

The Abbey Annual Appeal - 2007

The Abbey Annual Appeal is a way we invite participation in Subiaco Abbey's life and ministry. This appeal is for operational expenses, for the special care of our aging Fathers and Brothers, and for the education of our new members. The 2007 appeal highlights the first of these areas – the general operation of the monastery and its ministries.

Over our first century and a quarter, thousands of people have partnered with Subiaco Abbey in spreading the Gospel of Christ in the world: praying with us, working with us, supporting our life here, our missions in other countries, our apostolate of hospitality and retreat ministry, the education of young men in our academy, our preaching and teaching here at Subiaco and beyond.

Thank you for assisting us in this important work and for being a part of all that we do here at Subiaco Abbey. May God Bless You!



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The doors of the Abbey Church are in need of being replaced. For 50 years they have withstood wind, sun and rain but the toll has been heavy.



A section of the wall that we admired for so many years has tumbled down. Work is underway to replace this section and another that is also in danger of falling.

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Abbot Jerome



The old boiler in the basement of the Abbey Church is being removed piece by piece. A new, more efficient boiler will soon replace it.



Upgrades are needed to our water purification plant. Presently studies are underway to determine what must be done to keep this facility in compliance with government standards.

Letter from Abbot Jerome

Dear Friends of Subiaco:

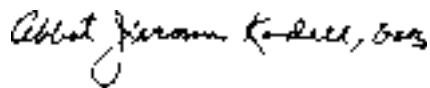
One of the monuments to the commitments and care of the founding generation of Subiaco monks is the retaining wall above the present monastic cemetery. What still awes any visitor is the precision of the engineering and the hand-labor that in the late 1890s produced a sloped wall of tight-fitting stones without mortar, gradually rising to a height of twenty feet, which has shored up tons of earth for over a hundred years. An engineer inspecting the wall within the past year said it was built to last indefinitely, and would fail only because of earthquake or human error.

Human error got it a couple of years ago. A thirty-foot section collapsed, and we discovered that an underground leak in a water main twenty-five years ago, which went undetected for days, had begun a buildup of pressure which only now caused the failure of the wall. Our first attempt at repair was not strong enough, and this summer a major effort is underway to stabilize the wall for coming generations.

When we come to you for assistance in our annual fund appeal, some of our needs are planned and others are surprises. The wall was a surprise and immediately became a major need in addition to plans already in place. Plans for the coming months involve updating our water treatment plant to meet new government standards, replacement of the church boiler after almost fifty years, and the renovation of the monks' recreation area (in a section of the monastery untouched by recent updating).

We are constantly aware that we are able to fulfill our vocation at Subiaco and continue our ministries only because God surrounds us with our many friends. Together we are united in this vocation of prayer and work. We are grateful for all your support and ask you to consider helping us again with our new plans and surprises.

Sincerely in Christ,



Abbot Jerome Kodell, OSB

