFFICE OF THE ABBOT**

June 26, 1945

My dear Father Dominic,

My thanks to you for your letter of the 20th instant announcing your safe arrival at Santa Barbara. I am happy to know that the long trip was quite agreeable and that you and Father Pigg had an enjoyable visit at St. Benedict's.

Last Wednesday I drove up to White Earth. After spending the night there to see what arrangements might be made for a day school (the government has cut off its funds and therefore the boarding school must be discontinued), I went up to Red Lake for the Indian Congress on Thursday as Father Leo had begged for someone to preach a few sermons. Father Superior had suggested some time ago to give them as he had never been to Red Lake, but he backed out the end of the preceding week as he wasn't feeling too well. We arrived back at the abbey just in time for the third antiphon of First Vespers of St. John on Saturday evening. Today I am leaving with Brother Julius to visit Father Owen's folks. Hence this will be only a brief note dictated before leaving.

The only bit of news since you left is that poor Father Kappel has been under again for the last few days. I recommend him to your prayers, for I fear that this must be the end for him.

and your work, I am

With a prayer that God bless you

affectionately yours,

Abbot

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Rev. Dominic Keller, C.S.B.  
Old Mission Santa Barbara  
Santa Barbara, California



ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

July 10, 1945

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

I feel that it is quite appropriate to write you this letter on the feast of the Solemnity of our Holy Father Benedict. Although here among the Franciscans their order will not permit me to celebrate the proper Mass I shall nevertheless make a special memento for you and our whole community to-morrow morning.

Want to acknowledge and thank you for your letters of June 26th and July 2nd. I have accepted the invitation of the Minnesota Music Teachers' Association to give a practical demonstration of Gregorian in the form of an actual rehearsal, on Monday, October 29th. I take it as a fine opportunity to do something for the cause, and there is so much yet to be done! It is nothing less than inspiring to me to see how eagerly the Franciscans of the Pacific Province want to learn the Gregorian Chant strictly according to the Solesmes rhythm. All the clerics and priests gathered here at the Old Mission (from all over the Province) are really anxious to get all they can out of me. And so, while they keep me very busy, it is a great joy to teach and work for a group that gives such splendid co-operation.

As I mentioned to you before I left St. John's, the Gregorian Institute is having a national summer session at Milwaukee for two weeks from July 29 to August 12. I have just received a letter from again inviting me to attend at least a part of this session. Authorities on the Chant from all over the country shall meet there and give demonstrations and hold discussions. I really think I would get much by attending, and therefore sincerely ask your permission to do so. Since I expect to finish here on Sunday, July 22nd, and leave on Monday or Tuesday, I could just make it to Milwaukee in time. As you have probably read in the papers, the transportation situation out here in the West is becoming very serious, but the Fathers think it should not be so difficult for one going East. If you grant me the permission to attend the Milwaukee sessions, please let me know whether you want me to return to St. John's first or go directly to Chicago and then up to Milwaukee. From out here that would be the more direct route.

Faithfully yours,

*Dominic O.S.B.*

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**ST. ANSELM'S CHURCH**

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December 19, 1945

Mr. Rev. Alvin Deutch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Just a word of thanks for your kind consideration in extending my stay in New York over Christmas. I am taking Fr. Albert's place at St. Benedict's over the weekend and Christmas. New York is having much snow these days. Hope to leave for Minnesota on December 28th.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Feast, I remain,  
Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,  
Dominic O.B.

July 26, 1946

Right Rev. Alvin Deutsch  
St. John's University  
Collegeville, Minn  
Dear Father Abbott,

Father Damien's course in Gregorian Chant was such a magnificent success at the University that I thought you would be pleased to know what great inspiration has resulted from your granting permission to have him teach there. Never have I attended a class where the interest and enthusiasm were kept at such a high pitch throughout a session.

We all learned a great deal but the most important thing we learned was the imperative need for further study of this great art. So we are all hopeful that we may be permitted the privilege of working under his direction another summer.

With sincere appreciation for your kindness, I am

Yours very truly



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

September 12, 1946

The Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, President  
St. John's College  
Collegeville, Minn.

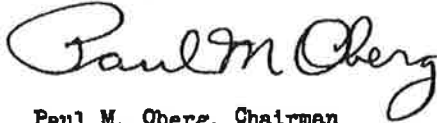
Dear Reverend Deutsch:

This is to inform you that I was very much pleased with Father Dominic's presentation of the Gregorian Chant course at the University of Minnesota this summer. Many favorable comments have been received regarding the course and especially the fine presentation by Father Dominic.

Specific plans for next year's summer session at the University of Minnesota are dependent on many factors; but I should like to have Father Dominic Keller on our summer session staff again next year. Possibly at that time he could teach two sections of Gregorian Chant, one similar to the course he offered this year and another one a continuation or advanced course in Gregorian Chant. We are not able to make official or specific commitments regarding summer session appointments until after the first of the year and after we have received Regent's approval. However, I would appreciate it very much if you would contact me in the event that you have other requests for Father Dominic Keller's services and before you make other definite commitments for his services for next summer.

We are indeed grateful to you for permitting Father Dominic Keller to be with us on our campus this past summer.

Sincerely yours,



Paul M. Oberg, Chairman  
Department of Music

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

September 14, 1946

Mr. Paul F. Oberg, Chairman  
Department of Music  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Oberg,

My thanks to you for your letter of the 10th instant. I am very happy to know that the course in Gregorian Chant conducted by Father Dominic Keller met with approval.

Up to the present I have made no definite plans for Father Dominic for the summer of 1947. Unless something very important should turn up, it will be a pleasure to permit him to teach again at the University of Minnesota, giving the courses in Gregorian Chant which your letter suggests. I am, therefore, tentatively reserving Father Dominic for teaching at the University of Minnesota next summer. Should anything turn up to render a change in plan necessary, I shall let you know. And may I beg you to let me know after the first of the year whether your plans have been approved by the Regent.

With every good wish to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Rt. Rev.) Alcuin Deutech,  
President

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September 28, 1946

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Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., Abbot  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minnesota

Dear Father Abbot:

The success of the Gregorian Institute's 1946 five-day summer sessions was so pronounced, that applications have already been arriving at our office for many more such sessions in the country during the summer of 1947. The Institute is, therefore, planning to conduct about 30 such schools, which will be open to all Catholic musicians.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether we may engage Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B., as a chant teacher for five or six five-day (Monday through Friday) sessions. The courses will be held in various parts of the country and will require not more than two hours' teaching on the part of Father Dominic each day.

Our customary salary for teachers on such a restricted daily teaching program, five days a week, is \$75.00, plus the expenses of travel and housing, and meals.

If it is possible for you to release Father Dominic to us next summer, one of our most difficult problems will be solved. To date, the success of our summer sessions has been built on a fine faculty. This standard we desire to maintain at all costs. Father Dominic will fit in admirably with our scheme of things, and will be an excellent apostolic influence among young Catholic lay organists in the effort of all of us to improve the music of our American churches.

I sincerely trust, Father Abbot, that this application will receive your favorable consideration so that we may proceed to make up our summer school schedule.

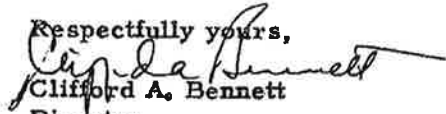
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The enclosed program of last summer's schools will afford you an opportunity to visualize the plan we shall use again this coming summer.

With every good wish, I remain

Respectfully yours,  
  
Clifford A. Bennett  
Director  
GREGORIAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

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Choirmaster and director of the music department of the Sulpician Seminary of Montreal since 1927; member faculty of the Schola Cantorum of Montreal.



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The 1946 short summer sessions of the Gregorian Institute are designed to acquaint church musicians and school teachers with the broad aspects of Gregorian Chant, Chant Accompaniment, Choral Training and Liturgy and the methods whereby these subjects may be integrated with parish life. The courses will be of advantage to many who have not the opportunity to take extended courses during the summer. For others, an opportunity is offered to review previously gained knowledge under the technique of new teachers.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE

Choirmasters, organists, clergy and religious who are interested in knowing more about the Church's own music are cordially invited to attend the classes. Beyond a desire to learn, no other qualification is necessary.

## REGISTRATION

Advance registration is advised and may be made by mailing the attached application to the Gregorian Institute. Registrations will also be accepted from 8:30—9:30 A.M. the first day of the courses at the locations announced elsewhere in this bulletin for the Buffalo, Philadelphia, Indianapolis and New Orleans sessions.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

The following daily schedule will be observed at each session: 9:30—10:00, Lecture (by a member of the faculty); 10:15—11:45, Choral Training (Father Vitry); 11:45—1:30, noon recess; 1:30 — 2:30, Chant Accompaniment (Dr. Lapierre); 2:30—4:00, Gregorian Chant (Father Thibault).

## MATERIAL FOR THE CLASSES

A special summer school manual designed by the Institute for the short sessions will be available, at nominal charge, to students on the first day only of the session. This manual will contain all material essential to the classes.

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

A certificate of attendance will be given at the close of each session to students who have attended all classes. Because of the nature of the course, college credit will not be given.

## HOUSING AND MEALS

The institutions at which the summer sessions are to be conducted will be equipped to serve a light lunch at nominal charge. Restaurants are also accessible for those who desire such accommodations. Housing accommodations must be arranged by students themselves. Out of town religious are advised to write local convents; the laity should contact local hotels.

## FEE

The tuition fee for each of the four sessions is \$20.00. This fee includes attendance at all classes, lectures and organ recitals. The fee does not include the summer session manual, or the luncheons to be served at the session. There is no registration fee.

(Detach and Mail)

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION

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Kindly register the undersigned for the short session to be conducted by the Gregorian Institute at.....

Name.....

Name of parish with  
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E.g., Organist, Choirmaster, Music Teacher, etc.

