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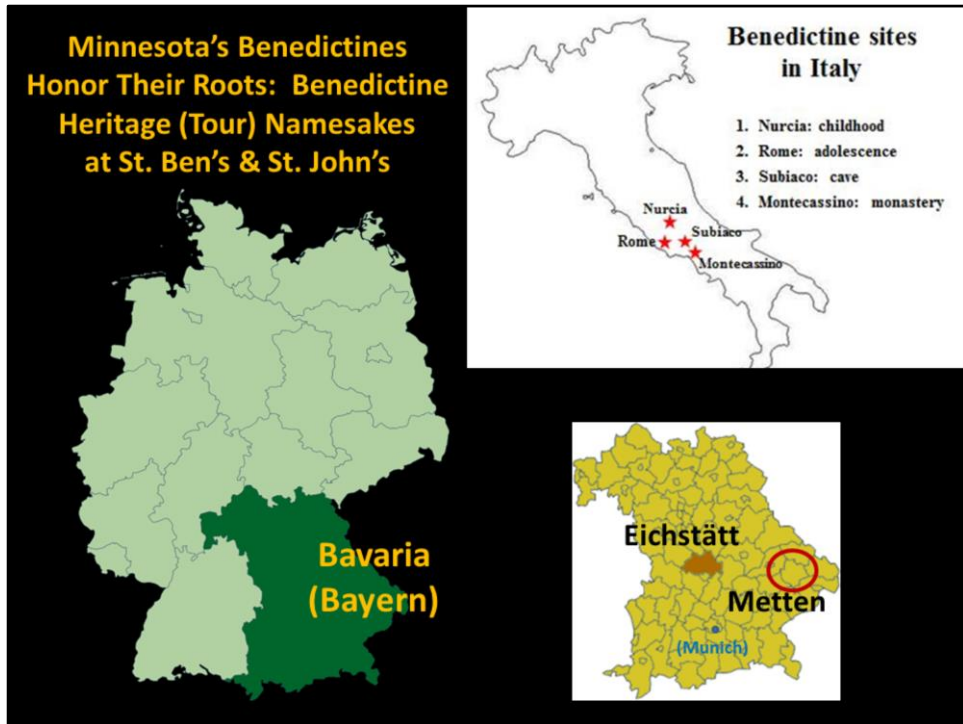
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This PowerPoint was created to show how people and places in Benedictine history—especially those encountered by CSB/SJU employees who go on the Benedictine Heritage Tours—are memorialized or reflected in the names of places and buildings on the campuses of St. John's and St. Ben's.

### King Ludwig (Louis) I of Bavaria

- Opposed his father's support for Napoleon, who had closed monasteries and convents all over Europe
- Re-opened Catholic monasteries, including Metten
- Supported the Church's mission efforts in America
- He is buried in St. Boniface's Monastery in Munich, which he built



King Louis I of Bavaria (by Joseph Karl Stieler, 1826, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:LouisI.jpg>) the namesake of St. John's patron, after whom St. Louis on the Lake was named.



King Ludwig I (right) and Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle (left)

On right: King Louis I of Bavaria by Joseph Karl Stieler, 1826.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:LouisI.jpg>

On left: Neuschwanstein Castle built by Ludwig II, grandson to the Ludwig who was the namesake of St. John's patron, after whom St. Louis on the Lake was named.

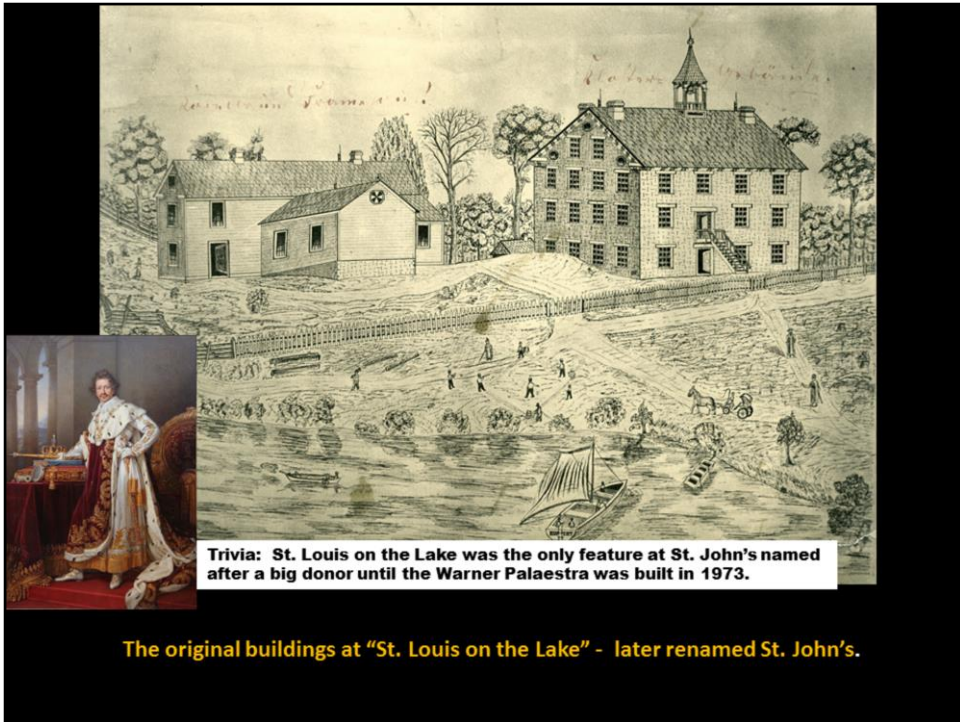
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L. II:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:De\\_20\\_jarige\\_Ludwig\\_II\\_in\\_kroningsmantel\\_door\\_Ferdinand\\_von\\_Piloty\\_1865.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:De_20_jarige_Ludwig_II_in_kroningsmantel_door_Ferdinand_von_Piloty_1865.jpg)

<http://www.sacredart-murals.co.uk/mural-gallery/peter-pan-cinderella-tinkerbell-dumbo-mural.html>



Trivia: St. Louis on the Lake was the only feature at St. John's named after a big donor until the Warner Palaestra was built in 1973.

