

Our inheritance
from the monks:



Transforming
the world

HOW THE BENEDICTINES TRANSFORMED THE WORLD, AND CONTINUE DOING SO

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The Benedictines' contribution to the world is remarkable. Throughout the darkest times in human history, it was the Benedictine monks who not only built and preserved western civilization, but added to it in the most extraordinary ways.

By the beginning of the 14th century, the order had already given the Church 24 popes, 200 cardinals, 7,000 archbishops, 15,000 bishops and 1,500 canonized saints. In addition the Benedictines had



Benedictines helped to build and save western civilization? I believe that, with your support, we will be able to continue this work.

If you read our Mission Statement, you will see that we are committed to carrying on the Benedictine tradition of scholarship and sanctity by nurturing students who will be a light to the nations:

Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. In this endeavor, we are guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and

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more than 37,000 monasteries and had enrolled twenty emperors, ten empresses, forty-seven kings and fifty queens. (Source: Thomas E. Woods, *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization* (Washington D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2005), p. 28).

Today the pagans and barbarians are again storming the gates of civilization, and for many, in these harsh and self-centered times, the world seems a darker place.

Fortunately, the Benedictines are still lighting the way. At Belmont Abbey College, we are fortunate to have a Benedictine monastery on

campus. This is a small liberal arts College where we try to carry on the Benedictine tradition of scholarship and sanctity so we can live up to the College's motto, "That in all things God may be glorified."

More than ever, the world needs a Belmont Abbey College. And for us to be what the world needs, Belmont Abbey needs you. We offer you the opportunity to join in the work the Benedictines are still doing in building the Church and in preserving Western culture, and in promoting scholarship and holiness. Won't you help us make the world a brighter place just as the

the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning. Emphasizing Benedictine hospitality, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, succeed professionally, become responsible citizens and be a blessing to themselves and others.

Imagine a world filled with men and women who lived this way, whose passion was to search for and live in response to the Truth. If we could create such a world, we would see the same radical transformation that St. Benedict and his followers wrought so long ago. Come join us. Help prepare young men and women to transform our culture and to turn the tide.