**FIRST SESSION**

**BUFFALO**

**July 8 — 12**

at the

**STELLA NIAGARA NORMAL SCHOOL**

749 Washington Street

Approved by

Most Reverend

**JOHN F. O'HARA, C.S.C.**

Bishop of Buffalo

**THIRD SESSION**

**INDIANAPOLIS**

**July 22 — 26**

at

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**PHILADELPHIA**

**July 15 — 19**

at the

**LITTLE FLOWER HIGH SCHOOL**

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**DENNIS CARDINAL DOUGHERTY**

Archbishop of Philadelphia

**FOURTH SESSION**

**NEW ORLEANS**

**July 29 — August 2**

at the

**URSULINE COLLEGE**

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**JOSEPH FRANCIS RUMMEL, S.T.D., LL.D.**

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**NOTICE**

The above sessions are not to be misconstrued with the national session of the Gregorian Institute to be conducted at Mary Manse College, Toledo, August 18 — 31. Only those students who have completed the 110 home-study text lessons and the required quarterly examinations of the Catholic Choirmasters Course, are eligible for attendance at the Toledo session.

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY · COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

October 7, 1946

Mr. Clifford S. Bennett, Director  
Gregorian Institute of America  
2160 Jefferson Avenue  
Columbus 2, Ohio

Dear Doctor Bennett,

Your letter of the 28th of September reached me a few days ago, but I have been kept very busy.

As you perhaps know, Father Dominic Keller conducted two courses in Gregorian Chant at the University of Minnesota during this past summer. A few weeks ago the head of the Music Department at the University wrote to ask me whether Father Dominic might again conduct courses there this coming summer. I have already given my approval. This is, however, contingent upon the final approval granted by the Board of Directors, which approval will not be given until after the 1st of the year. There seems to be little doubt that the approval will be given.

The courses at the University will run practically through the month of July. If it ~~is~~ will be possible for you to arrange courses for Father Dominic during the month of August, I will be pleased to permit him to conduct these courses. Father Dominic is himself willing. If the month of August is agreeable to you, may I ask that you write directly to Father Dominic here at the abbey to settle the matter of dates and places?

Reciprocating your good wishes, I

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Yours sincerely,

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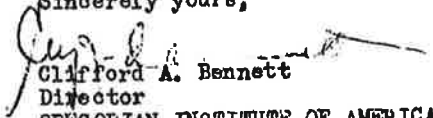
Dear Father Abbot:

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude your kind letter of October 7, wherein you grant permission to Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B., to conduct sessions for the Gregorian Institute, next summer, provided there is no conflict with pending courses at the University of Minnesota.

I am writing to Father Dominic today to settle the matter of dates, locations and the subjects to be taught.

Thanking you again, dear Father Abbot, for your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Clifford A. Bennett  
Director

GREGORIAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

October 22, 1947

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
Abbey

My Dear Father Dominic,

Just the matters which I wish to place before you to forgetten, I am taking this means of informing you so that both of us will have a record.

I herewith forbid the giving of more than three (3) college plays during any one school year: 1 before Christmas; 1 before Easter, and 1 after Easter. In other words, one in each quarter, except that none is given during the summer quarter.

These three plays are not to be repeated for the benefit of outsiders, either here or in some neighboring place, without my express permission, to be asked for each time. My reasons for laying down these regulations are various. Fundamentally in this connection, is the fact that we are first of all a religious community; that we conduct a school, and that we do not exist for the entertainment of outsiders. I know also what a burden it is to you to prepare for each play, and what a burden it is also for those who participate. That burden, it seems to me, should be limited to what I have laid down above.

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In regards the Chant; I want to commend you for your efforts to better our singing; I feel that progress has been made and that we will gradually improve still more. But I would warn you not to call too many extra practice sessions for the novices and clerics. The latter are especially burdened with various exercises, plus their school work. And if chant becomes a burden to them because of the extra practices required, it will lose its appeal, and your task of preparing them to render it properly will become a most difficult one. In general, therefore, try to get in the required practice for the evening work in the regular sessions that have been scheduled, even though the rendition does not reach that perfection for which we are striving. That can only come gradually and with the repetition some year by year. Call for extra practice only in case of necessity, for some special feast or occasion. Reverence must always be our norm in all liturgical matters. I sometimes feel that the Gloria and Credo are sung somewhat too rapidly to be reverent, and I think others will agree with me in that. I do not want the chant or the recitation to drag, but it must be reverent at all times.

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Just a word about choir attendance. I know that your work frequently keeps you from choir, and that you are excused from morning choir because of your illness. But I trust that you will strive to be regular at all other times. — With a prayer that God bless you, I am

Affectionately yours,

11/12/47

Very Rev. Abbot Alcibius Deutsch  
St. John's Abbey,

Dear Abbot,

Many thanks to Father  
Baldwin for his gracious letter  
acknowledging my note of  
appreciation to St. John's Abbey  
for having allowed Father Dominic  
Keller to give us the chant course  
at Minn. University.

I hope that by next year  
health has improved very much.  
-Father Edward DeCourcy?

St. John's church - 905 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.,  
St. Paul, has authorized me to  
ask if it would be possible  
for Father Dominic to visit our  
parish at any convenient time?

Father De Courcy is anxious to  
further the proper use of the  
chant in every possible way.

I shall be looking for your  
reply to either Father De Courcy  
or myself.

Very Sincerely yours,



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

November 14, 1947

Dear

I have your letter of the 12th instant, in which you ask whether it would be possible for Father Dominic Mallon to visit your parish, St. John's, at some convenient time for the purpose of conferring with the pastor in regard to the furtherance of the proposed use of Chaska.

Father Dominic has informed us that he will be happy to visit your parish for the purpose mentioned above. At the present time he is quite busy with his work here, and he thought it would be best if you were to write to him directly to suggest a possible date, or to ask him for possible dates. I have told Father Dominic that any date which is convenient for him and for you will be agreeable to us.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Respectfully yours,

Abbot

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Sept. 16, 1948

Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., Abbot  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegville, Minnesota

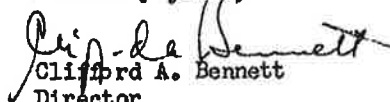
Dear Father Abbot:

Now that the summer sessions of the Gregorian Institute have passed into history for another season, I want to write and thank you, Father Abbot, for the services of Father Dominic Keller this past summer.

I find that letter writing is quite inadequate when I attempt to describe what our faculty accomplished for the liturgical movement each year when they are sent to the remote places in this country to bring the Chant to every organist and musician who has the sincerity to learn the music of the Church. What Father Dominic has been able to accomplish on these trips is quite phenomenal. He gives the students just what they yearn for, and in a way that makes a deep, lasting impression. We prize his services very highly, and I am certain that you, too, will be as happy with this report as I am to make it to you.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Clifford A. Bennett  
Director  
GREGORIAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICA





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September 20, 1948

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B. Abbott  
St. John's University  
Collegeville, Minnesota

Dear Abbott Deutsch:

On Saturday, October 16, 1948, the Music Department of St. Thomas Military Academy is sponsoring a Choral Clinic for music instructors of Catholic high schools in the State of Minnesota. As part of this program, we would like to present a session on Gregorian Chant. We should like very much to be able to secure the services of Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B., to present this part of the program. May I hear from you at an early date so that we may prepare our schedule?

Sincerely yours,

*Richard J. Kinney*  
Richard J. Kinney  
Director of Music

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

September 21, 1948

Mr. Richard J. Kinney  
Director of Music  
St. Thomas Military Academy  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Kinney,

Just a brief letter in response to yours of the 20th to give you the assurance that Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B., will be available for the Choral Clinic to be conducted at St. Thomas Military Academy on the 16th of October.

If there are any further instructions for Father Dominic Keller, may I ask that you communicate directly with him here at St. John's?

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Abbot

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QUINCY COLLEGE · QUINCY · ILLINOIS

August 11, 1949

Dear Father Abbot,

As you know, I am teaching chant here this week for the Gregorian Institute. I am staying with the Franciscan Fathers here until Sunday when I leave for Philadelphia where I have a week with the Jesuits at St. Joseph's College - August 16-20. Our school at Wichita, Kansas last week was a great success.

And the weather was quite cool. It is much warmer here in Quincy.

On our way from Wichita to Quincy we spent last Sunday with Father Edwin Vitry at O'Fallon, Mo. Heard the Sisters sing some beautiful chant there.

Since I shall be only 85 miles from New York when I finish in Philadelphia, I should deeply appreciate your kind permission to spend a few days with my confessor and relatives in the Bronx before returning to St. John's.

I shall be staying at St. Barbara's Rectory, 54th & Lebanon Ave., Philadelphia 31, Pa. next week. Perhaps it would be better if you send your reply to that address for it may not reach me in time here at Quincy.

Hoping this finds you enjoying good health, I remain  
Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,  
Dominic Keller, O.S.B.

P.S. Please tell Fr. Prior I received the Mass Intentions he sent me.

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**SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY · COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA**

**OFFICE OF THE ABBOT** August 13, 1949

My dear Father Dominic,

Your letter of the 11th reached me this morning. I am pleased to know that you had a successful and cool week in Wichita; it has not been very cool here the past week and more.

I herewith grant your request for permission to spend a few days in New York after you finish your work in Philadelphia.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

affectionately yours,

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Abbot

I have informed Father Prior about the Masses.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

September 12, 1949

My dear Father Dominic,

The enclosed letter reached me this morning. I think it will be simpler if you will take care of further correspondence with Sister M. Zitana.

Our 1st retreat next summer will be from the 12th of June to the 16th, and the second one will be from the 21st to the 25th of August. The dates which Sister Zitana gives conflict with our first retreat. If you can arrange to be at home for the second retreat, you may go to the Sisters from the 13th to the 18th of June, but if you will be occupied with the Gregorian Institute during our second retreat, you had better ask the Sisters in La Crosse to change the dates of your week with them. I leave it to you also to make financial and class arrangements.

