

# ICBE

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## PRESENTATION

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2. ICBE Aims & Objectives
3. Regional Meetings
4. BENET 2016 Rome
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## 1. Sant' Anselmo

- Curia
- Collegio
- Ateneo



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Sant' Anselmo founded in 1687  
by the  
Cassinese Congregation  
at the Abbey of  
Saint Paul outside the Walls



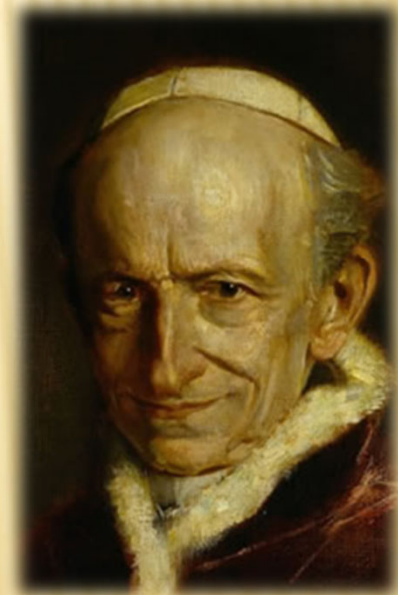
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Sant' Anselmo:

*Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)*

“The Benedictine Order is...  
the Order without order!”



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## *Pope Leo XIII:*

1887: Re-founded College as  
international house of studies

1893: Established Benedictine  
Confederation,  
“Summum semper”

[2015: 18 congregations]



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Pius X in 1914 confer  
academic degrees

Pius XI in 1933  
established Athenaeum





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Monastic Institute, 1952

Pontifical Liturgical Institute, 1962, 1978

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Collegio *TODAY*: 120 monks / 40 countries

Ateneo *TODAY*: 550 students, with 14  
affiliations [12 OSB]

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## 2. ICBE origins:

- ✕ Delbarton conferences 1997-98
- ✕ Worth, UK 1999 [EU + USA]



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“Education has been an integral element of Benedictine history and is still an important part of Benedictine life today. In our global culture, we need an international organization to promote this aspect of Benedictine life. To this end, I am establishing the International Commission on Benedictine Education.”



*Abbot Primate Dr. Notker Wolf, O.S.B. (November 2002)*

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BENET 1: Worth, UK 1999

BENET 2: Sao Paulo, Brazil 2002

BENET 3: Delbarton, USA 2005 \*

BENET 4: Santiago, Chile 2007

BENET 5: St. Ottilien, Germany 2010

BENET 6: Manila, Philippines 2013



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IBYC 1: Munsterschwarzach, Germany 2001

IBYC 2: Woodside Priory, USA 2004

IBYC 3: Meschede, Germany 2005 [WYD]

IBYC 4: Sydney, Australia 2008 [WYD]

IBYC 5: Montserrat, Spain 2011 [WYD]

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## 3. AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide the spiritual and human resources to foster an international network of cooperation between Benedictine schools:
- ❖ organize BENET every 3-years
  - ❖ sponsor regular IBYC for students
  - ❖ encourage cooperation and friendship through regional meetings
  - ❖ develop sources of income to fund and sustain projects

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## AIMS & OBJECTIVES (con't)

B. Foster appreciation of Benedictine education in different cultures

- ❖ facilitate participation in BENET & IBYC, esp. those serving in materially deprived sectors
- ❖ encourage exchange programs
- ❖ establish solidarity committee to oversee partnerships



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## AIMS & OBJECTIVES (con't)

C. Foster discussion about Benedictine vision of education

- ❖ sharing best practices regarding formation in Benedictine values
- ❖ create digital platform of best practices
- ❖ develop leadership within BENET schools
- ❖ maintain database of BENET schools

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## **Benedictine school...**

- ✓ Sponsorship by Benedictine or Cistercian monks, nuns or oblates
- ✓ Explicitly Benedictine mission statement



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## 4. Regional Meetings: *grassroots developments by teachers & students in 7 regions*

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BENET- Africa

BENET- Continental Europe

BENET- European Isles

BENET- LAC

BENET- Pacific

BENET- North America

BENET- South Asia

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## 5. BENET Rome 2016

+ April 4-8, 2015

+ Casa La Salle, via Aurelia

+ Comprehensive fee:

\$750.00 per person





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## Major Presentations:

*Leadership RB – applications for schools*



Dr. Günter Müller-Stewens,  
*University of St. Gallen,  
Switzerland*

Fr. Luigi Gioia, O.S.B .,

*Pontifical Athenaeum Sant'Anselmo,  
Rome*



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## Program highlights:

- ✓ *Workshops & discussions*
- ✓ *Liturgy of the Hours & Mass*
- ✓ *Lectio divina*
- ✓ *Pilgrimage to Montecassino*
- ✓ *Dolce vita di Roma!*



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## 5. Financial Sustainability

- ✓ AIM & Objective: develop sources of income to fund and sustain projects
- ✓ Dilemma: where to find funding?
- ✓ To date: developments efforts of treasurer raised circa \$25-50,000 per BENET/IBYC

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## **Purpose of funds: primarily two-fold**

- ❖ 90% scholarships for teachers/students
  - conference fee
  - transportation / flights
- ❖ 10% commission preparation meeting(s)

**Goal:** create /change financial culture and  
raise \$30,000.00 annually

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## Possible funding proposals:

- ✓ Subscription equivalent of \$1 per student annually for three-year cycle
- ✓ Nomination by school of amount based on World Bank category
- ✓ Annual fund-raiser by students with donation of any amount
- ✓ Annual gift from school of any amount



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## **Benet 2016 Rome : *Conference sponsors***

- ✓ Participant (fee & transportation) \*\*\*
- ✓ Welcome reception & supper
- ✓ Farewell garden reception & supper
- ✓ Pilgrimage to Montecassino
- ✓ Shuttle transportation to/from FCO

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Questions  
Suggestions  
Discussion