The original buildings at "St. Louis on the Lake" - later renamed St. John's.

Drawing: from Abbey Archives; used in "Visual History" PowerPoint,  
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/singleitem/collection/SJAbbey/id/3>  
Painting: King Louis I of Bavaria (by Joseph Karl Stieler, 1826,  
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1896 Plat Book of Stearns County, Minnesota by C.M. Foste – p. 43, Collegeville Township, Saint John’s College

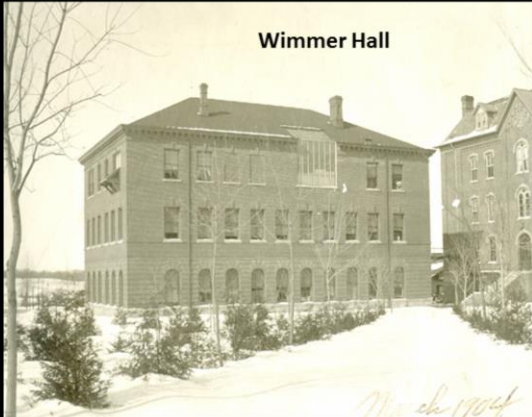
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p. 27, Avon Township; p. 43, Collegeville Township



St. John's Abbey Archives

**Abbot Boniface Wimmer from Metten,  
founder of the  
Benedictine order in the U.S.**



**Wimmer left Metten in 1846 to become a  
missionary to pioneer Catholics in the U.S.**



Portrait from a painting in the collection of St. Vincent's Archabbey,  
Pennsylvania.  
Photos from SJU Archives





Wimmer brought 18 young monks and settled in the new Pittsburgh diocese, where the bishop asked him to pastor a small parish, St. Vincent's, 40 miles SE of Pittsburgh.

Wimmer recruited Benedictines – men and women – from his Bavarian homeland to come to Pennsylvania, where he had founded St. Vincent's Archabbey in 1846.



St. Vincent's Archabbey, LaTrobe, Pennsylvania – namesake of SJU's Vincent Court apartments

Photo from St. John's Abbey Archives

Drawing of St. Vincent's Archabbey, LaTrobe, PA from an early 20th Century postcard booklet of abbeys in the United States in the Abbey Archives

**St. Boniface Hall - *not* named after Boniface Wimmer  
– and not exactly reflective of the building styles of either Boniface!**



*J. Hess* **St. Boniface, patron saint of Germany, ca. 675? – 754**  
*Der h. Bonifatius verläßt England,*

St. Boniface painting from  
[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/be/Hess\\_Boniface\\_leaves\\_England\\_1.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/be/Hess_Boniface_leaves_England_1.jpg)  
Wimmer photo from St. John's Abbey Archives  
Boniface Hall photo from SJU Archives