Affectionately yours,

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Abbot

ASKED HER TO AWAIT YOUR REPLY LATER Jan. 17

School Sisters of Notre Dame  
1324 North Milwaukee Street  
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin  
J. M. J.

January 14, 1950

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn.

Right Reverend Abbot:

We are planning to have our Milwaukee school children sing at two Requiem High Masses for our dear departed Reverend Mother Mary Fidelis. These will be sung at two different churches on two successive days. The dates for the two Masses will probably be about April 19 and 20 or April 18 and 19.

Will it be possible to have one of your Father Musicians direct these two groups of children? They are boys and girls selected from Grades 5, 6, 7, 8. There will be a total of about 350 children at each of these centers. We would like to have the Reverend Director practice with the two groups some days in advance of the dates given for the Masses.

I hope you will be able to send us a good director. Would you kindly inform us to the remuneration fee you would expect?

God reward you for your kind consideration!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Cecilia

Told him you would give an answer later. Jan. 17

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## Church of St. John

977 East Fifth Street  
Saint Paul 6, Minnesota  
15th. January, 1950.,

Your Excellency,

Shortly after my arrival here I invited Father Norbert to come and conduct a series of classes in our school for one week and in the evening for our people to give them a taste of Gregorian Chant. She has attended the classes given by Fr. Dominic at the University of Minnesota some years ago. She does everything she can to encourage the choir members to acquire a love thereof. For the past two years she has taken those in the choir interested in Gregorian Chant up to St. John's Abbey to hear Father Dominic's choir sing the parish Mass one Sunday in October each year.

Our choir members, especially the older ones, find it difficult to acquire the proper appreciation and enthusiasm for Gregorian Chant. It is slow and difficult calling for much patience and perseverance on her part. They are now singing the proper of the Mass also. After their last trip to St. John's Abbey some one suggested that we should try to get Father Dominic's choir, with Father Dominic directing, to come and give a demonstration open to all parishioners some Sunday afternoon, if he could find time in his busy schedule to help our choir, and interest others among our parishioners in acquiring a love for Gregorian Chant. I immediately subscribed to the idea. I told to write to Father Dominic to inquire if he could arrange to give us a demonstration some Sunday afternoon during Lent preferable, save Palm Sunday on which day we open our Forty Hours devotion.

has just heard from Father Dominic to the effect that he could arrange to be with us on March 19th. or March 26th. provided we had secured permission from Your Excellency for the choir and Father Dominic to make the trip.

We fully realize how deeply interested in the Gregorian Chant movement Your Excellency is. It is that thought, and that thought alone, that gives us courage to apply for such a permission. We will be very happy to defray transportation expenses, serve a dinner to all who come to participate in the function, and meet whatever incidental expenses may arise.

We appreciate what Father Norbert did when here, and we thank Your Excellency for any consideration you give our present request. It is a request made by one who wishes to further the study and cultivation of Gregorian Chant in the parish to one who, we know, has the interests of Church music very much at heart.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*E. S. de Courcy*



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY · COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 2, 1950

Reverend M. E. de Courcy  
Church of St. John  
877 East Fifth Street  
Saint Paul 6, Minnesota

Reverend and dear Father,

When I returned on the 29th from my trip to our missions in the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and Kentucky, Father Prior handed me your letter of the 15th of January in reference to the demonstration in Gregorian Chant which you desire Father Dominic and his choir to give to your parishoners.

In view of your deep interest in Gregorian Chant and of your efforts to spread Congregational Singing, I am willing to permit Father Dominic and his choir to make the trip to the Cities on Sunday afternoon, either March 19 or March 26, whichever is more convenient for him and for you and your people.

Father Dominic and his choir ought to be here for our high Mass, which begins only at 10:45. The bus might leave here at 12:45, and be in St. Paul by three o'clock. I presume that would be early enough for you and your people.

With every good wish to you, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Fraternally yours,

Abbot

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 2, 1950

Sister Mary Cecilia  
School Sisters of Notre Dame  
1324 North Milwaukee Street  
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

Dear Sister Mary Cecilia,

On my return to the abbey on the 29th from a visit to our missions in the Bahama Islands, Puerto Rico and Kentucky, Father Prior handed me your letter of the 14th of January, in which you asked whether one of our Fathers could come to Milwaukee to direct the singing of the school children on the 19th and 20th of April, or the 18th and 19th, and whether he might come a few days earlier to practice with the children.

I am sorry you have had to wait for an answer. And I regret also that it will not be possible for us to send one of the Fathers at that time. Each of our musicians is kept busy with school work and other duties. I do not feel that I should withdraw one of them from these duties just after the Easter vacation.

Trusting that you will be able to secure a qualified director elsewhere, and begging God to bless you and your work, I am

Fraternally yours,

Abbot

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**Church of St. John**

977 East Fifth Street

Saint Paul 5, Minnesota

8th. Feb. 50.

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.  
St. John's Abbey,  
Collegeville, Minn.,

Your Excellency,

I am deeply grateful to Your Excellency for the favor extended to the parishioners of St. John's. I have informed our organist \_\_\_\_\_ of your decision. She, in turn, will contact Father Dominic and make all arrangements as to transportation, program and time.

I have suggested to her that the transportation should be arranged with the St. Cloud Bus Company, and that the choir would be ready to leave the ~~XXXXX~~ College at 12.45. The ladies will provide a suitable dinner for all the participants in the program.

I hope the weather will be favorable so that the trip may be enjoyable for all concerned. Thanking Your Excellency again for your graciousness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*E. S. de Bourcy*

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### H. H. Pater Dominic J. Keller OSB aus Collegetville (USA) feierte Silbernes Priesterjubiläum in der Heimat seiner Eltern

Seeg - Die Pfarrgemeinde Seeg konnte am vergangenen Sonntag ein besonderes Fest begehen: H. H. Pater Dominic J. Keller OSB von der St.-Johannes-Abtei Collegetville, Minnesota, USA, feierte in der Heimat seiner Eltern sein 25. Priesterjubiläum.

Diese Feier war eine Herzensangelegenheit der gesamten großen Pfarrgemeinde. Der Ort hatte Flaggenschmuck angelegt, Fahnenab- ordnungen der Freiwilligen Feuerwehren Seeg und Enzensteilen, des Turn- und Sportvereins, des Gebirgstrachten-Erhaltungsvereins „D'Lo- bachläter“, des Veteranenvereins, des Vereins der „Zwanziger“ und der kath. Jugendgruppe sowie die Gemeinderäte von Seeg und Enzen- steilen gaben dem Jubilar des Ehrengelait. Mit der Harmoniemusik in ihrem neuen All- gäuer Gwand wurde Pater Dominic von der Geistlichkeit mit Kreuz und Chorfaschen aus dem Elternhaus seiner Mutter abgeholt. Die Festpredigt hielt H. H. Stadtpfarrer Rathgeb- Tübingen; der Jubilar zelebrierte ein lebhaf- tes Hochamt. Den Feierlichkeiten wohnten auch die ehemaligen Schüler Pater Dominics, ein amerikanischer Geistlicher und der Dom- kapellmeister der Kathedrale in St. Cloud, Minn., bei. Nach dem Festgottesdienst wurde der Jubilar von zwei Mädchen durch Gedichte zu seinem Ehrentag beglückwünscht. An- schließend wurde Pater Dominic in die Gast- wirtschafft „Möhren“ zur Festtafel geleitet, während für die örtlichen Vereine der Mittags- bisch in der Gastwirtschaft „Adler“ gedeckt worden war. H. H. Dekan Knaus übermittelte dem Jubilar die Wünsche der Pfarrgemeinde, während Bürgermeister Peter Richter-Enzen- steilen Gruß und Wünsche der Heimatge- meinde seiner Mutter aussprach. Der Jubilar dankte mit einem „Vergelt's Gott!“ allen, die



mitgeholfen hatten, das Fest vorzubereiten und zu begehen.

Beide Elternteile des Jubilars stammen aus der Pfarrgemeinde. Im Zuge der großen Aus- wanderung gegen Ende des vergangenen Jahr- hunderts verließ Theresia Heberle 1887 mit

anderen Geschwistern ihr Elternhaus in Pei- ben, der heutigen Wagnerel Mayer, um in New York eine neue Heimat zu suchen. Dort verehelichte sie sich mit Heinrich Keller, der aus Wiesleuten, dem heutigen Anwesen Elen- der, ausgewandert war. Pater Dominic ist das vierte und letzte Kind dieser Ehe. Im Jahre 1925 trat er in die St.-Johannes-Abtei des Benediktinerordens in Collegetville ein und studierte Theologie. Am 7. Juli 1931 erhielt er dort die Priesterweihe. Die Primiz feierte der Neupriester in seiner Geburtsstadt New York am 14. Juni 1931. Die ersten zehn Jahre war Pater Dominic Lehrer für Weltgeschichte an der Universität der St.-Johannes-Abtei. Diese Universität hat 1200 Hörer aller Fakul- täten. Die Abtei selbst ist der Zahl der Mönche nach die größte Benediktinerabtei der Welt. Nach dem Lehramt für Weltgeschichte über- nahm der Jubilar das Lehramt für Kirchen- musik. Gleichzeitig wurde er Chorregent für den gesamten Kirchengesang der Abtei. Au- ßerdem hat er die Leitung der Bühne inne, auf der regelmäßig Dramen, Komödien und auch Opern aufgeführt werden. Dazwischen gab Pater Dominic zahlreiche Missionen und Exerzitien für Laien, Geistliche und Ordens- leute in allen Teilen der USA. Zur Zeit hat Pater Dominic das Lehramt für Rhetorik an der Universität der Abtei inne. Während der Sommerferien widmet er sich besonders der Schulung der Abteilingen in der Kir- chenmusik, vornehmlich der Pflege der Gre- gorianischen Choräle. Die Abtei ist auch Aus- gangspunkt der liturgischen Bewegung in Amerika.

