



# UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE THROUGH THE POWER OF WORDS

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**“AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US.”**  
(JOHN 1:14)

In a world filled with technological marvels and wonders, isn't it remarkable how a few letters can be formed into a few words and organized into a simple sentence that is so deep and penetrating that it may take a lifetime to fully comprehend?

This issue of *Crossroads* addresses this very question. Fortunately for our students, we have extraordinary teachers, full of wisdom, who help them to unravel and understand the mysteries of life in the pursuit of truth.

One of the most powerful means for accomplishing this task is through the Abbey's new core curriculum, especially the new Rhetoric, Logic, Grammar, and Writing courses. Dr. Angela Miss has edited a wonderful new textbook called *The Belmont Abbey College Reader* which



introduces our students to some of the best that has been written and spoken throughout history. Just a cursory glance through the table of contents will fill you with joy, knowing that our students will be exceptionally well-educated, well-formed, and well-prepared to lead good lives.

In keeping with the winter season and as, perhaps, a further enticement for you to secure your own copy of *The Belmont Abbey College Reader*, I will end with one of the more than seventy works to be found therein, Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening":

*Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village, though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.*

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*He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.*

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and I pray that God will continue to bless you throughout the new year. I look forward to seeing you on campus sometime soon!

God bless,  
Bill