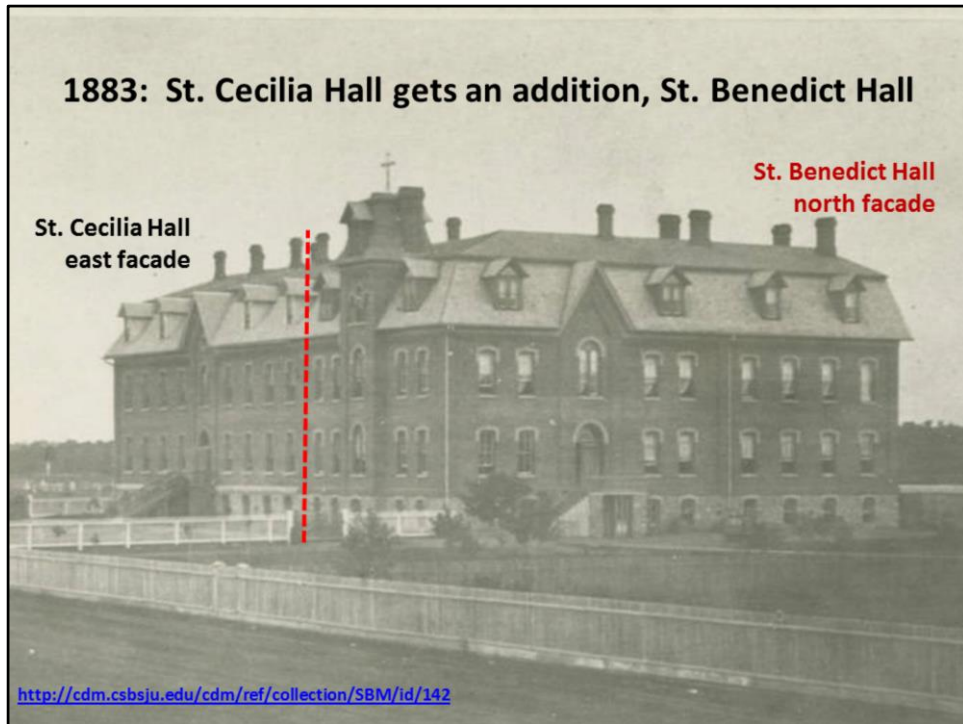
**St. Benedict**



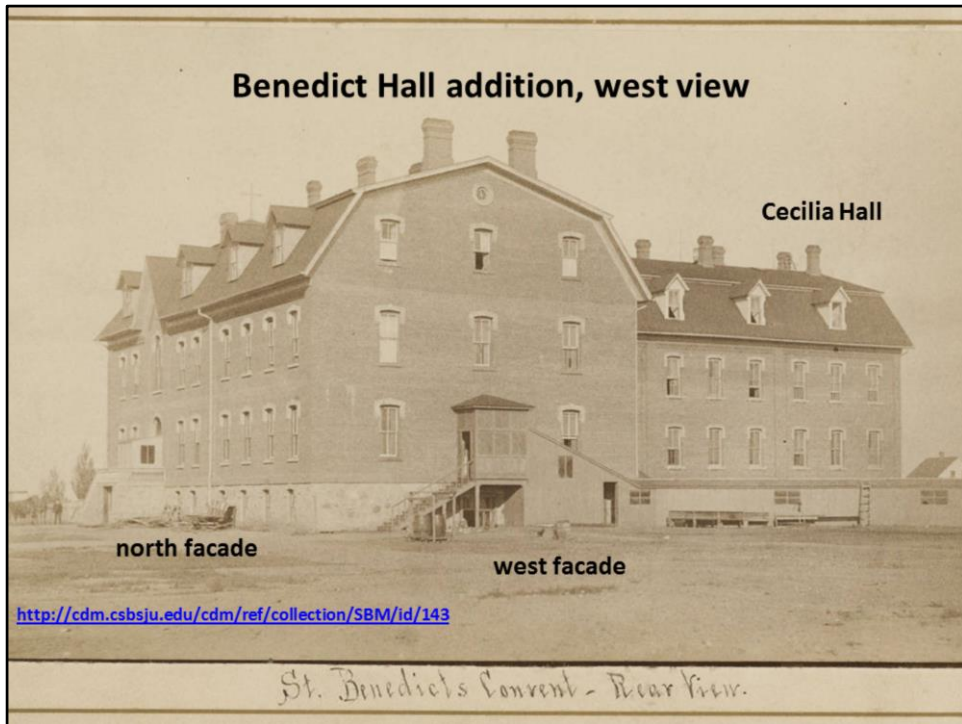
**St. Scholastica**

**Statues in the Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Ben's Monastery**

Statues in the renovated Sacred Heart Chapel  
Photos by the archivist, 2013



1883: St. Cecilia Hall gets an addition, St. Benedict Hall  
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SBM/id/142>