Die St.-Johannes-Abtei Collegetville ist eine Tochterabtei des Benediktinerklosters Metten bei Passau und wurde am 22. August 1856 ge- gründet. In den hundert Jahren ihres Be- stehens wurde sie ein kultureller Mittelpunkt in Minnesota. Bei der Jubiläumsfeier seiner Arbeit wird Pater Dominic bereits wieder mitten in seiner Arbeit stehen.

*M. J. J. K. K. K.*  
**Father Dominic  
Keller Continues  
TV Chant Series**  
*No. 73*  
*Sept. 31, 62*

Collegeville, Minn. — Father Dominic Keller, OSB., of the St. John's university faculty, will return to television this fall for a continuation of his program, *The Music of Gregorian Chant*. In the second semester course last year, Father Dominic presented the basic principles of Gregorian Chant and the fundamentals of rhythm according to the Solesmes system.

After a brief review of the theories explained last year, the course this year will be concerned with practical demonstrations of the application of the Solesmes theories to chant repertoire that is useful for parish choirs. Father Dominic will limit his presentation to include only simple chants in order to bring them well within the grasp of beginners and make them immediately useful for the liturgical needs of choirs.

The program, to be televised at 8:30 p.m. for 12 consecutive Fridays beginning September 28, will be of special interest to choir directors, organists and music teachers who are seeking a working knowledge of this chant form.

Several priests from St. John's abbey will appear on the program each week to demonstrate, under Father Dominic's direction, the Solesmes method of Gregorian chant.

Father Dominic served for ten years as choirmaster at St. John's abbey. He teaches music and speech and directs drama at the university and for many years he has also taught the Music of Gregorian Chant to the students here.

For fourteen summers he lectured at music institutes throughout the United States and Canada, and for the last three summers he has been on the faculty of the Mount St. Vincent School of Music in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Father has also taught summer sessions at the University of Minnesota and the University of Montana.

INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY, COLLEGEVILLE

NAME: Dominic Joseph Keller  
 (Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

BIRTH: New York New York December 31 1902  
 (City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: Dominic NAMEDAY: August 4

TRIENNIAL VOWS: Collegeville, Minn. July 11, 1926 Abbot Alcuin Deutsch  
 (Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLATION: St. John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minn. July 11, 1929 Abbot Alcuin Deutsch  
 (Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn. June 7, 1931 Joseph Busch  
 (Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Bavaria, Germany

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

FATHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF DEATH: Sept. 13, 1931

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: grade school

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ cabinet maker  
 (Now) (When You Entered Monastery)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Bavaria, Germany

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF DEATH: Dec. 15, 1917

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: grade school

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ELEMENTARY:	<u>St. Anselm's, Bronx, New York</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>1917</u>			
SECONDARY:	<u>St. John's High School</u> <u>Collegeville, Minn.</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1923</u>			
UNDERGRADUATE:	<u>St. John's College</u> <u>Collegeville, Minn.</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>1928</u>		<u>B.A.</u>	<u>1928</u>
THEOLOGY:	<u>St. John's Seminary</u> <u>Collegeville, Minn.</u>	<u>1928</u>	<u>1932</u>			
GRADUATE:	<u>Columbia University, N.Y.C. &amp;</u> <u>University of Minnesota, Mpls., Minn.</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>M.A.</u>	<u>1934</u>
POST-DOCTORAL:	<u>Choral Research (Gregorian Chant)</u> <u>Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight, Eng.; Solesmes, France; Rome, Italy</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>			
OTHER:	<u><del>St. Anselm's</del></u>					

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DATE FILLED OUT: June 4, 1964

*Dominic J. Keller*  
 (Signature)

LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS (lasting six months or more) YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the type or nature of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep School, (b) the location, (c) the duration, (d) any special achievements or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1948.

Teaching Modern European History in St. John's High School, Collegeville, Minn.	1926-1933
Teaching Modern European History in St. John's College, Collegeville, Minn.	1934-1942
Teaching Gregorian Chant in St. John's College,	" " 1942-49
Teaching Gregorian Chant in St. John's Seminary	" " 1947-52
Director of High School Dramatics at St. John's	" " 1934-38
Director of College Dramatics at St. John's	" " 1938-64....
Abbey Choir Master at St. John's	" " 1945-55
Teaching Speech and Music Appreciation at St. John's	" " 1944-64....
Teaching Gregorian Chant for the Gregorian Institute of America in various parts of the U. S. (summer schools)	1948-53
Taught and was director of the Summer School of Liturgical Music at St. Vincent School of Liturgical Music in Halifax, Nova Scotia	1959-61

GIVE YOUR PARENT'S PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING.

LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF. For those still living give their present address; for those who have died write "deceased." Put an asterisk before those whom you want contacted immediately and directly by the Abbey when you die.

IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

author of FUNDAMENTALS OF GREGORIAN CHANT, Lit. Press, Collegeville, Minn.	1959
" " THE BOOK OF JUDITH Arranged as Choral Reading " "	1959
31 appearances on KTCA-TV Channel 2 (St. Paul, Minn.) education programs on THE MUSIC OF GREGORIAN CHANT	1961-1962
Have given many Parish Missions with Fr. Celestine, Lancelot, Virgil	1938-1963
Have given Sisters Retreat in U.S. and Canada	
Have given Summer Laymen's & Young Married Couples Retreats at St. John's	
Have given College and High School Retreats	
Have given Benedictine Community Retreats at St. Anselm's in Manchester, N.H. & at St. Gregory's in Shawnee, Okla.	
Was Students' Chaplain of the College & High School at St. John's, Collegeville, Minn.	1939-1942

MOUNT SAINT VINCENT  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 20, 1960

Dear Father Abbot,

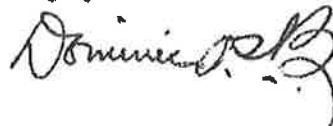
The inheritance money I talked to you about at the time of my silver jubilee four years ago has finally come through. I am very happy at this time to send you the enclosed check for \$1,725.98, which represents the share of my inheritance from the estate of

If I have to sign any of the material enclosed herewith, I thought it might be better to wait until I return to St. John's to do so. I do not think it wise to send signed checks in the mail.

It is quite a coincidence that the check is dated July 11 and I got it July 19 which is the big day here for the Sisters of Charity, the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. We spent the last two and a half weeks preparing for the Mass which was celebrated by the Bishop of Bermuda, who is our guest right now. I conducted some four hundred Sisters in the singing. In my regular advanced theory course in chant I have about forty sisters and seminarians from last summer. Sister Corona is teaching the beginning chant class this summer. Father Mills is back for the Polyphony and organ accompaniment classes. The eighty-four novices attend me Liturgical Singing class each day. Then I give a half-hour lecture on the Liturgy to the community every day. And for the first two weeks we also had evening classes for the lay choir directors of the surrounding area. It is a busy summer but the weather is so cool that I could not think of a better place for summer work.

From the copy of the Record that was sent me, I notice that there is much going on at St. John's also this summer. If you could only have our cool weather!

Faithfully yours in St. Benedict,







SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

November 29, 1967

At the suggestion of the Liturgy Committee that I appoint  
a Director of Readers for the morning service and the  
evening service, I am hereby appointing Father Dominic *file*

I have asked Father Dominic to give to the whole commu-  
nity directives on choral recitation of the psalms.

Abbot



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

July 25, 1960

Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
Saint Vincent School of Music  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Father Dominic,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th, and for the check of \$1,725.98 which you enclosed as the inheritance money which you mentioned to me at the time of your silver jubilee. In the name of the community, I am grateful to you for this money, and it has come at a good time, that is, when our income is rather low though the bills come in as usual. Father Florian told me that he will be able to sign the check, since the banks recognize our endorsement; hence there will not be a delay in having the check cashed.

I appreciate the information which you sent about your work and am happy to know that all is going well and that your weather has been cool. Our summer was most pleasant, except for the 11th and except for the past few days. Your letter ended with the statement: If you could only have our cool weather! To this I know that all would give a hearty "Amen" these last few days, which have been very warm and humid. Choir this morning was quite a penance for the church has now gotten warm and there is little or no movement of the air. We hope that this will be better in the new Church.

It has been a busy summer thus far, and there are still a number of activities that will be held here. This summer the community really seems depleted, especially on weekends, since so many are out at school or out giving retreats or teaching. It will not be long and those from school will be slowly returning. All have been quite well throughout the summer with the following exceptions: Father Louis underwent an operation for an infected gall bladder on the night of the 9th; he is recovering well considering his age and his diabetic condition. About a week later Father George, who had come up for his father's funeral, had over 60% of his stomach removed because of serious ulcers; there was considerable bleeding right after the operation, but he is getting along quite well now. A week ago today Father Polycarp, at his own request, was taken to the hospital because of severe pains in his back. The doctors have not yet given a definite decision as to the cause. Because he no longer wishes to remain in the hospital or in bed, he has been under restraint -- and this doesn't make him too happy. I visited him last Saturday when I was in town for Father Clement's mother's funeral, and I found him quite confused, having forgotten why he was in the hospital. Everyone here misses his perambulations and we are waiting for his return. I am enclosing a list of the new novices; they are getting along well and seem to catch on to their various duties, particularly in the refectory, quite rapidly.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

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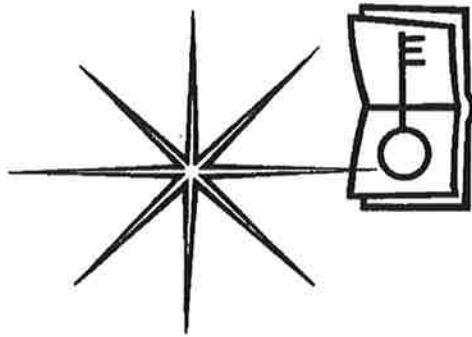
## The Schedule

