

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUBIACO ABBEY

Offer made by the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad to Abbot Martin Marty for the start of a monastery (640 acres for a monastery and 100 acres for a convent; \$2,500 for the erection of a church, living quarters, and a school at both the monastery and convent sites): November 5, 1877

Founding of the Benedictine settlement made public in "Amerika" German newspaper: November 28, 1877

Fr. Isidor Hobi sent from St. Meinrad Abbey to secure the Arkansas land: November 28, 1877

Arrangements and location of the land for the new monastery agreed upon by all parties: noon December 5, 1877

Departure of the 3 monks (*Fr. Wolfgang Schlumpf, Br. Kaspar Hildesheim, and Br. Hilarin Benetz*) **from St. Meinrad to their new Arkansas foundation:** March 6, 1878 (Ash Wednesday)

Arrival of the first three monks to the new foundation: March 15, 1878

First Liturgy at the new foundation (*not a Mass because the supplies not available; Fr. Wolfgang preached about the ideal Christian colony and the formation of "three tabernacles"*): Sunday, March 17, 1878

First monastic candidate (*Joseph Gruwe; later Fr. Luke Gruwe*): March 18, 1878

First Mass at the new foundation: March 19, 1878 (St. Joseph's Day)

First Easter Mass at the new foundation (*about 300 present*): April 21, 1878

Dedication Mass for the newly built church (*cost \$800*) **by Bishop Edward Fitzgerald:** May 26, 1878

First Mass at the new Shoal Creek foundation: August 15, 1878

Arrival of the first sisters from Ferdinand, Indiana: September, 1878

First parochial school opened (*sharing the residence of the sisters; first teachers were initially Benedictine Sisters Josepha Schmidt and Isidora Luebbermann*): November, 1878

First lay teacher in the parochial school (*Rosa Lindel*): 1879-1881

Benedictine sisters return to St. Benedict's: 1881

Raised to an Independent Priory: May 18, 1886

Arrival of Fr. Gaul D'Aujourd'hui and the Eight Beatitudes: October 9, 1887

Start of the school (*St. Benedict's College*): October, 1887

Raised to the status of an Abbey: August 3, 1891

First Abbot (*Ignatius Conrad*) **elected:** March 24, 1892

First large fire that destroyed the monastery on the ridge: December 15, 1901

Second fire that destroyed the new monastery: Night of December 20-21, 1927

ABBOTS OF SUBIACO ABBEY

First Abbot: FR. IGNATIUS CONRAD, I Abbot, born Nov 15, 1846, prof Aug 30, 1868, ord Sept 17, 1871, elected abbot March 24, 1892, blessed May 24, 1892, died March 13, 1926.

Second Abbot: FR. EDWARD BURGERT, II Abbot, born Oct 15, 1887, prof Sept 16, 1906, ord June 24, 1911, elected coadjutor abbot Dec 1, 1925, blessed Jan 21, 1926, succeeded Abbot Ignatius on Mar 13, 1926, resigned Feb 21, 1939, died Jan 23, 1968.

Third Abbot: FR. PAUL NAHLEN, III Abbot, born Nov 20, 1882, prof Nov 11, 1903, ord April 10, 1908, elected abbot Mar 23, 1939, blessed June 23, 1939, died Aug 31, 1957.

Fourth Abbot: FR. MICHAEL LENSING, IV Abbot, born Jan 11, 1916, prof Sept 16, 1934, ord June 3, 1939, elected abbot Sept 23, 1957, blessed Nov 29, 1957, resigned Oct 30, 1974, died Dec 30, 1988.

Fifth Abbot: FR. RAPHAEL DESALVO, V Abbot, born Oct 7, 1919, prof Sept 14, 1940, ord May 31, 1945, elected abbot Oct 30, 1974, blessed Dec 11, 1974, President of the Congregation 1978 - 1984, resigned Nov 8, 1989, died June 23, 2007.

Sixth Abbot: FR. JEROME KODELL, VI Abbot, born Jan 19, 1940, prof Sept 8, 1959, ord May 22, 1965, elected abbot Nov 8, 1989, blessed Nov 15, 1989, resigned March 24, 2015.

Seventh Abbot: FR. LEONARD WANGLER, VII Abbot, born Sept 16, 1943, prof Sept 8, 1963, ord June 6, 1970, elected abbot March 24, 2015, blessed May 8, 2015.