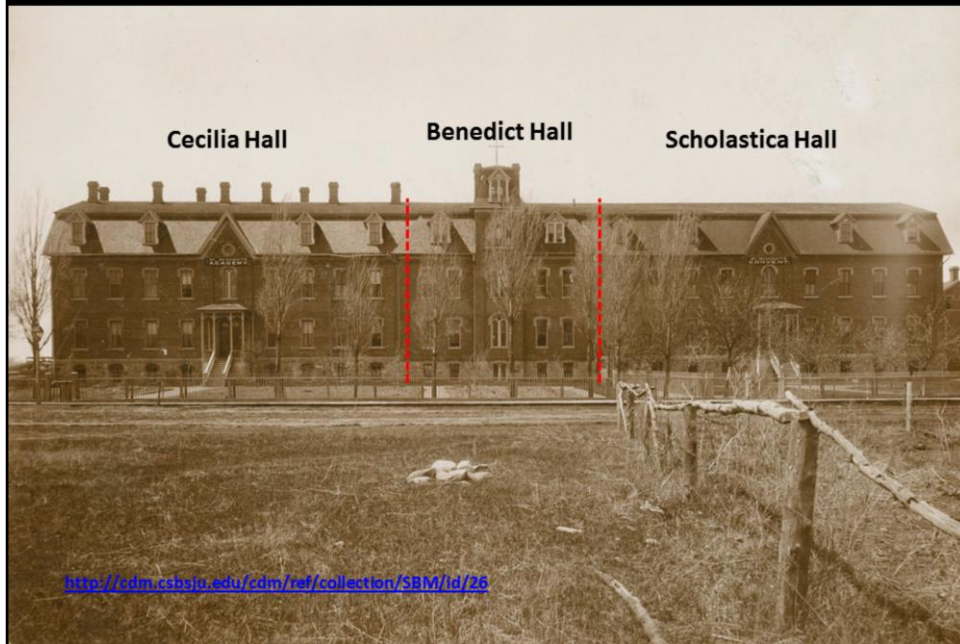


1883: Benedict Hall is added to the north end of Cecilia Hall



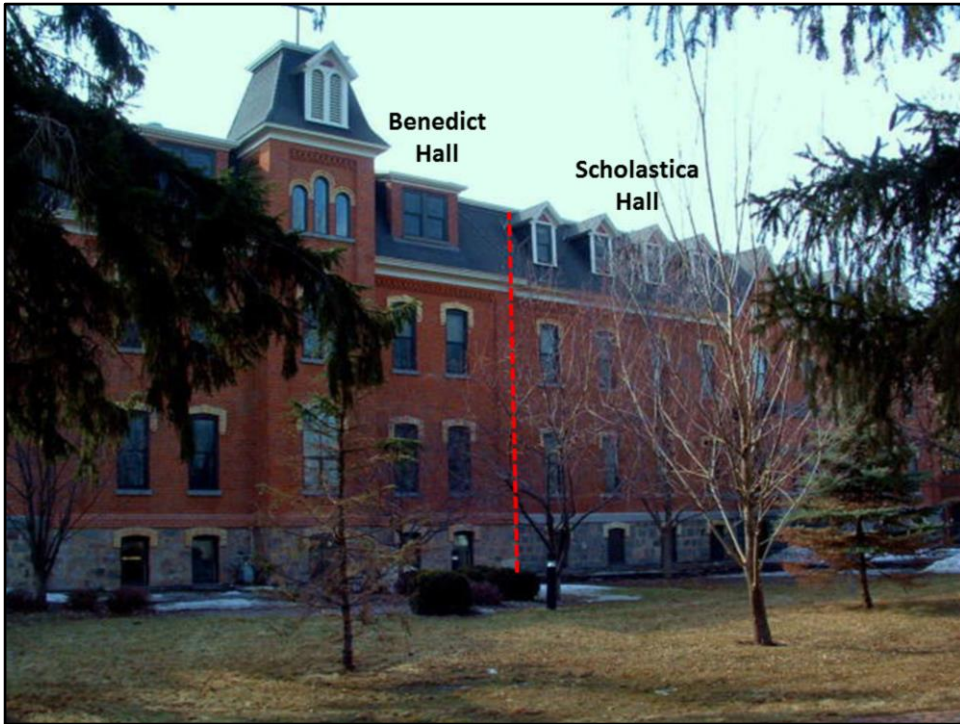
Rear view of the three wings of St. Benedict's Convent in 1892  
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SBM/id/145> SBM.11a03d

## 1892: St. Benedict's Convent/Academy



St. Benedict's Convent/Academy (Cecilia, Benedict, and Scholastica Halls) in 1892  
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/SBM/id/26>, SBM.03a

"In 1892 the Convent was enlarged with the addition of St. Scholastica to the northeast corner of St. Benedict, resulting in an elongated 'T' configuration. St. Scholastica was designed to mimic the original St. Cecilia in scale and detailing; it is nine bays long and has the same type of window openings, although the dormers are smaller and have gable roofs with only one double hung window. Centered in the façade is a balconied, one-story, flat roof porch. The gable end has a series of double hung sash on each level, while the rear elevation is essentially the same as the façade except for the porch." --From National Register Report, "St. Benedict's Convent and College Historic District" (1989).



Saint Benedict's Monastery (view from the east)

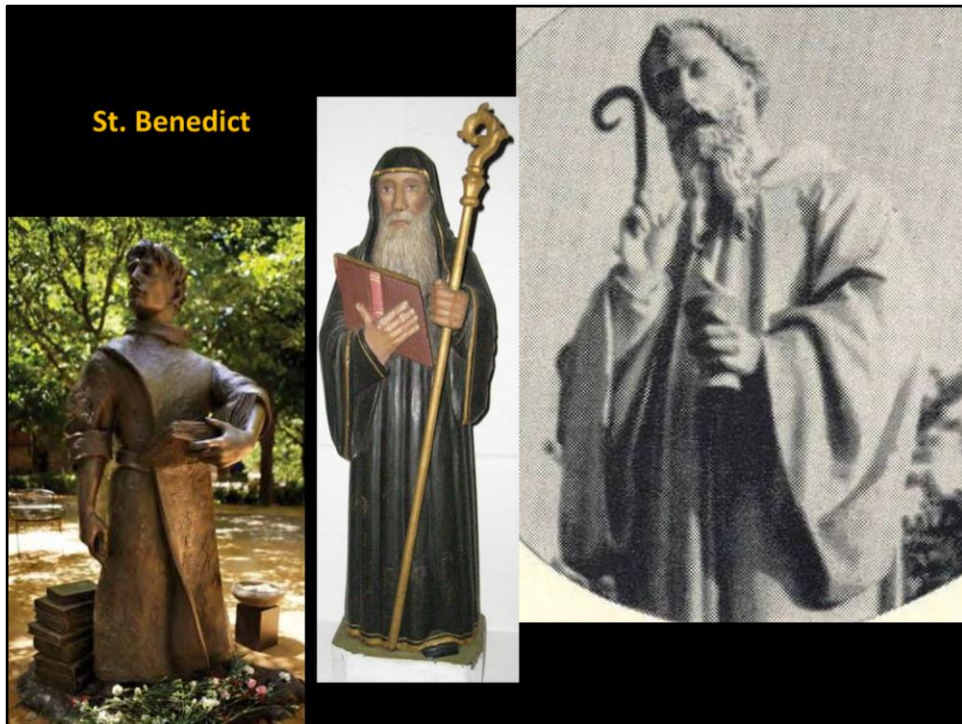
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Photo by the Archivist





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Left: Benedict statue by David Paul Lange, OSB; photo by Thomas O'Laughlin, from Fall 2012 *Abbey Banner*, p. 14

Middle: Benedict statue by Cornelius Wittmann, OSB; photo by the archivist, 2013

Right: Ca. 1926-27 St. Benedict statue at St. Ben's Blessed 6/5/59 "on front lawn"; removed Fall 1990 – from SBMA note cards [RG14-2-1 Box 3]

photo from *These Gentle Communists*, p.3

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/6078/show/6069>

"During the year quite a number of improvements were made on the premises. A large statue of Our Holy Father St. Benedict was erected on the South Campus and a large Lily pond was built in at the South-west Side of the main building. A lifesize statue of Our Lady was procured for the park around the pavilion. The latter was paid for by donations received by the novices." 15-1-1 f. 6 p.15, SBMA