KTCA - TV Channel 2

8:00 p.m., Fridays

September 29, 1961 to January 26, 1962

- Sept. 29 Definition and historical background of Gregorian Chant
- Oct. 6 The Solesmes Method. The Chant Repertoire
- Oct. 13 Gregorian notation—notes, neums, staff, bar-lines, use of the flat
- Oct. 20 Augmented and compound neums; ornament
- Oct. 27 Good Reading—vowels, consonants, syllabification, accents
- Nov. 3 Gregorian rhythm—the "ictus"
- Nov. 10 Rules for placing the ictus
- Nov. 17 How to rhythm syllabic chant or pure recitative
- Nov. 24 Chironomy—arsis and thesis—simple and composite rhythm
- Dec. 1 Undulation—Thesis: ictic and postictic
- Dec. 8 General theory of the eight Modes authentic and plagal
- Dec. 15 Melodic characteristics of Modes I and II
- Dec. 22 Melodic characteristics of Modes III and IV
- Dec. 29 Melodic characteristics of Modes V and VI
- Jan. 5 Melodic characteristics of Modes VII and VIII
- Jan. 12 The so-called "transposed" Modes
- Jan. 19 Psalmody
- Jan. 26 General rules of Interpretation



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# The Music of Gregorian Chant

Rev. Dominic Keller, O.S.B.

KTCA-TV CHANNEL 2

September 29, 1961 to January 26, 1962

Fridays at 8:00 p.m.

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factó-rem caelij et terrae, vi-si-bí-li- um ó-mni- um, ei



FATHER DOMINIC KELLER, O.S.B.

## The Teacher

Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B., for several years choirmaster at St. John's Abbey, teaches music and speech and directs drama at St. John's University. For many years he has taught the Music of Gregorian Chant to the students at St. John's. For the past twelve summers he has lectured at music institutes throughout the United States and Canada, and for the last three summers he has been on the faculty of the Mount St. Vincent School of Music in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Father has also taught summer sessions at the University of Minnesota and the University of Montana.

Father studied music under Dom Desroquettes, O.S.B., Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight, Édouard Gajard, O.S.B., Solesmes, France, and Dom Gregory Sunol, O.S.B., at Music Sacra in Rome.

## Gregorian Chant

Gregorian Chant is the name applied to the liturgical unisonal chants of the Catholic Church which date from the time of Pope Gregory the Great (590-604). The growth of the liturgy resulted in the composition of later works in the same style which are included in the classification. The Chant is unharmonized, unaccompanied, and without meter.

In its historic aspect, it represents the evolution of melody. It cannot be judged old or archaic merely because of its age nor may it be compared with harmony because it reached its peak when the harmonic sense was still dormant in the minds of men.

The influence of Gregorian Chant upon modern musical forms and idioms has been great. It contains within itself all the germs of later musical forms, including the suite, the variation, and the motet. Composers in every historical epoch, including Bach and Wagner, have been influenced by it. Gregorian Chant is used by many Protestants as well as Catholics.

## The Texts

The texts to be used for the chant series are: *Fundamentals of Gregorian Chant*, by Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B. (\$1.00 Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn.), and *Liber Usualis* (\$8.00, St. John's University Bookstore, Collegeville, Minn.)

## The Course

Father Dominic, in his televised course, will discuss the basic principles of Gregorian Chant, the fundamentals of rhythm according to the Solesmes system, Gregorian notation and modes, psalmody, and the liturgical repertoire.

The course is intended to be very practical. "I will not," says Father Dominic, "use the theatrical or academic approach but will stick to the fundamentals. What I will discuss in the series is the type of thing that a choir director or organist would want to know for next Sunday."

*The Music of Gregorian Chant* will be of special interest to choir directors, organists, and music teachers, but much interest is anticipated from the musical-layman who is eager to learn more about this venerable chant form.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EFFECTIVE SPEAKING VOICE

The key to vocal energy is breath control and the proper use of the abdominal muscles. Vocal force is also influenced by the attitude of the speaker and is greatly aided by relaxed throat muscles, a properly opened mouth, and resonation. The big voice gets its force not from the lungs but from the intercostal muscles that control the diaphragm.

Purity of Tone. The voice should sound clear as a bell, free from harshness, hoarseness, breathiness, or other distracting components of noise. Purity of tone depends primarily upon the combination of relaxed, open-throat phonation and adequate resonance.

RELAXATION EXERCISE: The yawning position is a good starting point for relaxation of the throat. Open the mouth wide and yawn heartily several times. Try to carry over the open, relaxed tone of the yawn as you vocalize in normal pitch the sounds "wah-wah-wah-wah-wah, woo-woo-woo-woo-woo, woo-woo-woo-woo-woo," in an effusive chant.

RESONATING EXERCISE: Hum loudly with your lips closed on "m" "n" and then (with the same tingling sensation in the front of your face, on the tip of your tongue touching your teeth, and on your lips) repeat explosively "noo, noo, noo, noo, noo." Repeat in an even chanting manner, first rapidly, then slowly, words with nasal consonants--m, n, ng. For instance: ma-ma-ma, me-me-me, ninging-inging-inging, mine-mine-mine, time-time-time, and so forth.

Clear and Distinct Diction. Precision of articulation and accurate pronunciation are basic in the process of attaining clear, distinct utterance; here lies the key to being understood. This involves proper, energetic use of LIPS, TONGUE, JAW, TEETH and VELUM.

LIP EXERCISE: Speak clearly and in an exaggerated manner the letters Q-X at the rate of about 30 times per minute. Stretch your lips to the extreme limit each time. Practice the words "WHO, ME?" fifteen or twenty times, stretching your lips until tired.

JAW EXERCISE: Drop the jaw lazily and allow the mouth to fall open as if you were impersonating an idiot. Speak in a regular marching cadence, using the words hup, hup, hup. Pronounce the words ouch, ouch, ouch by opening the mouth widely, repeating each word several times. Practice speaking at a brisk cadence the word combinations ring-wasp--ring wasp--ring wasp.

SPECIAL EXERCISES FOR DISTINCTNESS (Tongue, Lips, and Jaw combined):

Practice reading the following as distinctly as possible:

- 1) The perfectly purple bird unfurled his curled wings and whirled over the world.
- 2) Some folks say I slip when I say "scup," "soft soap," or something similar; I perceive it myself. Can you say: "Try tying twine to two tree twigs?"
- 3) Bill had a billboard. Bill also had a beard bill. The beard bill bored Bill so that Bill sold the billboard to pay the board bill. So after Bill sold his billboard to pay his beard bill, the board bill no longer bored Bill.
- 4) Pearl's purple parrot said, "Pucker your pretty lips and say 'prunes and prisms.'" "
- 5) Leaping up the steep, slippery slopes of Pike's Peak is the pleasant pastime of mountain sheep.
- 6) Strolling leisurely along the cool lanes beside the lake, Paul flipped pabbles to ripple the water.
- 7) The noise of the sephyr as it whizzes past the soo bothers the sebras grazing lazily nearby.
- 8) Mirage and camouflage usually are visual illusions which present confusion upon occasion.
- 9) Amidst the mists and coldest frosts,  
With stoutest wrists and sternest boasts,  
He thrusts his flats against the posts  
And still insists he sees the ghosts.

The following exercise is more difficult than it sounds. Say these words sequentially and distinctly, beginning slowly and accelerating your speed to over 200 words per minute:

"yellow leather, red leather--yellow leather, red leather--yellow leather, red leather . . ."

Try this from Shakespeare's ROMEO: "Thoughts black, hands apt, drugs fit, and time agreeing;  
Confederate season, else no creature seeing;  
Thou mixture rank, of midnight weeds collected,  
With Hecate's ban thrice blasted, thrice infected  
On wholesome life usurp immediately."

*Keller*

Tuesday, December 3, 1974

Father Dominic will be going to the hospital this afternoon to undergo tests to determine the cause of the severe pain in his hip and leg. He would appreciate a remembrance in the prayers of the community.

Abbot John

December 18, 1974

Father Dominic was moved to room 274 in the Rehabilitation Unit this afternoon, where he will be given various exercises. The neurologist told him yesterday that he had had a slight stroke and the left side was slightly affected. But his speech is clear and he is in good spirits, grateful for the prayers of the community.

Brother Kevin returned to the abbey this afternoon.

Abbot John

*Dominic  
Keller*

December 25, 1974

Reverend Maynard C. Kegler, O.M.I.  
King's House  
621 1st Avenue South  
Buffalo, Minnesota 55313

Dear Father Kegler,

A blessed and joyful Christmas to you, with the prayer that the peace and joy of the feast will be with you throughout the New Year.

I regret very much to have to write you the following news, namely, that Father Dominic Keller, O.S.B., will not be able to give the retreat that he promised to give at King's House from the 31st of January to the 2nd of February, 1975. Recently Father Dominic suffered what the doctors have now diagnosed as a slight stroke. He is in the St. Cloud Hospital, but was hopeful until yesterday that he might still be able to give this retreat. However, yesterday the doctors told him that this would be foolhardy and that it will be some weeks before he is fully recovered. In view of his age (he will be 72 on December 31), and the weakness that has resulted from the stroke, I personally doubt whether he will be able to give any retreats in the future, though he remains hopeful - and that, of course, is good.