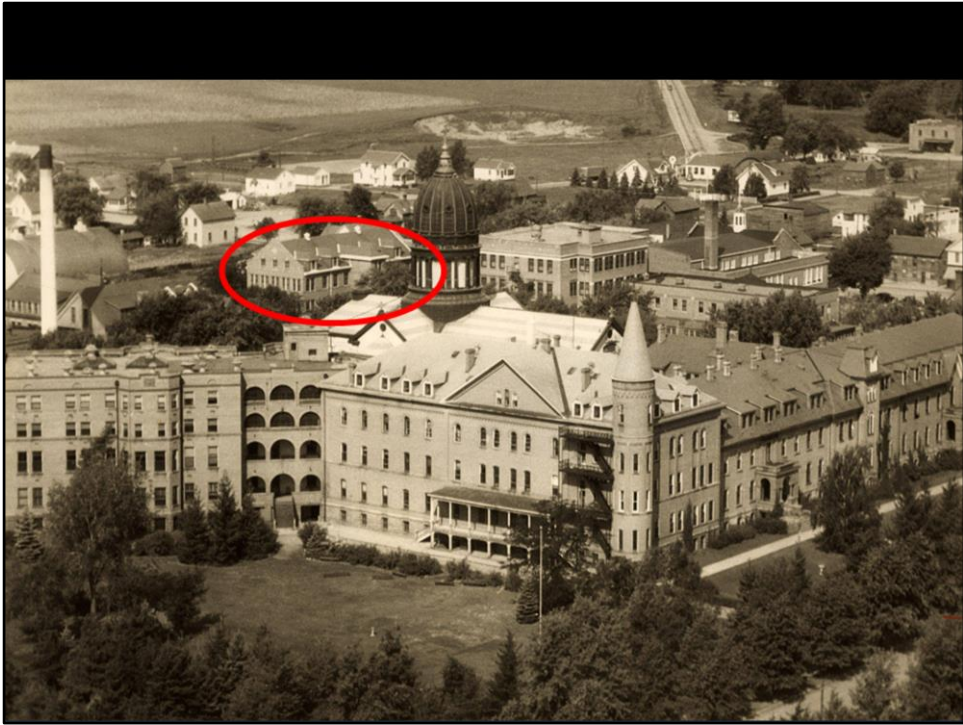
**St. Benet (Benedict) Hall,  
built in 1922**



Black & white photo from Aschman collection, LP123.1925.Benet, cropped  
Color photo by the archivist



CSB Campus aerial photo, ca. 1989

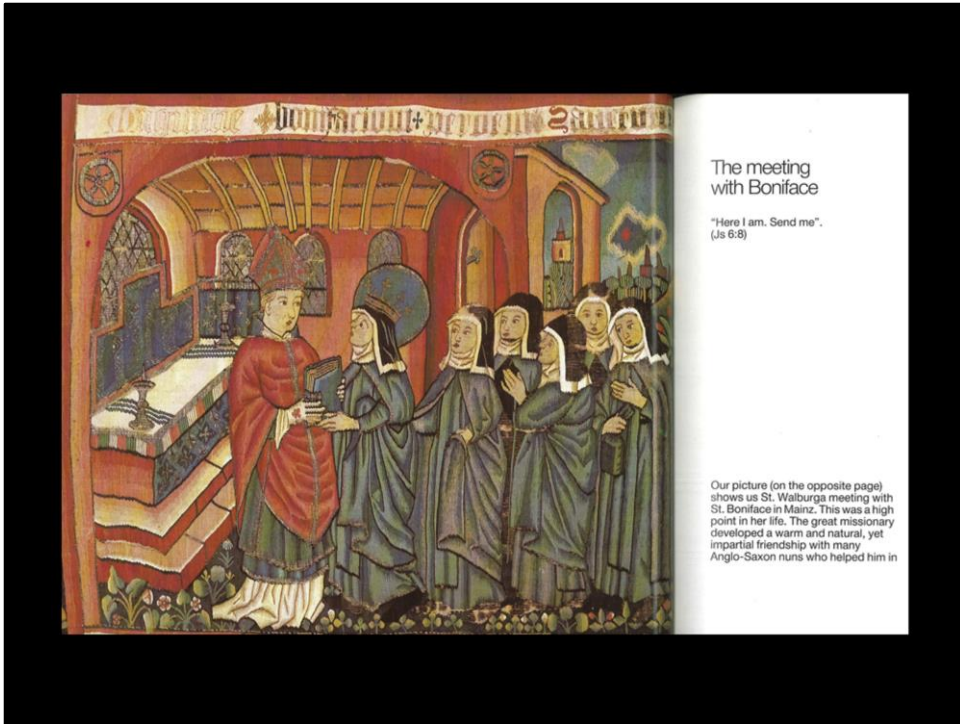


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St. Walburga's, Eichstätt, Bavaria



p. 59 of *Saint Walburga*, Clemens Library BX 4700.W2 M8613 1985

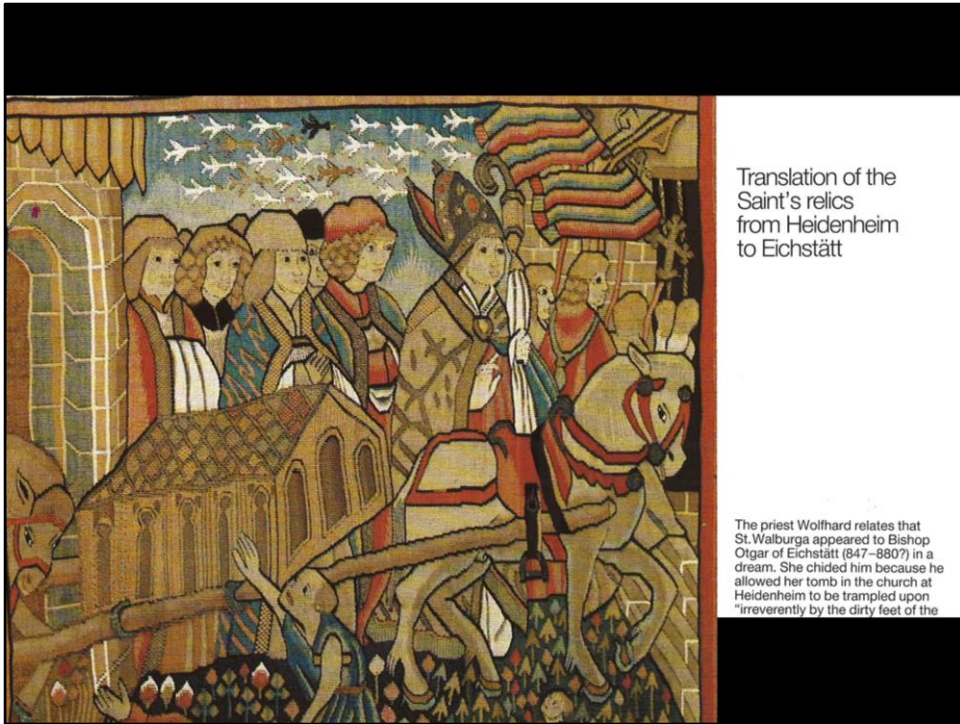


The meeting  
with Boniface

"Here I am, Send me".  
(Jas 6:8)

Our picture (on the opposite page)  
shows us St. Walburga meeting with  
St. Boniface in Mainz. This was a high  
point in her life. The great missionary  
developed a warm and natural, yet  
impartial friendship with many  
Anglo-Saxon nuns who helped him in

p. 20-21 of *Saint Walburga*, Clemens Library BX 4700.W2 M8613 1985

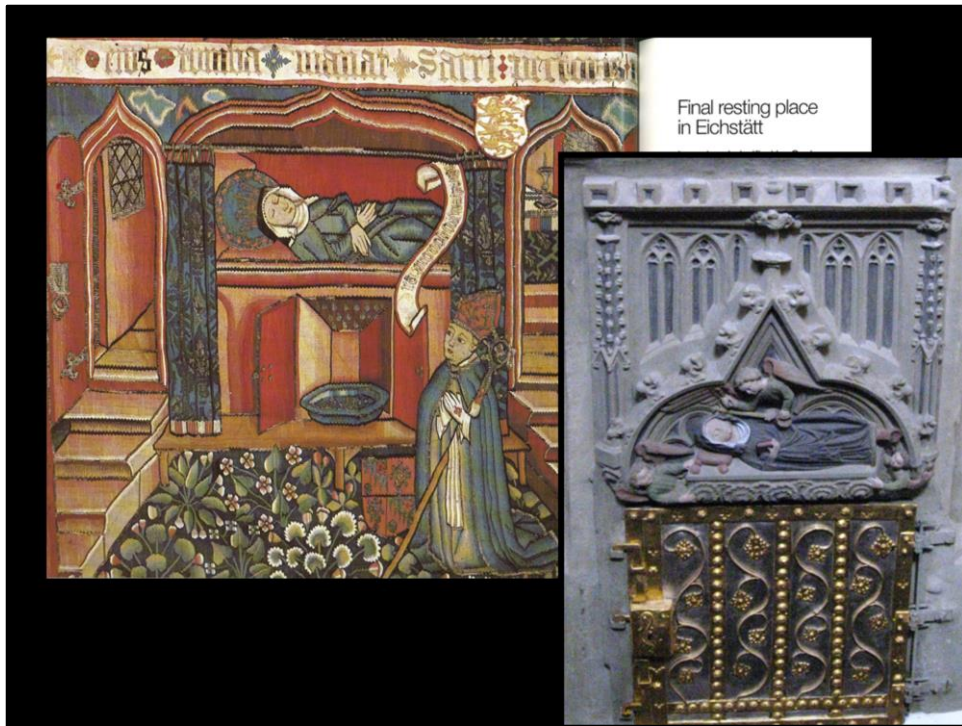


Translation of the  
Saint's relics  
from Heidenheim  
to Eichstätt

The priest Wolfhard relates that  
St. Walburga appeared to Bishop  
Otgar of Eichstätt (847-880?) in a  
dream. She chided him because he  
allowed her tomb in the church at  
Heidenheim to be trampled upon:  
"irreverently by the dirty feet of the

p. 32-33 of *Saint Walburga*, Clemens Library BX 4700.W2 M8613 1985





p. 28-29 of *Saint Walburga*, Clemens Library BX 4700.W2 M8613 1985  
Aright photo Image 6468 from St. Walburga's/BHT by plr



Walburga

blessing of the statue of St.