I also regret that, after checking around, I did not find anyone who might replace Father Dominic for the retreat mentioned above. I sincerely hope that you will not find it too difficult to find a replacement for him.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Wideaschank, O.S.B.  
Abbot

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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE PROFESSION OF VOWS WHICH  
I, FATHER DOMINIC KELLER,  
OF NEW YORK,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK,  
MADE FIFTY YEARS AGO, I NOW RENEW, AND  
PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND HIS SAINTS,  
IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR FATHER IN CHRIST,  
ABBOT JOHN EIDENSCHINK,  
AND THE MONKS OF THIS MONASTERY,  
STABILITY IN THIS COMMUNITY,  
PURSUIT OF PERFECT CHARITY THROUGH A MONASTIC MANNER OF LIFE,  
AND OBEEDIENCE ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT  
AND THE LAWS OF OUR FEDERATION.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE PREPARED THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGNED IT HERE AT  
ST. JOHN'S ABBEY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1976,  
ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JULY, A FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT.

Dominic Keller OSB

+ John Eidenschink OSB



**From "Eight and One Half Centuries of Service," by Daniel Durken, OSB  
*Saint John's Magazine*, Spring 1977**

**Father Dominic Keller, 74**, began his teaching career in 1926 with classes in modern European history in the prep School and later in the college. He also served as campus chaplain for three years. After a year of research into Gregorian Chant at Benedictine abbeys in England, France and Italy, Fr. Dominic began teaching chant in the college and seminary in 1942. He was Abbey choir master for ten years, wrote the popular *Fundamentals of Gregorian Chant* (published in 1959 by the Liturgical Press) and made 31 appearances on KTCA-TV in 1961-62 for an educational program called "The Music of Gregorian Chant." He also taught the Music Appreciation course at St. John's for 20 years and was a teacher of Gregorian Chant for the Gregorian Institute of America summer sessions in various parts of the United States and for the Summer School of Liturgical Music in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1934 Fr. Dominic began a long and colorful career in dramatics. After directing Prep School plays for four years, he was director of college dramatics for another 26 years. His productions of Shakespearean masterpieces like *Hamlet* and *Henry IV* made the auditorium at St. John's the Guthrie Theatre of central Minnesota. Fr. Dominic also taught college speech and interpretation course and has given numerous retreats in a variety of parishes, convents, schools and monasteries throughout the country.

27 October 1977

The Reverend Dominic Keller, O.S.B.  
Saint John's Abbey  
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Father Dominic:

I think it best at this point to appoint a new Table Reading Committee. I have been grateful for the service you have rendered the community in choosing or helping to choose books for table reading. The members of the community have also appreciated this service.

However, since you take most of your meals in Saint Raphael's Hall, I would like to relieve you of the work of reading and recommending books for table reading. I am sure you will continue to read good books and I would assume that the new committee, chaired by Father Hilary, would welcome any suggestions you may wish to give them.

With every good wish, and a prayer that God continue to bless you, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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ON SUNDAY, 7:31 P.M., NOVEMBER 26, 1978

**Father Dominic Joseph Keller, O.S.B.**

BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 31, 1902;  
PROFESSED JULY 11, 1926; ORDAINED JUNE 7, 1931;  
DIED PEACEFULLY IN THE LORD.



Father Dominic was born in the Bronx. After finishing the eighth grade, the young Joseph Keller worked for three years in the offices of the American Express. He came to St. John's in 1920 for his high school, college, and seminary training, receiving his B.A. degree in 1928. After studying at Columbia University and the University of Minnesota, he received his M.A. degree in history in 1934. In 1938-1939 he did research in church music and Gregorian chant, especially at Solesmes Abbey, France. During his 47 years of active life as monk and priest, he taught modern European history from 1926 to 1942, and Gregorian chant from 1942 to 1952; was director of dramatics from 1934 to 1966; abbey choir master from 1945 to 1955; taught speech and music appreciation from 1944 to 1973. He conducted summer institutes in Gregorian chant from 1948 to 1961. He appeared on 31 TV programs, featuring the chant; wrote a text on chant, and arranged the *Book of Judith* for choral reading. He also preached many missions and retreats. Father Dominic was by nature a gifted raconteur of humorous stories. He was aggressively creative and his role as a foremost teacher of Gregorian chant gave him an ideal outlet for his artistic temperament. The decline of interest in the chant was hard for him to accept, since the chant for him was the ideal expression of worship and song. Due to his diabetic condition his final trial was the amputation of part of one leg. His heart, already supported for some years by a pacemaker, could no longer bear the physical strain. He died quietly, full of longing for the kingdom of God, on the feast of Christ the King.

FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL WE ASK EACH NOVICE AND PROFESSED MONK OF OUR ABBEY TO OFFER TWO MASSES IN THE MANNER ALLOWED BY HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. WE ALSO RECOMMEND OUR CONFEBRE TO THE USUAL PRAYERS AND MASSES IN OTHER HOUSES OF OUR FEDERATION. THE CONCELERATED MASS OF RESURRECTION WAS OFFERED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1978, AT 3:30 P.M., IN THE ABBEY CHURCH, FOLLOWED BY BURIAL IN THE ABBEY CEMETERY.

+ John Eidenschink, O.S.B.

ST. JOHN'S ABBEY  
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

ABBOT

Ordinarily it would not be proper for such young monks as we are to volunteer their opinions to their abbot. But since we have your permission to express ourselves, it seems quite right that we should speak on a matter in which we are so directly concerned. The schola as a whole is eager to sing the chant prayerfully and with technical exactitude. But we are aware that so far our chant has not been very prayerful. We feel that this failure has been due, not to our lack of good will but to a lack of instruction (not technical but spiritual) and to improper conducting in church.

Naturally we find ourselves less inspired on some occasions than on others, but we are ready to perform our share of the liturgy wholeheartedly the year around, whether the church is full or empty, whether the Mass is before daybreak or late in the morning. The problem of absence or late-coming to practices has been fairly well overcome; it would never have arisen if from the beginning practices had been regularly scheduled and the director himself had been prompt. The chanters are aware that they have consistently sung too loud and too mechanically, but they plead that they must either follow the director or not sing, and the latter alternative is not left open to them in church.

It does not seem necessary to mention details of technique here. We would be happy to follow any one director and let him decide on details. Some of us feel strongly that we should sing without organ accompaniment, but we are not all agreed on this. We are agreed, however, that the many difficulties and ill-feelings which have vexed our chanting increasingly during the past year are due to our directors. There is no division within the schola nor within the clericate. In order to make good order and sincere cooperation possible for the future, we would like to make our general observations for the past few years clearly known. To do this it is necessary to mention names, in all charity.

A few of us had Father Gerard as a sort of assistant director four years ago. We are agreed that he was eager to do the chant well, even at the cost of putting much of his time to group and individual practice, that he was capable, and that he was always approachable and even-tempered.

All of us have had Father Bartholomew as an occasional director, and for some of us he was chant instructor in the novitiate. Since he follows a different theory than the one generally taught here, this difference made for some initial lack of harmony. Most of us have found it rather trying to have him as conductor because his directions often seem unnecessarily arbitrary. Certainly none of us would say, though, that he is not zealous for the chant or that he is unwilling to put much time to it. His problem seems to be one of temperament; discipline, never a problem for others, becomes a major problem for him when he conducts practice for the entire body of clerics.

Father Dominic has been our regular director since most of us have been in the clericate, and it is very difficult to appraise our relations with him. There is no doubt that he has a genius for the chant, and that at his best we could not desire a more capable or more agreeable director. Unfortunately, however, we cannot avoid observing that he demands our best of us only on special occasions. For the ordinary Mass his actions seem to say that he is content to have us sing without breaking down. We say "his actions" because his words are always good. He says the most wonderful things at practice about the spirituality of the chant, but his own attitude and his own directing contradict his words.

Another great difficulty has been his frequent absences, especially at Christmas and Easter. We may conclude by saying that there is nothing we need more than a regular director, one man who will take the whole business of the chant into his own hands, everything from insisting on promptness at practices to deciding what part the organ is going to have in our singing in church. Our experience during the past year has shown how necessary it is that this last point be thoroughly understood, that is, that the director, the man who has immediate contact with the singers, should decide absolutely what the organ is to do during the singing. We might observe on this point that we feel Father Dominic has not been primarily at fault for the difficulties which have arisen concerning the organ at Mass during the past months.

We have made these remarks only in the hope of helping to build peace and charity where those virtues are most necessary to us, at the divine worship which is the sacrifice of Mass.

HOMILY GIVEN BY FATHER ABBOT JOHN EIDENSCHINK  
DURING THE MASS OF RESURRECTION FOR FATHER  
DOMINIC J. KELLER, O.S.B., NOVEMBER 28, 1978

On the evening of the feast of Christ the King, just as the monastic choir was concluding Evening Prayer, Father Dominic very peacefully and very quietly left the body of his earthly dwelling to gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven. It was fitting that he should pass to a new life on this feast of Christ the King, for many years ago -- 52 to be exact -- he had responded to the vocation to become a Benedictine monk and, in the words of the Prologue to the Rule of Benedict, "to do battle under the Lord Christ, the true King, by taking up the strong and bright weapons of obedience". Throughout those 52 years he was faithful to his vow of obedience; he took to heart the opening words of Chapter five of the Rule, On Obedience: "The first degree of humility is obedience without delay. This is the virtue of those who hold nothing dearer than Christ." It was this virtue of obedience, coupled with his desire to do well whatever he did, that enabled him to accomplish much in his 47 years of active life as a monk and priest. To prepare himself for teaching, he did graduate work in history, and later perfected his knowledge of Church music and Gregorian chant through studies and work not only at the Pius X School of Music in New York but also at Quarr Abbey in England, at Solesmes Abbey in France, and in Rome.