From a file in RG 14 4-2-1 file 2 with notes about the statues, in SBMA



Metten Court

SJU Archives



<http://www.kloster-metten.de>



**Metten Monastery,  
Bavaria, Germany**

Photo on right 2009 by the archivist

Illustrations on left from St. John's Abbey Archives

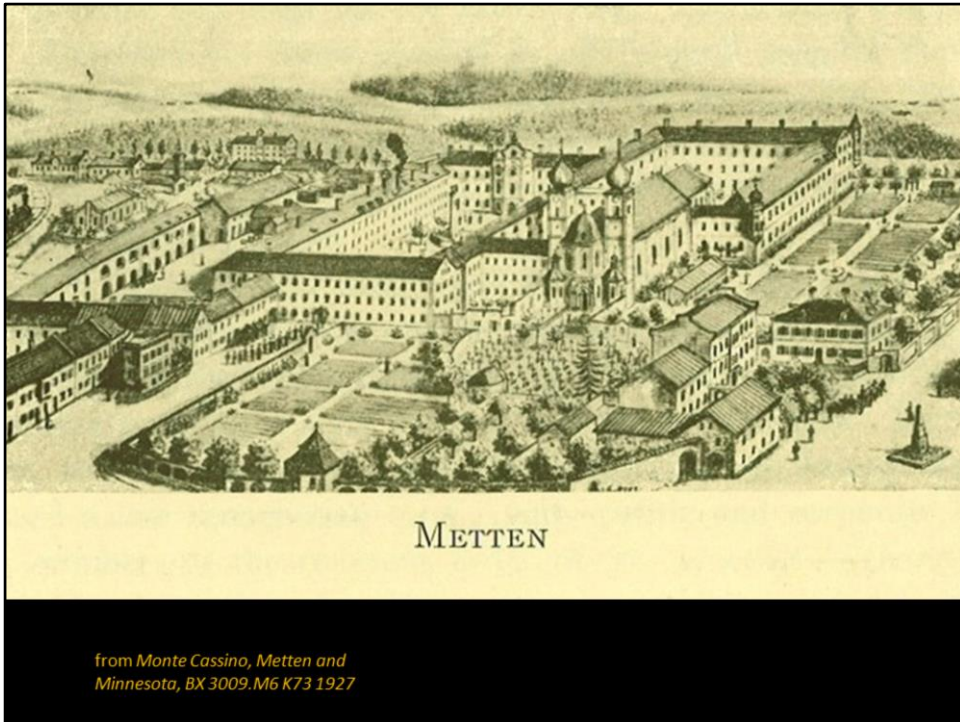
Top left: 1624 engraving; print given by the abbot of Metten in gratitude for St. John's help rebuilding after the WWII

Bottom left:

[https://www.google.com/search?hl=en&site=img&tbn=isch&source=hp&biw=1142&bih=909&q=metten+germany&oq=metten+germany&gs\\_l=img.3..0i24.1515.6012.0.7054.22.9.4.9.11.0.147.1151.1j8.9.0....0...1ac.1.28.img..6.16.1027.kcrzcH06eZc#facrc=\\_&imgdii=\\_&imgrc=rqhxrOOOdZUVM%3A%3BN1FhZlxVtCFvQM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fupload.wikimedia.org%252Fwikipedia%252Fcommons%252F1%252F1f%252FErtl\\_Metten.png%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fen.wikipedia.org%252Fwiki%252FMetten\\_Abbey%3B300%3B173](https://www.google.com/search?hl=en&site=img&tbn=isch&source=hp&biw=1142&bih=909&q=metten+germany&oq=metten+germany&gs_l=img.3..0i24.1515.6012.0.7054.22.9.4.9.11.0.147.1151.1j8.9.0....0...1ac.1.28.img..6.16.1027.kcrzcH06eZc#facrc=_&imgdii=_&imgrc=rqhxrOOOdZUVM%3A%3BN1FhZlxVtCFvQM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fupload.wikimedia.org%252Fwikipedia%252Fcommons%252F1%252F1f%252FErtl_Metten.png%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fen.wikipedia.org%252Fwiki%252FMetten_Abbey%3B300%3B173)

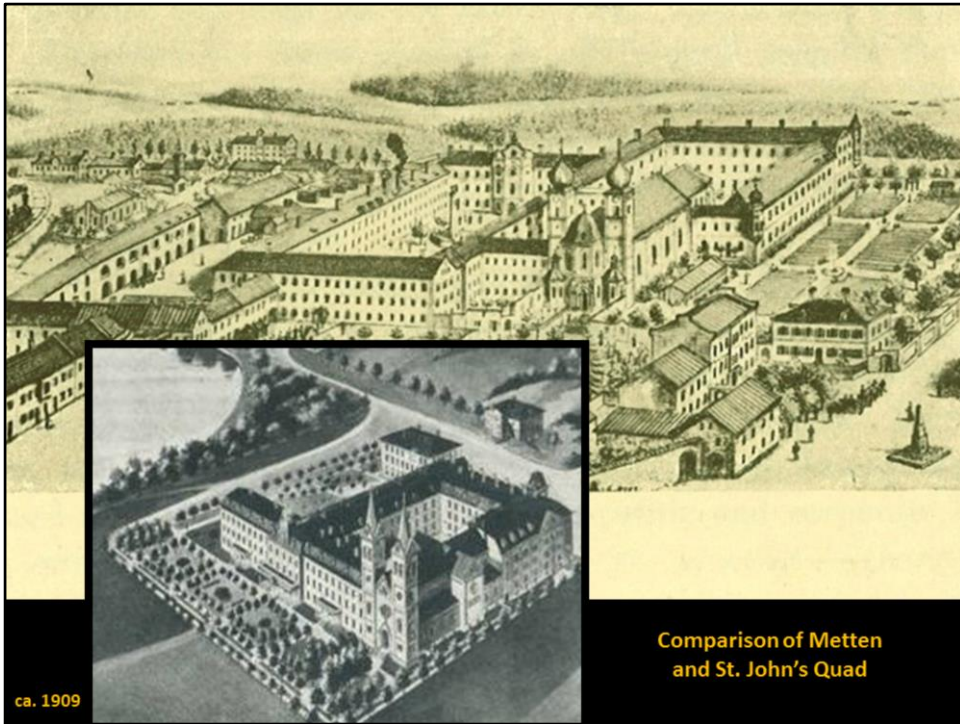


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*from Monte Cassino, Metten and  
Minnesota, BX 3009.M6 K73 1927*

Drawing from *Monte Cassino, Metten and Minnesota*, SJU Archives; also SJU Library [BX3009.M6 K73 1927](#), p. 6-7.



Drawing from *Monte Cassino, Metten and Minnesota*, SJU Archives; also SJU Library [BX3009.M6 K73 1927](#), p. 6-7.  
SJU drawing from *In & Around SJU* 1909 p. 2





Statue photo: June 2009 BHT601 by Carol Johannes  
Placid & Maur dorm photo by the archivist



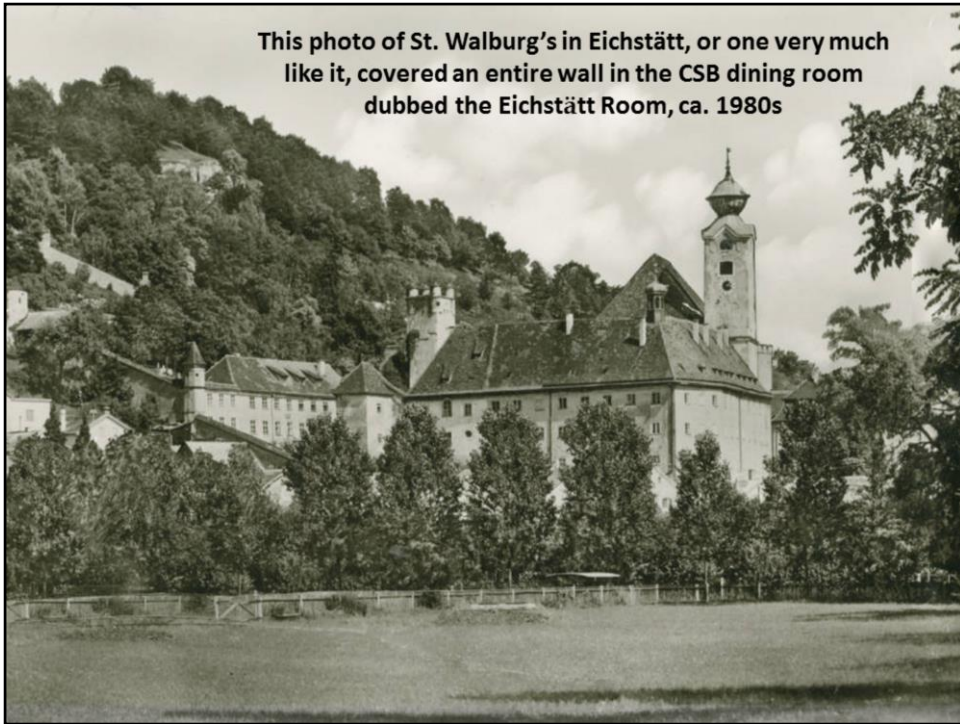
**Saints Placid & Maur,  
followers of St. Benedict –  
statue in Montecassino courtyard**

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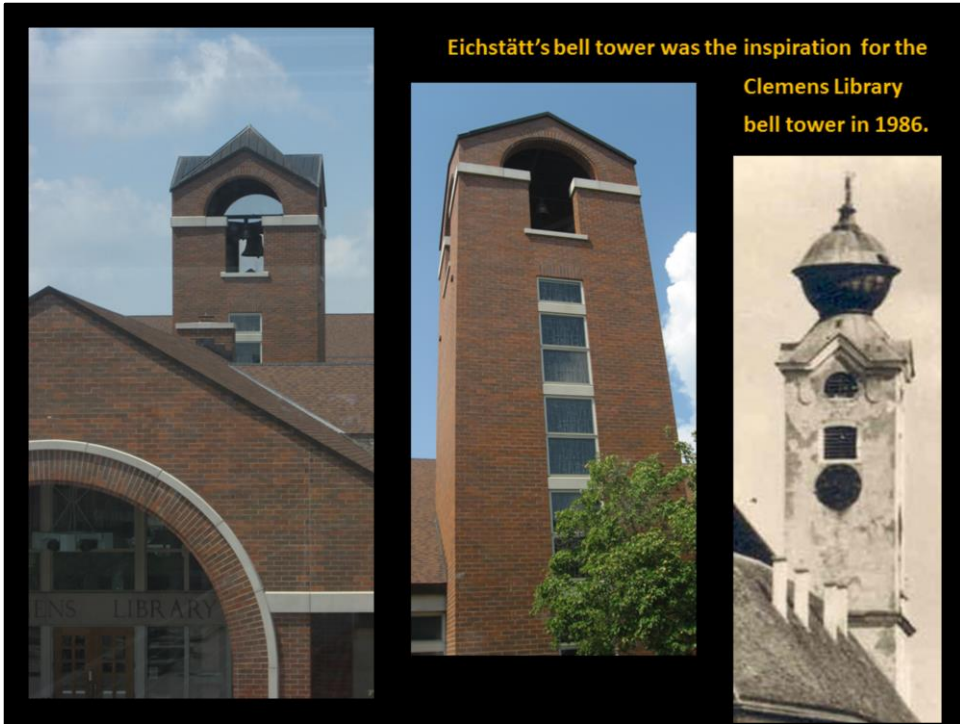
St. Walburg Convent, Eichstätt, Bavaria



Postcard of St. Walburg Convent, Eichstätt, Bavaria, ca. 1940s, SBMArchives



St. Walburg Convent, Eichstätt, Bavaria, ca. 1940s, from SBM Archives



Photos on left: Bell Tower 7 (and 9) 20100803 plr cropped  
On right: (cropped) postcard of St. Walburg Convent, Eichstätt, Bavaria, ca. 1940s, SBMArchives

*Maybe the Benedictine Heritage Tour groups should consider a road trip to St. Vincent's Archabbey in LaTrobe?*

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St. Vincent's Archabbey, LaTrobe, PA from *Worship & Work*, p. 40  
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