Someone has characterized Father Dominic as one who probably was not brilliant but as one who used every ounce of the talents God had given him. These talents were many, and because he was willing and eager to use them for the benefit of others in whatever way the superior should ask, he served his community, his Church and his God well in a variety of ways. Thus he taught modern European history here from 1926 to 1942; Gregorian chant from 1942 to 1952, speech and music appreciation from 1944 to 1973; he was director of dramatics from 1934 to 1966, and abbey choir master from 1945 to 1955. For thirteen years he conducted

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summer institutes in Gregorian chant in various parts of the United States and Canada. He was a much-sought-after retreat master for students -- he had served as chaplain to the college students here from 1939-1942 -- for the laity, for priests and for religious. His retreat conferences and his homilies were cherished not only because of the eloquence and dramatic delivery but also because of the content of his message and the sincerity with which it was given. To repeat: he was ever ready and willing to use every ounce of his talents for the benefit of others.

From what I have said thus far, one might gather that Father Dominic was a paragon of all virtues. Such persons are few and far between, and most of us, despite our monastic profession and the help of many brethren, retain some of our human foibles and frailties, as did Father Dominic. But perhaps it is just these human imperfections and weaknesses that make us dear to one another and to our Savior and our King, Jesus Christ. Was not this the message of the first reading from Ezekiel for the feast of Christ the King two days ago? I quote: "I myself will pasture my sheep . . . says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly" (Ezekiel 34:15-17).

Five years ago Father Dominic retired from active work because of illness, and in the last two years suffered much from several operations, particularly the removal of the lower part of the left leg. Both our second and our third readings this afternoon reminded us of the need to suffer. In the second reading St. Peter said: "In this you rejoice (that is, in the hope of the resurrection), though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials so that the genuineness of your faith . . . may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ". In the Gospel we heard the familiar words of Christ: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Father Dominic did accept the cross of his sufferings, though at times he found it heavier than he could bear alone and rightly sought

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the help of his friends and confreres. But throughout his sufferings his faith in Christ and in his resurrection remained genuine. Faith, however, must be supported by love. I am confident that this was true of Father Dominic, and so it is also with confidence that I conclude with the final words of St. Peter from our second reading: "Without having seen Jesus, you love him; though you do not see him now, you believe in him . . . As the outcome of your faith, you obtain your salvation" (1 Pet 1:6-7). As we continue this Eucharist, we will remember our brother, Father Dominic, but we will also remember our need for full faith and limitless love. Amen.



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May 18, 2000

Office of the Prior  
St. John's University  
Collegeville, MN 56321

Honorable Prior:

I have recently begun to address some, long suppressed, disturbing issues in my life. I sadly report that one of them was sexual abuse, which occurred, when I was a junior in Prep School in 1957.

I was selected to participate in a play, Richard III, which was being presented by the University. The Reverend Dominic Keller used pretenses related to that effort to sexually abuse me on two occasions.

I inform you principally for the purpose of furnishing, possible, supportive testimony, which may be of value. If mine was an isolated incident I am thankful.

Sincerely,

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

BOX 2015

COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA 56321-2015

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

May 31, 2000

The Prior of Saint John's Abbey handed on to me your letter of May 18, 2000. I am grateful that you have written and have reported to me two incidents that happened to you when you were a student at Saint John's Preparatory School in 1957. You reported that Father Dominic Keller abused you sexually on two occasions.

First of all, let me express to you my profound apology for what you endured, a wound that undoubtedly remains with you to the present day. On behalf of this community I want to tell you of our regret that such as this could occur to you or to any student or to anyone else.

Father Dominic died on November 26, 1978, after having spent several years in our retirement center suffering from the effects of, I believe, diabetes. Such prolonged health problems frequently offer us the time to review our lives with reconciliation as the hoped for outcome.

You said in your letter that you "have recently begun to address some long suppressed, disturbing issues in my life." Making your report to me is surely one of those ways of coming to terms with what happened to you. I want you to know that I accept your report and respond to it with no defensiveness whatsoever. Also I want you to know that if because of this experience you have further need to call upon my help and the help of this community I am very open to listening to you and providing what is within my capacity to help in the needed healing.

The reason I have not answered your letter more quickly is because of your final paragraph in which you said: "I inform you principally for the purpose of furnishing possible, supportive testimony, which may be of value. If mine was an isolated incident I am thankful." My delay is because I have searched diligently through all the files in our archives of Father Dominic's life as a member of this community. This, of course, took time. I can honestly report to you that I have found no evidence of any other complaints, and it is my hope that what happened to you were indeed isolated incidents.

PHONE 320 363-2544 FAX 320 363-3082

**OSB KELLER\_00138**

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May 31, 2000

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Once again, thank you for having the courage to report this to me as Abbot of this community. I will hold you in prayer that the journey of healing you are now on will reach a successful conclusion. In time perhaps you will be able to forgive. Please keep this community in prayer as that becomes possible for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Timothy Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB

TK/kr

JBK

**From:** Monday, June 24, 2002 2:59 PM  
**Sent:** 'maxine@annamaries.org'  
**To:** St. John's Abbey/Sexual abuse  
**Subject:**

In response to Abbot Klassen's letter of June 10, 2002, this is to report abuse (on two occasions) by Father Dominic Keller. I previously reported this to the Abbey in May of 2000.

I was informed that Father Dominic died in 1978; and no other complaints had been made against him.

The abuse occurred during the 1956-57 school year when I was a Junior in Prep School. Father Dominic was the College drama instructor and he selected me to appear in a College play, Richard III, portraying a young prince.

I graduated from Prep School in 1958, and SJU in 1962.

The following is my contact information:

JBK

**From:** Maxine Barnett [maxine@annamaries.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2002 5:33 PM  
**To:** JBK  
**Subject:** Fwd: St. John's Abbey/Sexual abuse

St. John's Abbey/Sexual abuse

I will respond to this email and see if there is any way he needs assistance with counseling or if he just wanted us to know about the incidents.  
Thanks, Maxine

Copy

May 27, 2011

Abbot John Klassen, OSB  
Office of the Abbot  
Box 2015  
Collegeville, MN 56321-2015

Abbot Klassen

This communication is prompted by your letter "To the Saint John's community," dated April 15, 2011.

I attended St. John's Prep school from 1954-1958. I was "directly victimized" by a person affiliated with Saint John's. Father Dominic Keller sexually abused me during the 1956-57 school year.

I initially reported the sexual abuse by letter to St. John's Abbey in May of 2000. That report was acknowledged by Abbot Timothy Kelly, OSB. Subsequently, in response to a general letter that I received from you in June of 2002, I reported the abuse to Maxine Barnett, by e-mail that same month. Maxine Barnett acknowledged my report and indicated she would take a number of actions, including the following: "I will double check to see if any others have reported incidents of abuse by Fr. Dominic. I will then contact you and let you know." I did not hear back from her or from anyone affiliated with Saint John's.

Now comes this posting of a list of monks who "...have had credible allegations of sexual abuse, exploitation, or misconduct brought against them ...." And, Fr. Dominic's name is not on the list. I can only conclude that my report was not deemed "credible." That conclusion, coupled with the lack of a specific response, arouses feelings of anger and resentment which I am compelled to share with you.

Sincerely,

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

7 June 2011

Dear

On behalf of Abbot John, I wish to apologize for the injury you have received from Fr. Dominic Keller. In drafting the letter sent to you in March, the omission for Father Dominic's name was an honest oversight. This is a long overdue acknowledgement to your initial reporting of what happened to you during the Prep. School year of 1956-57.

There have been other credible allegations against Fr. Dominic and his name will be added to the list of other monks with credible allegations against them. We are in the process of up-dating our web-site and it may take until the end of the summer before his name appears but it will be added.

If I am able to assist you in any way please let me know.

Phone: 320-363-3003  
E-Mail: [jlicari@csbsju.edu](mailto:jlicari@csbsju.edu)

Sincerely yours,

*Jonathan R. Licari, OSB*  
Jonathan R. Licari, OSB  
Sub-prior

June 18, 2012

Jonathan R. Licari, OSB  
Sub-prior  
St. Johns Abbey  
Office of the Abbot  
Box 2015  
Collegeville, MN 56321-2015

Dear Sub-prior Licari,

For your reference, and to save repetition here, I am enclosing copies of my letter to Abbot John Klassen, OSB, dated May 27, 2011, and your response to me on behalf of Abbot John Klassen, dated June 7, 2011.

In part, your letter stated that Fr. Dominic Keller's name would be added to the list of monks with "credible allegations" against them, posted on the Abbey web-site.

It has now been a little over a year since you conveyed that commitment. During that time I have made intermittent visits, including one today, to the Abbey web-site in search of the posting of Fr. Dominic's name. I have not found it on the main site or any of its links.

I request your guidance in finding the posting of Fr. Dominic's name if it is on the site; and, if it is not, being advised as to the status of its posting.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

c: Abbot John Klassen, OSB  
Office of the Abbot



September 26, 2012

**TO BE DELIVERED BY HAND**

Abbot John Klassen, OSB  
Office of the Abbot  
Box 2015  
Collegetown, MN 56321-2015

Dear Abbot Klassen,

This relates to my sexual abuse by Father Dominic Keller, OSB, while I was a student at St. John's Prep. The purpose of this letter is to request your attention and follow-up to a commitment made on your behalf by Jonathan R. Licari, OSB, Sub-prior. To save repetition here, I am enclosing copies of my letter to you, dated May 27, 2011; Sub-prior Licari's response on your behalf, dated June 7, 2011; and my follow up inquiry to Sub-prior Licari, dated June 18, 2012.

The commitment made by Sub-prior Licari is contained in the second paragraph of his letter:

"There have been other credible allegations against Fr. Dominic and his name will be added to the list of other monks with credible allegations against them. We are in the process of up-dating our web-site and it may take until the end of the summer before his name appears but it will be added."

I have attempted to follow-up with Sub-prior Licari by letter and e-mail, however, he has been non-responsive. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

**OSB KELLER\_00145**

INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

NAME: Dominic Joseph Keller  
(Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

BIRTH: New York New York December 31 1902  
(City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: Dominic NAMEDAY: August 8 (was Aug.4)

TRIENNIAL VOWS: St. John's Abbey 1926  
Collegeville Minn. July 11, 1929 Abbot Alcuin Deutsch  
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLATION: St. John's Abbey July 11, 1929 Abbot Alcuin Deutsch  
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. John's Abbey, Collegeville June 7, 1931 Joseph Busch  
(Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Bavaria, Germany

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

FATHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF BIRTH: September 13, 1931  
Date of Birth about 1868  
Death

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: Grade School

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: cabinet maker (deceased)  
(When You Entered Monastery) (Now)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: Bavaria, Germany

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF BIRTH: about 1870

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: grade school

YOUR CAREER BEFORE ENTERING THE MONASTERY:

stenographer & typist for American Railway Express

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EDUCATION	SCHOOL	FROM	TO	MAJOR	DEGREE	DATE
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ELEMENTARY:	St. Anselm's, Bronx, N.Y.	1909	1917			
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SECONDARY:	St. John's High School Collegeville, Minn.	1920	1923			
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UNDERGRADUATE:	St. John's College Collegeville, Minn.	1923	1928		B.A.	1928
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THEOLOGY:	St. John's Seminary	1828	1932			
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GRADUATE:	Columbia Univ., N.Y.C. and Minnesota University		History		M.A.	1934
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POST-DOCTORAL:

OTHER:	Choral Research (Pius X <del>Quarr</del> School of Lit. Music, N.Y.C.)	1938	1939			
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Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight, England  
 Abbey of Solesmes, France  
 Maria Laach & Beuron, Germany  
 San Anselmo, Rome, Italy

GIVE YOUR PARENTS' PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING.

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LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF.  
For those still living give their present address; for those who have died write "deceased." Put an asterisk before those whom you want contacted immediately and directly by the Abbey when you die.

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IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

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author of "FUNDAMENTALS OF GREGORIAN CHANT" Lit.Press Collegeville, Minn. 1959

" " "THE BOOK OF JUDITH" arranged for Choral Reading " " 1959

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31 appearances on KTCA-TV St.Paul, Minn. educational programs of  
"THE MUSIC OF GREGORIAN CHANT" 1961-1962

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Have given many <sup>A</sup>IRISH MISSIONS with Frs.Celestine, Lancelot, Virgil 1938-1963

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Have given Sisters Retreats in U.S. and Canada

Have given summer Laymen's & Young Married Couples Retreats at St. John's

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Have given College and High School Retreats

Have Given Benedictine Community retreats at. St. Anselm's Abbey, Manchester, N.H.  
St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, Okla.

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Was students' Shaplain of the College & High School at St.John's, Collegeville Mn.  
1939-42

Keller, Dominic

ord June 7, 1931

1931-32 Summer 1931 at Columbia U, New York - History Abbey. Simplex.

1932-33 Mpls going to school at Munn. U. *studying Modern History*

1933-1937 Professor and Prefect in St. Gregory Hall *incl. Summer Sessions. M.A. in 1934.*

Summer 1935 <sup>1936</sup> at Columbia U. n. y. - History. 1936 *dev. vocal Music courses for new "Humanities" course*

Director of High School Dramatics 1937 - 1939.

Moderator of International Relations Club (I.R.C.) 1934 - 1937.

1937 { He left in June 1937 for New York to take up the study of Church Music - Gregorian Chant at the Finis Institute. He is also Chaplain there

~~1937~~ 1939 - 1935.

1938 { In Aug. 1938 he sailed for Europe - to study Chant for 1 year. He went as far as Skyland, + due to war fears he did not go to Germany until end of Sept - went later tho, (received bought a gas mask too from His Majesty, the Government) then on to Soleuse to see <sup>Abbey</sup> when he went to Rome (arrived Dec. 17).

Returned to St. John's - on Feb. 15, 1939 - ready to take up Chant work

Summer 1939 at Grand Portage, Minn. *taught some for remainder of year.*

1939- Students' Chaplain: 1939-1942. Also a history class + "Humanities Music Section" *College Dramatics (1939-1941)*

Chant Class + students' choir (choir "died" discontinued by 1941)

*Seminarian Choir, 1941 - (discontinued)*

Summer 1942 - *non-secular (Latin) part* teacher chant in Santa Barbara, Calif + Nova Scotia

1942-43 - Seminarian Choir, students' choir, Greg. Chant, History, Coll. Dramatics.

1943-44 History classes for army.

1944 - College Dramatics; Public Speaking 11; History 21-22; Gregorian Chant 13-14; 23-24; Seminarian Choir Student Confessor

1945 - College Dramatics; Public Speaking 11-12; History 21; Greg. Chant 13-14; 23-24; Music 26; Seminarian Choir; Student Confessor; Mission Band Assistant; Novices.

1946 - Sept. College Dramatics; Public Speaking 11-12; History 21; Greg. Chant 13-14; 21-22; Music 26; Seminarian Choir; Student Confessor; Choir committee in November; Mission Band;

- Sept. 1947 - Monastery Choir; Seminary Choir;  
 History 21e (1 sem); Music 13-14;  
 15-16; 23-24; College Dramatics;  
 Speech 11b (1+2 sem); Movies.
- Sept. 1948 - Monastery Choir; Seminary Choir; Movies.  
 Dramatics; Speech 11b; Music 15-16; 17-18; 25; 26.
- Sept. 1949 - Monastery Choir. College Dramatics;  
 Music 15-16; 17-18; 25; 26; Speech 11a; 11b;  
 Director of Movies. St. Louis Choral Club.
- July 1949 - Taught or abled for the Gregorian Institute  
 of America.
- Sept. 1950 - Monastery Choir; College Dramatics;  
 Music 15-16; 17; 18; 25; 26; Speech 11a; 11b;  
 St. Louis Choral Club; Movies.  
 Taught Song Chant for Gregorian Institute of America  
 during summer - Fr. Celestine's assistant for  
 several missions during year.
- Sept. 1951 - Director of Monastery Choir; College Dramatics.  
 Music 15-16; 17; 18; Speech 11a; 11b (1 sem), 12 (2 sem)  
 Gregorian Institute of America - Chant.  
 Mission Band Assistant.
- Sept. 1952 - Director Monastery Choir. Dramatics - College of Music 15-16b,  
 Speech 1b (1+2 sem); 11a; 11b; 12b (1+2 sem); 11a (1 sem) 12 (2 sem)  
 Gregorian Institute of America during summer.  
 Mission Band Assistant.
- Sept. 1953 - Director Monastery Choir. Dramatics - College;  
 Music 15-16a; 15-16b; Speech 11 (1+2 sem); 11a; 11b; 11c (1 sem);  
 12a; 12b (2 sem). Mission Band Assistant.  
 Song Chant for Gregorian Institute during summer.
- Sept. 1954 - College Dramatics; Speech 11a (1+2 sem); 11b (1 sem); 12 (1 sem);  
 12a (2 sem); 12b (2 sem); Music 15-16a; 15-16b.
- Sept. 1955 - College Dramatics; Music 15a; 15b; Speech 11a; 11b; 12.  
 Music 16a; 16b; Speech 11a; 11b; 12.
- July 1956 - Director of Music to Monastery. Exemption every Sunday.

Fr. Culbert

Training: St. John's New York

Head of Voice Department 1941-52 } Congregational Singing  
College of Arts 1952-53 }

Fr. Paul Thaler, S.M.

Training: Xavier University in New Orleans  
St. John's University  
3. sub. master at Pilgrimage School of Liturgical Music.

- 1948-51 Librarian organist
- 1949-51 Director of Seminary Choir
- 1941-52 taught voice. Chant to Deacons
- 1950-51 taught Theory of Chant to Novices
- 1948-51 <sup>1948</sup> Director of Monastic Choir
- 1952 taught advanced chant
- 1952 Director of St. John's Student Choir
- 1952-53 Taught Gregorian Chant to students
- 1953 Director of St. John's Choir
- 1953 Director of St. John's Choir

1949 taught chant at St. John's  
 1950 ...  
 1951 ...  
 1952 ...  
 1953 ...

Fr. Culbert

- Sept. 1956 College Dramatics; Excerpts every Sunday  
 Music 16 a + b; Speech 11a; 12; 11 b. Summer Day Chant.
- Sept. 1957 - College Dramatics. Excerpts every Sunday  
 Music 16 a + b; Speech 11a; 12.
- Sept. 1958. College Dramatics. Excerpts every Sunday  
 Music 16 a + b; Speech 11 a + b. Summer Chant School.
- Sept. 1959 - College Dramatics; Excerpts every Sunday.  
 Music 16 a + b; Speech 11 a + b.



**Plays Performed at St. John's University by Father Dominic  
Keller, OSB**  
(alphabetical order)

**Anthony and Cleopatra**  
**Arsenic and Old Lace**  
**Billy Budd**  
**Brother Orchid**  
**Cain Mutiny**  
**Career Angel**  
**Curious Savage**  
**Dear Wormwood**  
**Death of a Salesman**  
**Everyman**  
**Great Theatre of the World**  
**Hamlet**  
**Henry IV: Part I**  
**Henry V**  
**Importance of Being Ernest**  
**John Henry Cardinal Newman**  
**Judith**  
**Julius Caesar**  
**King Saul**  
**King Richard II**  
**Lady's Not for Burning**  
**Macbeth**  
**Mad Woman of Chaillot**  
**Merchant of Venice**  
**Midsummer Night's Dream**  
**Mrs. McThing**  
**Much Ado About Nothing**  
**Murder in the Cathedral**  
**Oedipus the King**  
**Othello**  
**Our Lady's Juggler**  
**Richard III**  
**Richelieu**  
**Seven Keys to Baldpate**  
**The Dark Lady of the Sonnets**  
**The Dreamsalyers**  
**The King's Servant**  
**The Man Who Came to Dinner**  
**The Marvelous History of St. Bernard**  
**The Rivals**  
**The Tempest**